

form—one exquisitely trimmed for the school, the other equally exquisite, though adorned only by the graceful beauty and symmetry which the Maker bestows on all his handiwork. This latter we called our "give-away tree."

After appropriate opening exercises, with invocation and Christmas carol, our "color texts" were called for. Each division stood in turn, to recite, until all were standing. For instance, the group carrying crimson bags recited, "Our color is crimson, the color of blood." "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." "Yellow," "our color is gold, and reminds us of the Golden Rule." "Do unto others," etc. "Scarlet," "Jesus said, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.'"

After singing "Freely give," each group marched in order to the front, and depositing bags on the platform, returned to place, and there sang the last verse of "Freely give."

The platform now appeared like a particolored mountain, and when several young men draped the untrimmed tree with the lightest, brightest of the bags we whispered softly among ourselves, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

### A Suggested Lesson.

Your boys saw a soldier on the street the other day. His uniform attracted them. It may have been a sailor. His neat, trim, picturesque dress was noticed at once. Can you not get a lesson from this? A soldier in the ranks will march, manage his gun, halt, as an officer directs. It is obedience that a soldier must learn, and to obey is a long stride toward the verb "to succeed." Something of importance is lodged in this, like a seed in a seed.

You tell your young folks they must be soldiers in the ranks of an army whose columns stretch across the earth, soldiers behind a great Captain. Have they learned to obey Jesus Christ? Will they do it implicitly? To get an order, to be told to do right, does it for them mean to obey, to do or say the thing that is right, and now? If you will talk with your class on this subject, you will discover a grand opportunity to teach a grand lesson, obedience, now, in everything, in every place, as the great Captain may order.

Why fret thee, soul,  
For things beyond thy small control?  
Do but thy part, and thou shalt see  
Heaven will have charge of these and thee.  
Sow thou the seed, and wait in peace  
The Lord's increase. —*Kate Putnam Osgood.*

## INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. FOURTH QUARTER.

### LESSON VI. (November 6.)

#### HEZEKIAH'S GREAT PASSOVER.

2 Chron. 30. 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Yield yourselves unto the Lord, and enter into his sanctuary." 2 Chron. 30. 8.

#### Primary Notes.

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When good Queen Victoria was a young girl there came a day that the crown of England became hers. She was a simple-hearted girl, and when they told her that she must now be the ruler of a great nation her

first thought was to ask God to help her. Where there is a crown to wear there is always a cross to bear. There is a heavenly crown for every child to win and to wear, and it is worth much more than any earthly crown. But the child who wants to wear the crown must be ready to bear the cross—that is, to give up his own way and follow Jesus's way.

"COME." [Make a great letter C on the black-board and tell the children that we are going to have a lesson about an invitation. Let them tell how to finish the word that begins with C. Children will give attention if there is only something for them to do.]

How many of you like to have an invitation? Sometimes it is spoken and sometimes written, like this. [Show a white envelope.] An invitation always means "come," and shows that some one has thought about you. That is why it is so pleasant. Once a boy was invited to go to the President's house, in Washington. How proud he was! He told all his friends about it, and could hardly wait for the day to come. Not long after the same boy had an invitation to visit his cousin, who was a poor boy and lived in a poor little house. He wanted to go, because he always had happy times with his cousin, but he did not think to tell about this invitation as he did about the other. Do you know why?

The king who said "Come." There was a new king in Judah now. His name was Hezekiah. There had been twelve kings before him, and some of them had been bad men. His father, Ahaz,