

No. 159, S. S. Hymnal.

No book is like the Bible.

No. 221, S. S. Hymnal.

I will sing you a song of that beautiful land.

No. 224, S. S. Hymnal.

Jerusalem the golden.

TIME.—B.C. 990.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Proverbs*—Short, pithy saying of wisdom. *To know wisdom*—The object of the Proverbs is stated in the first six verses. *Judgment*—Righteousness. *Subtily*—Wisdom and cunning. *The simple*—Here meaning those who are open-hearted and ready to receive instruction. *The fear of the Lord*—A reverence for God from a love for him. *Beginning of knowledge*—To know God's will and follow it is the best wisdom. *Fools*—Here meaning those who despise God's law. *Ornament of grace*—Obedience will make the life beautiful. *Entice thee*—Persuading to sin. *Let us lay wait for blood*—Inviting a young man to join a band of robbers, who were always numerous in the mountain passes of Palestine. *The pit*—Here meaning death. *Without cause*—Those whose innocence is of no avail to save their lives. *One purse*—Robbers holding their gains in common. *Refrain thy foot*—Avoid their company.

#### HOME READINGS.

- M. Proverbs of Solomon. Prov. 1. 1-16.  
 Tu. The excellent gift. Job 28. 12-28.  
 W. Proverbs collected. Prov. 25. 1-22.  
 Th. The way of the wicked. Prov. 1. 17-33.  
 F. Godly happiness. Psa. 1. 1-6.  
 S. The nature of sin. Isa. 9. 1-8.  
 S. The beginning of wisdom. Psa. 111. 1-10.

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Aim of the Proverbs, v. 1-6. Define proverb. Who collected these proverbs? What five things are to be aimed at in their study? Of what benefit are they to the wise? Through what means may men be made wise? Prov. 9. 9. What is the source of true wisdom? Prov. 2. 6.

2. The Beginning of Wisdom, v. 7-9. With what does wisdom begin? How is this fear shown? Deut. 4. 5, 6. How is a good understanding to be secured? Psa. 111. 10. What are sure signs of folly? Whose instructions are to be especially heeded? What commandment is kept by observing this proverb? What honor shall be gained by obedience at home?

3. The Enticements of Sin, v. 10-16. What is the only safe course in temptation? What should be the rule in choosing companions? Psa. 1. 1. How may we be kept from evil ways? Prov. 4. 25-27. Where may we safely walk? Prov. 2. 20. What is the end of evil companionship? How may men be delivered from it? Psa. 37. 40.

#### TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where in this lesson are we taught, that the truly wise—

1. Will seek to know God's word?
2. Will strive to honor his name?
3. Will honor parental instruction?
4. Will avoid evil company?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.—(For the entire school.) 1. For what are the Proverbs? "To know wisdom and instruction." 2. What will a wise man do? "Will hear and will increase learning." 3. What is a mark of the fool? To despise wisdom and instruction. 4. What is the beginning of knowledge? The fear of the Lord. 5. Against what are we cautioned? Against consenting to the enticements of sinners.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The knowledge of God.

#### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

1. The aims of the Proverbs, v. 1-6. What is a proverb? Who wrote these proverbs? How did his experience fit him to write them? What is the purpose of the proverbs? For what class of people are they especially intended? What benefit will the study of them give?

2. The beginning of wisdom, v. 7-9. What is stated as the beginning of wisdom in the GOLDEN TEXT? Why is it so called? What is the sanction given to parental instruction? What shall be the result of following such instruction? To what conduct will the highest wisdom lead?

3. The enticement of sin, v. 10-16. Why do sinners try to entice others? What enticement is here shown? Why should such a course of life ever seem attractive? What is the best safeguard against it?

#### PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

What are we here shown—

1. As the need of the young?
2. As the foundation of wisdom?
3. As the safeguard of conduct?

#### QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who wrote the Book of Proverbs? Solomon. What is a proverb? A wise saying. What do proverbs teach us? Knowledge and wisdom. Who is the source of all wisdom? God. How does wisdom help the simple? It makes them learned and prudent. Who is always ready to listen to counsel? A wise man. What do fools despise? Wisdom and instruction. What is the beginning of all true knowledge? The fear of the Lord? [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.] What should children be always ready to hear? The counsel and advice of their parents. What is one of God's commandments? "Honour thy father and thy mother." What warning is given against bad company? "If sinners entice thee, (try to lead thee away) consent thou not." What should we try to avoid? The beginnings of sin. To whom should we refuse to listen? To all who are trying to lead us away from the right. Into what does sin surely lead us? Into sorrow and trouble.