

to do? What penalty did his failure bring upon him? What miracle was wrought by the bones of the prophet? Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.

LESSON VI. **The Story of Jonah.**—What command was given to Jonah? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What did he do to avoid obedience? How was his escape prevented? What did the sailors do to the disobedient prophet? How was he preserved?

LESSON VII. **Effect of Jonah's Preaching.**—To whom was Jonah sent a second time? What was his threatening message? What effect did it have upon the people? What testimony did Jesus bear to this part? [GOLDEN TEXT.]

LESSON VIII. **Hezekiah's Good Reign.**—Who was Hezekiah? What was his character? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What did he do to destroy idolatry? How did the Lord reward his faithfulness? What Samaritan city was destroyed by the Syrians? Why did the Lord forsake Israel?

LESSON IX. **Hezekiah's Prayer Answered.**—What message did Isaiah bring to King Hezekiah? What did the king do in his distress? What is the psalmist's benediction to the afflicted? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What promise did the Lord give the king in answer to prayer? What sign was given to Hezekiah?

LESSON X. **The Sinful Nation.**—How does the Lord describe his rebellious people? With what does he say he is not satisfied? What does he ask them to put away? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What invitation is given to the sinful? What promise to the penitent?

LESSON XI. **The Suffering Saviour.**—How is the promised Saviour described by the prophet? For whom were these sufferings borne? What burden was laid upon Jesus? [GOLDEN TEXT.] How were these sufferings borne?

LESSON XII. **The Gracious Invitation.**—What gracious invitation is given? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What remonstrance is given to the worldly? What are the steps necessary to pardon? What is the extent of the pardon? By what has God assured his pardon to men?

### REVIEW SCHEME FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Can you say the GOLDEN TEXTS for this quarter?

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| 1. Fear not—      | 7. The men of—     |
| 2. The things—    | 8. He did that—    |
| 3. Blessed is—    | 9. The Lord hear—  |
| 4. I was glad—    | 10. Cease to do—   |
| 5. He being dead— | 11. The Lord hath— |
| 6. Arise, go—     | 12. Ho, every one— |

LESSON I.—What did God give Elisha power to know? Just what the Syrians were going to do. When they found he was in Dothan what did they do? Sent a great army at night to surround Dothan. What happened to them? God made them blind.

LESSON II.—What did Elisha say when the famine was great in Samaria? To-morrow there will be plenty. What happened to the Syrians? They were frightened and ran away. What did the king do when he knew they were gone? He sent and robbed all their tents, and so there was plenty.

LESSON III.—Who was king after Ahab? Jehu. What did Jehu do? He slew all that was left of Ahab's family. What did he do with the worshippers of Baal? He destroyed them all, and burned their images.

LESSON IV.—What king repaired the temple? Jehoash. How long did Jehoash do what was right in God's sight? As long as the good priest Jehoiada lived.

LESSON V.—What king went to see Elisha when Elisha was sick near unto death? Jonsah. What did Elisha tell him to do? Open the windows toward Syria and shoot the arrows. What happened to a dead man who was thrown into Elijah's grave a year after he was buried? He came to life again.

LESSON VI.—What did God tell Jonah to do? Go to Nineveh and preach to the people. Where did he go instead? To sea. What happened to him for disobeying God? He was thrown overboard and swallowed by a great fish.

LESSON VII.—After the fish had thrown Jonah on the land where did he go? To Nineveh, as God told him. How did the people feel when they heard his preaching? They believed his words and repented of their sins. What did God do? Forgave them.

LESSON VIII.—Who was the best king Israel had? Hezekiah. What did he do? He destroyed idolatry and the people prospered. What became of Samaria? It was taken by the Syrians. What became of Israel? They were carried away prisoners and lost as a nation.

LESSON IX.—What did Hezekiah pray for when he was sick? To be made well again. What did the king of Babylon do when he heard he was sick? Sent presents. What did Hezekiah do? Showed all his treasures to the messengers.

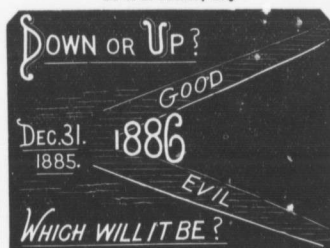
LESSON X.—What did Isaiah say should happen to or befall the kingdom of Judah for her wickedness? Her country should be desolate, her cities burned, and her land devoured by strangers. What did he urge them to do? Put away evil and live for God. What would God do if they truly repented? Make their hearts white as snow.

LESSON XI.—Whom did Isaiah say should come? Our precious saviour. What would he do for us? Suffer and die.

LESSON XII.—Who are invited to come and drink the water of life? Every one that thirsteth. When are we to seek God? Now, while he may be found.

Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. This being the last Sunday in 1886, a design for the blackboard is given, simple in form, but intended as a closing thought of importance for the year. The short straight line represents the last day of the year. The question for decision is, Shall the pathway of 1886 be upward or downward? Draw the up line with white chalk, and the down line with red. Which will it be? One must be chosen. Illustrate by showing the momentum of an object going down an inclined plane. It goes faster as it goes down. Which will it be for you? The evil way steadily going down, or the good way reaching up to a higher life?

### LESSONS FOR JANUARY, 1886.

JAN. 3. Josiah and the Book of the Law. 2 Kings 22. 1-13.

JAN. 10. Jeremiah Predicting the Captivity. Jer. 8. 20-22, and 9. 1-16.

JAN. 17. The Faithful Rechabites. Jer. 35. 12-19.

JAN. 24. Captivity of Judah. 2 Kings 25. 1-12.

JAN. 31. Daniel in Babylon. Dan. 1. 8-21.