

at home and abroad, and try to enlist the interest of the class, by telling especially what is being done for children.

Urge the children to give, not alone what is given to them, but to earn money themselves for missions. Wherever it is possible, it is well to have before the class some definite object for missionary labor.

A real interest in both home and foreign missions may be awakened in many little hearts if the teacher is in earnest and alive to the work of spreading the Gospel.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

So near to the kingdom.
Take my life, and let it be.
Awake! awake! the Master.
Far and near the fields are teeming.
Tell it out among the nations.
We must work and pray together.

No. 2.

There's a call comes ringing.
Christians, lo!
In from the highways.
Hark! the voice of Jesus calling.
Go labor on while it is day.

The Lesson Catechism

[For the entire school.]

1. Why did God tell Isaiah to comfort his people? **Their iniquity was pardoned.**

2. What did the voice in the wilderness cry? **Prepare ye the way of the Lord.**

3. What wonderful thing did God promise? **GOLDEN TEXT: "The glory of the Lord,"** etc.

4. What stands while every thing else fails and fades? **The word of our God.**

5. Why should Jerusalem not be afraid? **The Lord was coming.**

CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. What is meant by salvation?

It is the deliverance of the soul from sin and its recovery to spiritual life in God.

And thou shalt call His name Jesus; for it is He that shall save His people from their sins. Matt. i. 21.

A Beautiful Picture.

In the hall of the Waterloo Street Church, London, in 1877, some of us were assembled as the committee of the Evangelistic Association, and we had closed the ordinary business, when in there came hastily the Rev. Dr. Somerville, then minister of Anderston Free Church, my revered friend, and bearing my own name, though no relative. We all gave him warm welcome, but little did we expect the announcement which he made. He told us in his high, clear, and affectionate tones that he had been thinking over the matter, and he wished to free himself from the limited work of his pastorate, and to give himself as a missionary to the world under our authority and auspices. It fairly took away our breath—this man after forty years of honorable and successful labor, at an age when most men desire rest, proposing to himself and to us work that involved journeys, fatigue, and sacrifices which the youngest would shrink from. Affectionately we remonstrated. But it was of no use. There he stood before us—the man that had a history before some of us were born. He was the early friend of McCheyne, Burns, and the Bonars, old in years and yet young in enthusiasm. Nearly seventy, and yet his eye was not dimmed nor his natural strength abated; the beautiful white hair falling upon his shoulders, and the light sparkling in that wonderful eye; strong in the bone and warm in his feelings, like all his race, proclaiming that it was his desire to go forth to the regions beyond and preach the Gospel to them who were ignorant and out of the way. No security for stipend or any thing of that sort did he think of. He would cast himself upon God. It was the work he was wanting, and he desired to go forth with the sympathy and prayers of his brethren. He carried us away with his own enthusiasm. It was all settled in a marvelously short time. The Rev. Dr. Wallace was called upon to lead in prayer, and he was set apart as our missionary for the world, and then he addressed us, taking for his text the eighteenth verse of Psalm 71: "Now also, when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come." I can't describe the impression made upon us. He was at times in tears, and we were also. What a wonderful commentary does his work of the last twelve years furnish! He has been in France, Spain, Italy, and Turkey, in Egypt, New Zealand, and Australia, and the blessed instrument of a great work in all.—*Dr. Somerville.*