

Primary Quarterly for Little Folks.

Dear Children :

Our Golden Text for this quarter is—"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." There are many kinds of light,—candle-light, lamp-light, gas-light, electric-light, sun-light, but it is not this kind of light that is meant in the Golden Text. It is the light of a beautiful character that we should let shine, so that others may see it. If it were not for God's Word we would not know what a beautiful character is. The Bible—God's Word, teaches us how to live. Our Golden Text for the first lesson of the Quarter is—"The entrance of thy words giveth light." We are going to learn all this Quarter about the light which God's Word teaches us should shine out from our lives.

First Lesson.	God's Word Teaches us—	To be Obedient.
Second "	" " "	To Believe.
Third "	" " "	To be Humble.
Fourth "	" " "	How to Worship.
Fifth "	" " "	To Trust.
Sixth "	" " "	To be Watchful.
Seventh "	" " "	To set a Good Example.
Eighth "	" " "	To be Loving.
Ninth "	" " "	To be Contented.
Tenth "	" " "	To be Self-sacrificing.
Eleventh "	" " "	To be Forgiving.
Twelfth "	" " "	To be Kind.

Let us study the Bible this Quarter with a heart willing to do whatever it teaches us, so that the light which comes from it may shine into our hearts, and make our lives beautiful, so that others may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

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In this world of darkness, we must shine—
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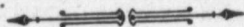
Your loving friends,

MR. & MRS. G. H. ARCHIBALD.

SESSION PROGRAMME

FOR THE

Primary Department.



- I. SILENCE.
- II. PRAYER.
- III. HYMN.
- IV. RECITATION.

Superintendent—O! how I love thy law, it is my meditation all the day.
Teachers and children—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Superintendent—Thy word is very pure, therefore thy servant loveth it.
Teachers and children—Thy word is true from the beginning.

Superintendent—How sweet are thy words unto my taste, yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Teachers and children—The entrance of thy word giveth light. It giveth understanding to the simple.

Superintendent—Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee.

- V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON.—(The Lord's prayer—or the Beatitudes,—or the Twenty-Third Psalm—or the Shortened Commandments).
- VI. BIRTHDAY OFFERING.—(With birthday prayer).
- VII. REPEAT GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER.—(In concert).
- VIII. MOTION SONG.
- IX. INTIMATIONS.
- X. COLLECTION.—(Having one of the children stand in front of the platform holding the box, or basket, while the others marching and singing drop in their money as they pass).
- XI. TEACHER'S FIFTEEN MINUTES.—(Roll taken, Golden Text and Lesson Story taught).

XII. WARNING BELL.—(3 minutes for teachers to close lesson, re-adjust seats, and get in order for superintendent's lesson from the desk).

XIII. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER.

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XIV. LESSON REVIEW AND APPLICATION BY SUPERINTENDENT.

XV. PRAYER.

XVI. PARTING HYMN.

Now the time has come to part;
Father come to every heart;
Go with us as we go,
And be near in all we do.

(Words and music can be found in "Song and Study for God's little ones."
R. B. McCabe & Co., Publishers, 166 South Clinton Street, Chicago. 25 cents).

XVII. DISTRIBUTION OF PAPERS, ETC., AND PREPARATION FOR DISMISSION.

XVIII. DISMISSION.



LESSON I—July 4th, 1897.

First Converts in Europe. ACTS 16: 6-15.



GOLDEN TEXT: "The entrance of thy words giveth light." Ps. 119: 130.



6 Now when they had gone throughout Phryg'i-a and the region of Ga-la'ti-a, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in A'si-a,

7 After they were come to My'si-a, they assayed to go into Bi-thyn'i-a: but the Spirit suffered them not.

8 And they passing by My'si-a, came down to Tro'as.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Mac'e-do'ni-a, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Mac'e-do'ni-a, and help us.

10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Mac'e-do'ni-a, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Therefore loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Sam'o-thra'cia, and the next day to Ne-ap'o-lis;

12 And from thence to Phi-lip'pi, which is the chief city of that part of Mac'e-do'ni-a, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

13. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.

