III. A GENEROUS WIDOW.—41, 42. Sat over against; opposite. The treasury; cheets of bronse for the receiving of gifts. Beheld; continued to watch with interest. How the people cast money. Before the Passover, freewill offorings were generally presented. Many that were rich cast in much; many, not all. Some of the rich would east in the widow's mites. A certain poor widow; unnoticed by the crowd, but seen by Jesus. Threw in two mites; the smallest Jewish coin, equal in value to the seventieth part of the day's wage of a laborer. The woman parts not with one, but both mites. She had lost much in life, but she would not surrender the privilege of giving.

43, 44. Called . his disciples. Jesus sees a lesson for his disciples. The first part of the lesson deals with the soul of religion. This part tells of the soul of giving This poor widow . cast more. "Love makes a little gift to excell." Love made the "moreness." Cast in of their abundance. Jesus does not call in question of the rioh givers or hint that their generality was only display. He points out that while they gave much, they had much left. She of her want. What she gave involved sacrifice and privation. The rich had much left; she had nothing. God is not misled by quantity. He sees the bigness of the smallest gift. In large gifts and small gifts alike, he measures the motive and the sacrifice.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

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women might not go. The treasury was composed of thirteen chests of bronze. The chests were of a peculiar shape, bulging out beneath so as to be of considerable capacity, but tapering up to a narrow mouth into which the offering was put. They looked somewhat like inverted

trumpets, and on this account were called by a word in Hebrew meaning trumpet. It was into one of these the poor widow cast her two mites. Nine of these chests were for temple tribute and sacrifice tribute. Four were for free will offering, wood, incense, temple decoration.

LESSON QUESTIONS

28 With whom had Jesus been arguing just before our lesson? How had he answered them? Who came to him now? What was his question?

29-31 How many commandments did Jesus quote? What was the first? What was the second? What parable tells us who our neighbor is? (Luke 10:25-37.)

32-34 Did the scribe agree with Christ's answer? What did the scribe say these commandments were more than? What prophet says practically the same thing? (Micah 6:8) How did Jesus see the scribe had answered? Was Jesus questioned after this?

41-44 Where was Jesus sitting in the temple? What was he observing? What did some of the rich do? Whom else did he notice? What did she give? How much had she left? Who gave the greatest gift in Christ's eyes? On what grounds does Jesus decide her gift to be the greatest?

FOR DISCUSSION

- 1. Should poor people be asked to give for missions?
- 2. Can any one truly love his neighbor who does not love God?

A PRAYER

O Father, who didst give thine only Son for our redemption, we praise thee. O Jesus, who didst suffer pain and woe for us, we love thee. To thee we yield our hearts. Teach us how to love thee, to give to thee all that we are and all that we have. For thy name's sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That the soul is worth more than the whole world.

Shorter Catechism-Review Questions 15-17.

The Question on Missions—3. How do they treat visitors? They open their homes to visitors, and seek to make them comfortable. If the visitor be a man, he is often offered a pipe and tobacco and invited to eat and remain over night. Koreans are fond of conversation and ready to talk freely, which makes house-to-house preaching of the gospel very easy.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

	1	What, according to Jesus, are the two greatest commandments?
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		How was Jesus' questioner "not far from the kingdom of God?"
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		What are tests of a truly great gift ?
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