

LESSON III—January 19th, 1896.

The Ministry of John the Baptist. LUKE 3: 15-22.

BETWEEN THE LESSONS.

How old was John the Baptist when he began his ministry? Where did he at first preach? What prophecy did he fulfil? How was he clothed? What was his food? What was the effect of his preaching? What did he say to the Pharisees and Sadducees? What to the people? to the publicans? to the soldiers? How did he describe the coming of the Messiah? What is meant by baptism with fire? What parable of our Lord's resembles John's words here? In what sense did John preach "the gospel"? Why was Jesus baptized? On what other occasions did a voice come to him from heaven? Who alone seem to have heard this voice? Was John expecting to see this manifestation of God's presence? What did it tell him? What testimony to Jesus did he then bear? (John 1: 34).

LESSON IV—January 26th, 1896.

The early Ministry of Jesus. LUKE 4: 14-22.

BETWEEN THE LESSONS.

Were Jesus "led by the Spirit" immediately after his baptism? Give the three temptations and Christ's answer to each? Is there any hint given that Satan intended to return to him (Matt. 1: 11)? To whom did John point out Christ? What did he call him? Who were the first five disciples? How was each one brought to Christ? Describe the first miracle of Jesus. Why did Jesus go up to Jerusalem soon after the miracle? How did he shew his indignation at the profanation of the temple? What answer did he give when challenged as to his authority to do this? Was his meaning understood then? Who visited Jesus by night at this time? Why did he come at night? Why did Jesus return to Galilee (John 4: 1)? What notable interview did he hold on his way thither? What happened to John the Baptist at this time (John 4: 43)? What miracle did Jesus work before he arrived at Nazareth (John 4: 46, 47)?