

the crown bye and bye. Who in my class expects to win the crown for what they did for Jesus last week? Let us try like Paul to fight a good fight this week.

8. Paul kept very close to Jesus side. Make a mark as far away from the dividing line as you can and teach so should we keep far away from Satan and close to our Saviour's side.

## LESSON XII—December 19th, 1897.

### John's Message about Sin and Salvation. I John 1: 5-2: 6.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins."

I. John 1: 9.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: Paul the hero.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Paul the rewarded hero.

IV. REVIEW.

1. What friend of Paul did we study about last Sunday?
2. How many letters did he write to him?
3. What kind of a fight did Paul fight?
4. What does that mean?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON: For some unfortunate reason (so it seems to us) the lesson committee have shifted for the last lesson of the Quarter from Paul's writings, to those of

John. Such a change makes it difficult sometimes for the Primary teacher to make a unit of the Quarter's lessons, and to-day in our scheme for the Quarter the difficulty is apparent. We have aimed however, as nearly as possible to overcome this difficulty.

John's Epistles abounds in these two great thoughts—God is love, and God is light. Love to forgive

and light to cleanse, and these two ideas as suggested in the 9th verse, may well form the kernel of the lesson. With the exception of Revelation, these Epistles are the very latest of the books of the Bible. They were written probably about the year 85, when the author was an old man, who had lived "in the spirit" for 50 years. It is therefore no wonder the words are full of light and love.

VI. The lesson to-day is chosen from the Epistle of John, but this fact need not be emphasized. We have kept before the class all the Quarter the idea of Paul the hero, let us do so to-day. The central thought—Paul the rewarded hero, may be made prominent.

1. Last week we learned that Paul the hero fought and won the good fight, and said henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous God shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto all them that love his appearing.

2. God has more than one kind of reward. Let us see what the Golden Text says. It would be well to take the whole of verse 9 for the text. First, he forgives us our sins. What does that mean? Before the teacher can teach this truth, it must be experimentally appreciated. There is perhaps no better way to understand what it means than by what the little girl said, who remarked, "I know what it is to be a Christian. It's like once I did wrong, and told papa so, and that I was sorry, and he just took me up in his arms and kissed me." The

