

## NEARER STILL TO JESUS.

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Nearer still to Jesus,  
Nearer every day,  
Though the cross be heavy,  
Dark my dreary way.  
Nearer still to Jesus,  
Though I may not see  
Through the tears that blind me,  
Nearer still to Thee!

Nearer still to Jesus!  
Burdened though I be,  
He will bear my sorrow,  
Loving even me!  
Nearer still to Jesus,  
Trusting through the night—  
Every hour brings me  
Nearer to the Light.

Nearer still to Jesus!  
Earthly sight grows dim,  
In the heavenly radiance  
Shining over Him  
Nearer still to Jesus,  
Welcome pain and death,  
Praising Him in triumph  
With my latest breath!

## "I KNOW A THING OR TWO."

"My dear boy," said a father to his only son, "you are in bad company. The lads with whom you associate indulge in bad habits. They drink, smoke, swear, play cards, and visit theatres. They are not safe company for you. I beg you to quit their society."

"You needn't be afraid of me, father," replied the boy, laughing; "I guess I know a thing or two. I know how far to go and when to stop."

The lad left his father's house twirling his cane in his fingers and laughing at the "old man's notions."

A few years later and that lad, grown to manhood, stood at the bar of a court before a jury which had just brought in a verdict of guilty against him, for some crime in which he had been concerned. Before he was sentenced he addressed the court and said among other things: "My downward course began in disobedience to my parents. I thought I knew as much as my father did, and I spurned his advice; but as soon as I turned my back on my home, temptation came upon me like a drove of hyenas and hurried me into ruin."

Mark that confession ye boys who are beginning to be wiser than your parents! Mark it, and learn that disobedience is the first step on the road to ruin. Don't take it!—*Selected.*

## LESSON NOTES.

## FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 50.] LESSON IV. [Jan. 27.]

## LIVING AS IN GOD'S SIGHT.

*James 4. 7-17. Commit to memory verses 13 15.*

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up. James 4. 10.

## OUTLINE.

1. As Our Friend. v. 7-10.
2. As Our Judge. v. 11, 12.
3. As Our Guide. v. 13-17.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

To whom must we submit ourselves? To God.

When does God draw nigh to us? When we draw nigh to him.

What should our sins cause us? Sorrow of heart.

Who can turn our sorrow to joy? The Lord.

When can God lift us up? When we have humbled ourselves.

What does God forbid us to do? To speak evil of each other.

What does he command? That we love one another.

Why must we not judge? Because that would be putting ourselves in God's place.

Who alone can judge? The Lord.

How should we live? Trusting in God, not ourselves.

To whom does our life belong? To God.

From whom comes all good? From God.

Can we claim any good ourselves? No, only Christ, who worketh through us.

How may we sin? By knowing the right and not doing it.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Ask yourself, What does God see in my heart?

Love,	or,	Hatred,
Trust,		Unbelief,
Obedience,		Disobedience,
Self-denial,		Selfishness,
Gratitude,		Indifference.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The supreme authority of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What must you be if you would go to this glorious and happy place? That I may go to heaven, I must be holy in heart and life.

What is religion? Religion is holiness in heart and life.

A.D. 51.] LESSON V. [Feb. 3.]

## PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY.

*Acts 15. 35-41, & 16. 1-10. Commit to memory vs. 9, 10.*

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Come over into Macedonia, and help us. Acts. 16. 9.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Sharp Contention. v. 35-39.
2. The Three Companions. v. 40-5.
3. The Macedonian Call. v. 6-10.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

In what city did Paul and Barnabas continue to teach and preach? In Antioch.

What did they decide to do? To start out on a second missionary journey.

Whom did Barnabas wish to take with them? John Mark, his cousin.

Why did Paul refuse to let him go with them? Because he had before proved unfaithful.

What came of this dispute? Paul and Barnabas separated.

Who went with Paul? Silas, a prophet.

Where did Barnabas and Mark go? To Cyprus.

What cities did Paul revisit with Silas? Derbe and Lystra.

What holy disciple did he find at Lystra? Timothy.

What does Paul call Timothy? "His beloved and faithful child."

What were the results of their missionary journey? The Churches were strengthened and increased.

Where were they forbidden to speak by the Holy Spirit? In Asia.

In what city did Paul have a vision in the night? In Troas.

What was the vision? A man of Macedonia asking for help.

How did Paul accept this vision? As a call to go over to Macedonia and preach the Gospel.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Christ calls you to work for him.

There is home-work—

Is your home any happier because you are in it?

There is school-work—

Do you stand up for Jesus among your companions?

There is Church-work—

Are you working earnestly and lovingly, or carelessly and coldly?

There is something every day to do for Christ.

"Whatsoever God hath said unto you do."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The authority of the Holy Spirit.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is it to be holy in heart? To be holy in heart is to be changed by the Holy Spirit, so as to be saved from sin and to love God.

What is it to be holy in life? To be holy in life is to do my duty to God and man, according to God's holy word.