

HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON 10.

SEPTEMBER 2nd, 1894.

3rd QUARTER.

Jesus Cleansing the Temple. John 2: 13-25.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Make not my Father's house an house of merchandise."
John 2: 16.

COMMIT TO MEMORY verses 13-16. Children's Hymnal 155, 157, 105, 160.

PROVE THAT—Christ rose from the dead. Mark 16: 6.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Quest. 91. How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?

DAILY PORTIONS.

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MONDAY.	TUESDAY.	WEDNESDAY.	THURSDAY.	FRIDAY.	SATURDAY.	SABBATH
John 2: 13-25	Mark 11: 15-19	2 Chr. 29: 1-6, 15-19	2 Chr. 6: 17-21	Jer. 7: 8-16	Mal. 3: 1-10	1 Cor. 8: 8-17

To the Teacher—Do not credit any Scholar with having prepared the lesson who does not at least try to answer the questions. Take the leaflet home and assign a value to each answer, announcing the result on the following Sabbath. Take, or send, the Leaflet to absent scholars.

Always bring your Bible and Shorter Catechism to the Sabbath School.

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Soon after the miracle at Cana Jesus went with his mother, and his disciples, and his brothers to Capernaum, where he remained but a few days, because the passover was at hand, when it was necessary for him to go, like others, to Jerusalem. Arrived there he found, what doubtless he had often beheld on previous occasions with grief and indignation, the outer courts of the temple turned into a market place. The sacred enclosure was filled with the sounds of a noisy trade instead of enjoying the solemn quiet which should preclude the "house of prayer." The first public act of his career as Messiah is to drive out by his authority those who thus profaned the temple and worship which spoke in psalm and sacrifice of himself, and was established as the place of his Father's earthly manifestation. Again at the close of his ministry he repeats the act. See Matt. 21: 13-16; Mark 11: 15-19; Luke 19: 45-48.

LESSON PLAN. I. Purging the Temple. vs. 13-17. II. Prophecy of his Resurrection. vs. 18-22. III. Penetrating Human Nature. vs. 23-25.

I. PURGING THE TEMPLE. 13. The Jews' Passover—John would not speak of it as the "Jews'" passover unless he were writing for gentiles. Compare ch. 5: 1; 6: 4; 11: 55. When John wrote, the Christian church contained more gentiles than Jews. Went up—from Capernaum. (verse 12.) 14. In the temple—In the court of the gentiles. This contained about fourteen acres, and was surrounded by marble colonnades which afforded ample shade to the traders. What prophecy was now fulfilled? (Mal. 3: 1-3.) It would no doubt be said that it was a great convenience for Jews coming from a distance to be able to purchase the necessary sacrifices so

close to the altar; and that those coming from foreign parts could get the strange money which they brought with them more readily exchanged for that current in Jerusalem. Besides, the rent, charged for the stalls and the privilege of doing business in the temple, went into the sacred treasury. But no considerations of this kind could justify a sacrilegious act. 15. Scourge of small cords—lit. "of rushes." He picked up a handful of the rushes used for bedding the cattle and twisted it together. It was a symbol of authority, but would hurt nothing. All... both the sheep and the oxen (R. V.)—The scourge was used for driving out the animals, not the