

forgiveness of sins is just this, we have done wrong. We tell God through his son, Jesus, that we are sorry, and he takes us up in his arms and we are his children again. This forgiveness is the first reward.

3. It is now that the work of cleansing begins. Before this we did not give God a chance, but now when we make up friends with Him and allow him to do as He pleases with us, He begins this cleansing work. How is this carried on?

4. By the Holy Spirit. We perhaps cannot do better than very nearly repeat a lesson suggested in January last. When Jesus was baptized in Jordan, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove. (Sketch the scene, even if ever so roughly done. It can be done before the class meets.) When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, He came as a fire. (Make marks for tongues of fire as suggested, showing a tongue as resting upon each one of them.)

5. Why did the Holy Spirit rest upon Jesus as a dove, and upon the disciples as fire? Because Jesus was pure, and had no sin in his heart, but the disciples needed the fire to burn up the sin and make their hearts like that of Jesus.

6. Here is a heart of a boy (draw one) that has ANGER in it. Can he drive it out if he tries hard? No, nothing but the Holy Spirit can take it out. He comes as a fire into his heart and cleanses it from the sin. (Draw a line with red chalk, and show how the fire burns up the sin).

7. One time a little girl to whom this truth was being taught said, "but is there a real fire in my heart"? The fire is light to lighten, the fire is LOVE to cleanse. LOVE is the fire that burns up anger and pride and such bad things. That is the way Jesus will cleanse us from all unrighteousness. This is the second reward.

8. Jesus once said, "I go to prepare a place for you." He is preparing a place for you and me in heaven, and his Holy Spirit is in our hearts preparing us for the place. Only those who allow Jesus to have their hearts can be prepared. Paul did. Am I allowing Him to have my heart?

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## LESSON XIII—December 26th, 1897.

### REVIEW.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16.

(See Preview).

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Prof. Campbell's Analysis of the text-book in *Teacher Training*, "The Bible the Sunday School Text-Book," was concluded in the August number of the Monthly. The convener will be pleased to furnish the numbers containing it on receipt of 25 cents.

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The Sabbath School Committee has decided to issue no special order blank this year, so as to prevent confusion, seeing that the one relating to lesson helps will be sent out by the Record Committee. Yet the convener will be glad to procure any supplies, not published by our own church, if the orders are sent to him. There is a slight profit to the Committee on all such orders. Address Rev. T. F. Fotheringham, St. John, N. B.

