

along the plank, and the man did not know that there was a bee under the plank. He put his foot on it and the bee suddenly found itself in a dark lonely hole in the ground. It thought of the bright warm sunshine, of the merry breezes, and the beautiful flowers and said to himself. "How gladly would I now fill my honey baskets and work all the day with my brothers and sisters," and strange to say, at that moment the gardener lifted the heavy plank away—and the bee flew swiftly to the garden, anxious to see how many times it could fill its baskets with honey, before sunset. As the story is told draw or pin to the board a picture of a bee hive.

3. When Jesus was a boy he learned the Scriptures. Pin a picture of the Bible to the board with the words "The Holy Scriptures" printed thereon. While he played with the other boys, yet we are sure that at the proper time he was diligent and busy, and because of this he increased in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and man.

4. Our Golden Text tells us about Timothy. He was a faithful servant of Paul, who went with him on many of his journeys and was very helpful to him in many ways. It was as a child that he learned the scriptures. It is when we are boys and girls that we have the opportunity to study.

5. There is a big giant stalking through the land and he gets into the hearts of many boys and girls. Let us see if we can find who he is. (See Preview). He is a big giant this, and like the other giants he has a good many relatives too. Laziness, is one, ignorance is another, and dawdling is not usually very far from him. This giant of idleness knows that if he can get into the hearts of the boys and girls, they will find it hard to get him out, and he will spoil their lives, just as he did that of the bee. He could not spoil Jesus' life for he would not allow him to get in his heart, and I am sure that the same Jesus, the Saviour, who is able to draw out all the bad giants in the world, kept him out of Timothy's heart, and will keep him out of ours.

LESSON XII—June 20th, 1897.

Personal Responsibility. ROMANS 14 : 10-21.

I. GOLDEN TEXT: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." Rom. 14 : 21.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER : Jesus the Saviour.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON : Jesus the Saviour from Intemperance.

IV. REVIEW. (These questions are only suggestive. The Central Spiritual Truth and its Teaching ought also to be recalled).

1. To whom was Paul giving advice in last Sunday's lesson ?

2. Who taught Timothy the Scriptures ?

3. When did he learn the Scriptures ?

4. What was last Sunday's Golden Text ?

V. SYNOPSIS OF LESSON : Our Temperance lesson this quarter is taken from Paul's writings to the Romans. Paul has been dealing with questions of expediency, which were as much living questions in the days of Paul, as they were in the 19th century. What should we eat and drink ? what should we wear ? how should the Sabbath be kept ? seem to have been questions which Paul had to deal with. In the lesson chosen for us, he lays down a great, broad principle, which, when appreciated by the christian will always lead him into right conduct. Paul teaches us to be kindly in judgment, to put no stumbling block in a brother's way, but to walk charitably, to do nothing that will offend another, and he admirably sums up the whole in the Golden Text, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth."

VI. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON.

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.

2. Once there was a little tree growing up in front of a man's house. It grew tall and slender, and when the wind blew it would almost break in two. The owner of the house saw that if the tree did not have some support it would, in some storm be blown down. So he went to