

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. When the Jews got home from Babylon, how did they feel? Ans.—Very glad and happy. 2. How did they show it? Ans.—They began to sing. 3. What did they sing? Ans.—Psalms. 4. Did they sing much in Babylon? Ans.—No. they were too unhappy. 5. At what place in Jerusalem did they meet for singing? Ans.—At the Temple. 6. What did they sing about? Ans.—

About God's goodness in bringing them home. 7. Did they ask God for anything? Ans.—Yes, that He would help them to please Him. 8. Was God pleased to hear the singing? Ans.—Yes. 9. What was the chorus of one of the psalms? Ans.—“The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.” 10. Golden Text? Answer. “They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.”

A Piece of Gold

A little bit of gold was once lying hid in the earth. It had lain hid so long that it thought it would never be used, and it said to itself, “Why do I lie here? Why am I not picked up, that men may see me shine?”

One day a man dug it up, looked at it, and said, “There is some gold in this lump; but I cannot use it as it is; I must take it to the refiner.” When the refiner got it, he threw it into a melting-pot. As soon as the little piece of gold felt the heat, it began to tremble and cried, “I wish that I had lain quiet in the earth.”

But the fire grew hotter and hotter, and at

last the gold melted and left the earthy part of the lump by itself.

“Now,” said the gold, “my troubles are over; now I shall shine.”

But its troubles were not over yet. The man took it once more and began to hammer it into shape. “Ah,” said the gold, “what a trouble it is to be gold, if I had been common earth I should not have been put to all this pain.” “That is true,” said the man, but you could never have become what you are now. Then the piece of gold looked at itself in the glass—it was a shining gold ring for a queen's finger.



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

I Should be Glad in the Lord



Golden Text—They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. Ps. 126: 5.

Catechism—55. What did Jesus tell His disciples the Holy Spirit would do for them? Jesus said the Holy Spirit would help them to remember and to understand what He had taught them.

Lesson Hymn

LET us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for He is kind:
For His mercies aye endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure. Amen.

—Hymn 17, Book of Praise.