

"Nothing but to come to Christ, poor boy, like all the rest of us," the lady softly murmured; but she spoke this last in English, so the boy only raised his head with a vacant "B-ha-lai?"

"You cannot see Jesus Christ now," she added, and was answered by a sharp, quick cry of despair. "But I am his humble friend and follower," said the lady, at which the face of the little listener brightened. She continued: "He has commissioned me to teach all those who wish to escape from hell how to do so."

The joyful eagerness depicted in the boy's countenance was beyond description. "Tell me! oh, tell me! Only ask your master the Lord Jesus Christ to save me, and I will be your servant for life. Do not be angry; do not send me away. I want to be saved—save me from hell."

The next day this boy was introduced to the little bamboo school-house, in the character of the wild Karen boy; and such a greedy seeker after truth and holiness has seldom been seen. Every day he came to the white teachers to learn something more concerning the Lord Jesus and the way of salvation; and every day his feelings enlarged, and his face gradually lost its look of indescribable stupidity. He was at length baptized, and commemorated the love of that Saviour he had so earnestly sought. He lived a while to testify his sincerity, and died in joyful hope. He had "confessed," and had found a deliverer from those sins from which he could not free himself. The lady died also; and she and the wild Karen boy have met in the presence of their common Redeemer.

If Christ humbled Himself to honour our nature, we should humble ourselves to honour His name.

SICKNESS should teach us what a vain thing the world is,—what a vile thing sin is,—what a poor thing man is,—and what a precious thing an interest in Christ is.

LESSON NOTES.

A. D. 27.] LESSON VI. [Feb. 8.  
THE TRULY RIGHTEOUS; or, The Christian Standard.  
*Matt. 5. 17-26. Commit to memory verses 17-20.*

THE LESSON STORY.

Jesus, while sitting on the mount in and talking to his disciples, spoke to them about the Old Testament books of the Bible. He told the people that he had come to teach them not to neglect the Old Testament, but rather to fulfill its commands better than ever; that while the Old Testament forbade wicked acts, he forbade wicked thoughts; and while it called for holy lives, he called for holy hearts. He told them that not only the one who killed or injured a brother-man should be punished, but all who are angry with others without cause, and all who call each other hard names. He told them that those who came to make an offering to God should have kindness to others, and be reconciled to their enemies before coming to the Lord; and that only those who can forgive and love each other may expect to receive mercy.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts.  
Psa. 51. 6.

TINY TEXT.

Buy the truth, and sell it not. Prov. 23. 23.

A. D. 27.] LESSON VII. [Feb. 15.  
THE TONGUE AND THE TEMPER; or, Christian Conversation.  
*Matt. 5. 33-48. Commit to memory verses 34-37.*

THE LESSON STORY.

In his sermon Jesus spoke to his followers about swearing. He said, "Swear not at all;" not by anything in earth or heaven, because all things belong to God. He told them that a simple "yes" or "no" is all that is needed, and more than this comes of evil. Then the Saviour showed how we should treat those who are unkind to us; not trying to do them harm, but rather to do them good. He told his disciples that if a man should take away from one of them his cloak or outer garment, not to resist him, but to let him have also the other clothing. He said, "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you," and pray for those who do you wrong. Just as God gives his sunshine and his rain to evil and good alike, so we should be kind to all, and try to be perfect, like our heavenly Father.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. Matt. 5. 48.

TINY TEXT.

Keep thy tongue from evil. Psalm 34. 13.

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