

The Quiet Hour.

A LITTLE rest in the twilight,
After my work is done,
A little time with my Master
At the setting of the sun.

The day has been one of trial,
Of failures oft and tears;
But Jesus knows all my weakness—
He knows my doubts and fears.

All sordid thoughts I can banish,
And let my spirit fly
Above the earth and its sorrows
To God's white throne on high.

The door of a place of refuge,
A place of quiet rest
Is near, and my soul is longing
To find the portal blest.

I come with my heavy burden,
I come with all my sin;
I knock, and the door swings open
And Jesus lets me in.

My sin departs, and my trouble
Is lost in the blissful calm;
This quiet hour with my Saviour
Has soothed my heart like balm.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN LUKE.

A. D. 29] **LESSON I.** [July 6

LAWFUL WORK ON THE SABBATH.

Luke 13. 10-17. Memory verses, 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.—Matt. 12. 12.

TIME.—Possibly 29 A. D.

PLACE.—Some town in Galilee.

CONNECTING LINKS.—Jesus had now entered on the later stage of his ministry, when the bitter enmity of the rulers was beginning to have its effect on the masses. He seems to have been already excluded from many of the synagogues of Galilee.

EXPLANATIONS.

Spirit of infirmity—The seat of her powerlessness was in her soul, or mind. *Thou art loved*—This was the test of her faith. *Laid his hands on her*—To help her faith. *Ruler of the synagogue*—A leading official, something like the ruling elder in old Presbyterian churches. *With indignation*—Jewish physicians might only attend to sudden illness on the Sabbath day, not to chronic diseases. *Answered*—This ruler is covert and cowardly. He speaks not to Jesus or to the woman, but insinuates to the multitude. *Thou hypocrite*—This was not calling a name, but making a judicial decision. *Doth not each one of you*—We all care for dumb brutes, and should we not be as kind to human beings? *A daughter of Abraham*—Jesus appeals to the nation's feeling that the ruler shared. *Satan hath bound*—Most of our troubles come from this source. *Ashamed*—Stultified. *All the people rejoiced*—Jesus was ever a favourite with the populace.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

- The Infirm Healed*, vers. 10-13.
Where was Jesus engaged in teaching?
On what day of our week?
What great sufferer was present in the synagogue?
How long had she been afflicted?
What did Jesus say to her?
What act did he perform?
What great blessing came to the woman?
How did she express her gratitude?
By what act could she glorify God? See Psa. 50. 23.
- The Fault-finder Rebuked*, vers. 14-16.
Who began to find fault with Jesus?
Why was he offended?
What did he say, and to whom?
To what commandment did his words refer? See Exod. 20. 9, 10.
By what title did the Lord address him?
What question did he ask about cattle?
To what nation did the woman belong?
By whom had she been afflicted?
What question did Jesus ask about her?

What is his question about doing good on the Sabbath? (Golden Text)

- The People Rejoicing*, ver. 17.
What effect had Jesus' words on the fault-finders?
Over what did the people rejoice?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Whom did Jesus heal in the synagogue? "A crippled woman." 2. Why did the ruler of the synagogue complain? "Because it was the Sabbath." 3. What did Jesus say he was? "A hypocrite." 4. How do we treat our beasts of burden? "We care for them on the Sabbath." 5. What is the best rule for Sundays? Golden Text.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Sabbath.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

1. What is faith, in general?
Faith, in general, is a conviction of the truth and reality of those things which God has revealed in the Bible.
2 Cor. 4. 18; 5. 7. Heb. 11. 1, 6.

A. D. 29] **LESSON II.** [July 13

THE GREAT SUPPER.

Luke 14. 15-24. Memory verses, 22-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.—Luke 14. 15.

TIME.—Same as last lesson. Possibly 29 A. D.

PLACE.—Same as last lesson.

CONNECTING LINKS.—This lesson reads on in closest connection with the last.

EXPLANATIONS.

The kingdom of God—This phrase had a thoroughly secular meaning in the mouth of the average Jew in Christ's day. *A great supper*—In the East, rich men frequently made feasts for their own glorification. *Bade many*—His friends first. But guests were not always limited to family friends. *Sent his servant*—This custom of announcing when the feast was ready is still preserved in the Orient. *Began to make excuse*—Excuses under such circumstances were highly insulting. *Piece of ground*—A farm. *Five yoke of oxen*—Most peasant farmers had as many as this. *Married a wife*—Marriage was a ground for exemption from military service. *Have me excused*—The sin of all these invited guests was not only that their apologies were frivolous, but that they treated this generous invitation as though it were as burdensome as a military conscription. *Streets and lanes*—The creditable and discreditable portions of the city. *The poor*—These words fairly characterize most of the congregations that Jesus preached to. *Yet there is room*—The dregs of the city had been gathered, and the hospitality of the host was as yet unexhausted. *Highways and hedges*—The reputable and disreputable parts of the country. *Compel them to come in*—Use urgency if necessary. *None . . . which were bidden shall taste*—God tolerates the contempt of the self-righteous.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

- The Feast*, vers. 15, 16.
What blessing was spoken by a guest at a feast? (Golden Text.)
To whom were the words spoken?
What did Jesus say in reply?
What was the occasion of the supper?
Matt. 22. 2.
What says John about a guest at a feast?
Rev. 19. 9.
- The Invitation*, vers. 17-20.
What invitation was sent out?
To whom was this message sent?
How was the invitation received?
What excuse was first offered?
What was the excuse of the second?
Why could not another come?
What invitation does Wisdom send out?
Prov. 9. 4, 5.
- The Guests*, vers. 21-24.
How did the man feel when he heard these excuses?
What guests did he bid his servant to find?
What did the servant soon report?
What command was given to him?
What is said of the guests first invited?
Why were they thus shut out? Matt. 22. 8.

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What message did the master of the house send to those he had invited? "All things are now ready." 2. What did they

do? "Made silly excuses." 3. Where did the master send his servant? "He sent him into the streets and lanes." 4. Whom did he gather to his supper? "The poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind." 5. What did the servant report? "Yet there is room." 6. Where was he then sent? "To the highways and hedges." 7. What reason was given? "That my house may be full."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The freedom of the will.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

2. What is faith in Jesus Christ?
Faith in Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive him, trust in him, and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the Gospel.

As many as received him, to them gave he the right to become the children of God, even to them that believe on his name.—John 1. 12.

Be Courteous Boys.

"I TREAT him as well as he treats me," said Hal.

His mother had just reproached him because he did not attempt to amuse or entertain a boy friend who had gone home.

"I often go in there and he doesn't notice me," said Hal again.

"Do you enjoy that?"

"O, I don't mind! I don't stay long."

"I should call myself a very selfish person if friends came to see me, and I should pay no attention to them."

"Well, that's different; you're grown up."

"Then you really think that politeness and courtesy are not needed among boys?"

Hal, thus pressed, said he didn't exactly mean that; but his father, who had listened, now spoke:

"A boy or man who measures his treatment of others by their treatment of him has no character of his own. He will never be kind, or generous, or Christian. If he is ever to be a gentleman, he will be so in spite of the boorishness of others. If he is to be noble, no other boy's meanness will change his nature." And very earnestly the father added: "Remember this, my boy: You lower your own self every time you are guilty of an unworthy action because some one else is. Be true to your best self and no boy can drag you down."

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