

will have Naomi there, and Naomi's God. She does not kiss Naomi, but she says, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

She takes with Naomi the weary way to Bethlehem. They are poor. They must go afoot, but they go together. They drink of the same brook. They halt at noon in the shadow of the same tree. At twilight they stand side by side in some village street till summoned together beneath some hospitable roof. And at last, there is Bethlehem! There are the old familiar homes. There are the same narrow, crooked streets. And look, Naomi! Here are some of your old acquaintances! Yes, in the name of the Lord they come forward to bid her welcome. The news goes quickly about, "Naomi is come!" It seems as if every body gathered. "Is this Naomi?" they are asking. She went out with Elimelech, her stalwart husband. She had two sons, Mahlon and Chilion. They were as two strong staves beneath her weary arms. Yes, it is Naomi, wrinkled and worn and gray.

"Call me Mara, friends!" she is saying. Neither husband nor child accompanies her. But who is it with her?

"That woman!" somebody whispers.

"She is not a daughter of the Hebrews," says another, turning away in scorn.

How curiously and coldly they gaze at the Moabitess! They may shrink from the dark-eyed stranger, but they will get to know her and learn to love her. Where will Naomi go to-night, for the sun is setting red and round behind the distant and shadowy hills. We know not, but wherever Naomi goes there is Ruth. And can they suffer hunger? Look! The long shadows fall across the beautiful fields of barley in this the promised land.

"I can glean the scattered stalks of grain for Naomi," Ruth is saying softly.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW.

Dec. 30.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Crossing the Jordan. Josh. 3. 9-17.
- Tu. Christmas day. Matt. 2. 1-12.
- W. The fall of Jericho. Josh. 6. 12-20.
- Th. Caleb's inheritance. Josh. 14. 5-15.
- F. The covenant renewed. Josh. 24. 14-22.
- S. Gideon's army. Judg. 7. 15-23.
- S. Ruth's choice. Ruth 1. 16-22.

REVIEW SCHEME FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

Directions for Study.

1. Our lessons are in three books of the Bible. Read all of Joshua during Monday and Tuesday. Read all about Gideon's life and Samson's life during Wednesday and Thursday. Read the book of Ruth on Friday. Saturday write a history of those times from memory.
2. Test your knowledge of the Golden Texts and Titles and Outlines by trying to repeat them from memory. If you cannot do it, then at once learn them.
3. Call to mind all the different characters mentioned during these lessons.
4. Arrange in proper chronological order the following events: The return of two and a half tribes east of Jordan, Naomi and Ruth journeying to Bethlehem, soldiers fleeing from Ai, the message of encouragement to Joshua, Samson grinding in the prison-house, Caleb storming the city of Hebron, three hundred soldiers lapping water at the spring, a pillar built at Gilgal of twelve stones.
5. Who prayed for vengeance? Who said, "Entreat me not to leave thee?" Who said, "Shout, for the Lord hath given?" etc. Who said, "All that are afraid may go home?" Who said he had wholly followed the Lord?
6. What lesson teaches the nearness of God to his people? What one teaches the fearful consequences of sin? What one teaches the fear of God? What one teaches that God should be honored at all hazards?

What one teaches the believer will surely triumph over the world?

7. Give the title of the lessons suggested by the following pictures: A body of priests standing in the middle of a river's bed, where there is no water—a city full of people hastening to welcome two travelers, and asking their story—a man writing a book of record, and erecting a monument—a man lying on his face, with his clothes rent, and wailing and lamenting—a company of people with pitchers and lanterns—a people dancing and corrupting themselves before an idol's shrine—a city whose walls are fallen flat down—a man with long hair asleep, a woman with shears about to cut it.
8. Who was the best man mentioned in this quarter's lessons? Who was the next best? Who was the worst? Who was the strongest? Who the weakest? Who lived longest? Which one could have been king, and would not?

9. Write ten facts that you have learned from this quarter's lessons. Write ten practical thoughts suggested by them.

REVIEW SCHEME FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

I. TITLES AND GOLDEN TEXTS.

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| 1. The C. of J. | Stand therefore, having your ... |
| 2. C. the J. | When thou passest through... |
| 3. The S. of M. | Then ye shall let your... |
| 4. The F. of J. | By faith the walls of... |
| 5. D. at A. | Incline my heart unto... |
| 6. C. I. | Trust in the Lord, and... |
| 7. H. O. A. | Bear ye one another's... |
| 8. The C. R. | The Lord our God we... |
| 9. I. U. J. | Take heed, brethren, lest... |
| 10. G. A. | Not by might, nor by... |
| 11. D. of S. | Great men are not... |
| 12. R. C. | Thy people shall be... |

II. LESSON PICTURES.

1. Which lesson shows us a great general receiving great commands and great promises? (Answer with Title.)
2. Which shows some priests keeping a path open for an army?
3. Which shows twelve men building a monument?
4. Which shows a desolate city and a victorious army?
5. Which shows a defended city and a defeated army?
6. Which shows an old man asking for a mountain?
7. Which shows a peaceful people and a departing army?
8. Which shows us a book and a stone of witness?
9. Which shows an idolatrous people and an angry God?
10. Which shows an army of cowards on the eve of battle?
11. Which shows a blind man killing thousands of people?
12. Which shows two women on a journey?

III. LESSON TEACHINGS.

1. Which lesson teaches the need of Christian courage? (Answer with the Golden Text.)
2. Which assures us of God's protecting care?
3. Which teaches the duty of remembering God's mercies?
4. Which teaches us the power of faith?
5. Which warns against a breach of the tenth commandment?
6. Which tells how we can be sure of our daily food?
7. Which shows us how we can be like Christ?
8. Which tells us in whose service we ought to engage?
9. Which warns us against a dangerous sin?
10. Which tells of the source of highest power?
11. Which teaches a lesson of self-trust?
12. Which points us to a wise choice?

REVIEW SCHEME FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

Can you repeat the GOLDEN TEXT?

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| Stand therefore,— | Bear ye— |
| When thou passest— | The Lord our God— |
| Then ye shall let— | Take heed,— |
| By faith the walls— | Not by might,— |
| Incline my heart— | Great men are— |
| Trust in the Lord,— | Thy people shall be— |