

### Something to Look Up

1. Find in Matthew a verse where Jesus told His disciples to rejoice when they were persecuted.

2. Many years after this, John wrote to the church and said, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you". Find this text.

ANSWERS, Lesson VI.—(1) Josh. 7 : 20, 21. (2) Gen. 3 : 1-6.

### For Discussion

1. Bible prisoners.
2. Persecution—how it has helped the church.

### Prove from Scripture

That God is to be feared.

### The Catechism

Ques. 7. *The purpose of God.* Four things are to be noted regarding the purpose of God : (1) *Its nature.* This purpose is one. We cannot think that a perfect Being would purpose at one time something He had not purposed at another, or that one part of His purpose could be independent of another. It is eternal : it was not formed in time. Again, it is free, "according to the counsel of His own will". (2) *Its manifestations.* These are God's "decrees", that is, His decisions or determinations. Every decree of God is part of His purpose. (3) *Its extent.* The purpose of God embraces "what-

soever comes to pass". Observe here, that notwithstanding God's purpose, men are free in their acts, and that, while God permits sin, He does not cause it. (4) *Its end.* This is God's own glory, that is, the making known of His perfections.

### The Question on Missions

Ques. 7. Large numbers of little children who have had malaria for months, come to the hospital with their bodies burning constantly with fever, the spleen very much enlarged, and often the lower jaw is decaying and the teeth dropping out. Others suffer from loathsome skin diseases, from boils, abscesses, etc. Almost all have had small-pox while young, and many are blinded by it. Then, too, many little sufferers are brought to the hospital with wasting diseases, as hip-joint disease, caries of the spine, tuberculous ulcers, and all kinds of deformities. Frequently they have been carried in baskets or on beds for hundreds of miles. Tortured by pain, by the horrible smell of their unwashed sores, and in the summer, by the heat and the flies, the sight of them alone makes one's heart ache. In summer and early fall, dysentery is very prevalent among the children. In our hospitals all these little patients are washed, their sores dressed, all are made as comfortable as possible, and many are made quite well again.

### FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

*Lesson Subject*—Workers persecuted.

*Introduction*—Here is a key (show or outline one). For what is a key used ? You

remember that Peter and John were locked up in the prison after they cured the lame man. Had they done something bad ? Who put them in prison ? Did they get free again ? Did they go on preaching ?

*Review*—Last Sunday we heard about some followers of Jesus who sold their houses and lands. (Why did they do this ?) Tell me the name of one who did this. We'll print, BARNABAS. What did he do with all the money he got when he sold his land ? Was this right ? Here