14. And a certain woman named, Lyd'i-a, a seller of purple, of the city of Thy'a-ti'-ra, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.

15. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and abide there. And she constrained us.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

SEND me Lord, where thou wilt
send me,
Only do thou guide my way,
May thy grace through life attend me,
Gladly then shall I obey.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Luke 12: 12.
TUESDAY—John 14: 26.
WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 8.
THURSDAY—1 Sam. 15: 22.
FRIDAY—Eph. 6: 1.
SATURDAY—Col. 3: 20.
SABBATH—Ps. 119: 130.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

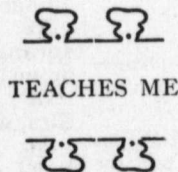


ONE day there was a cry of fire near a large school-room. The children in the school were very much frightened and began to rush to the doors and stairs, thus perilling their limbs and lives. But amidst all the confusion there was a little girl who remained quietly in her seat. Her teacher asked her why she did not run and try to get out as the other children did. "My father is a fireman," she said, "and he told me whenever there was a cry of fire in school to remain quiet in my seat, for that was the safest way. I was dreadfully frightened, but I knew that father had told me what was best, so I sat still when they ran to the doors." "That's right My dear," said the teacher, "I am glad to know that I have such an obedient little girl in my class."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What did Paul see in a vision?
2. To what city did he go?
3. Who heard the Word, and obeyed it?
4. What does the Bible say about God's Word giving light?

MY LESSONS THIS
QUARTER ARE ABOUT



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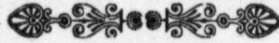
TO BE
OBEDIENT.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make me willing to obey Thee always.

LESSON II—July 11th, 1897.

Paul and the Philippian Jailer. ACTS 16 : 22-34.



GOLDEN TEXT : " Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Acts 16 : 31.



22. And the multitude rose up together against them : and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*.

23. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely :

24. Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

25. And at midnight Paul and Si'las prayed and sang praises unto God : and the prisoners heard them.

26. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken : and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.

27. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword and would have

killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

28. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm : for we are all here.

29. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Si'las,

30. And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved ?

31. And they said, Believe on the Lord Je'sus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

32. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes ; and was baptized, he and all his straightway.

34. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

CLEANING on Thee with child-like
faith,
To Thee, the future I confide,
Each step of life's untrodden path
Thy love shall guide.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 3: 16.
TUESDAY—John 3: 36.
WEDNESDAY—John 6: 47.
THURSDAY—1 John 5: 10.
FRIDAY—Gal. 3: 11.
SATURDAY—Heb. 10: 38.
SABBATH—Acts 16: 31.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

ALITTLE girl in a wretched attic whose mother had no bread, knelt down by the bedside and said slowly, "Give us this day our daily bread." Then she went out into the street and began to wonder where God kept his bread. She turned around the corner and saw a well-filled baker's shop—so she entered confidently and said to the baker. "I've come for it." "Come for what?" "My daily bread" she answered pointing to the tempting loaves, "I'll take two if you please—one for mother and one for me." "All right" said the baker, putting them into a bag and giving them to his little customer, who started at once to go into the street. "Stop you little rogue, where is your money?" "I hav'nt any" she said simply. "Hav'nt any" he repeated. "You little thief, what brought you here then?" The hard words frightened the little girl, who, bursting into tears said "Mother is sick and I am so hungry. In my prayers I said 'Give us this day our daily bread,' and then I thought God meant me to fetch it, and so I came." The rough but kind-hearted baker was softened by the child's simple tale, and instead of chiding her said "You poor dear girl! Here take this to your mother," and filled a large basket full for her.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. When Paul and Silas were in prison what happened?
2. Why did the jailer want to kill himself?
3. How did Paul answer the jailer's question, What must I do to be saved?
4. What did the jailer do for Paul and Silas?

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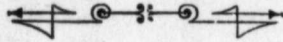
TO
BELIEVE.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Give me faith to take Thee into my heart and life.

LESSON III—July 18th, 1897.

Paul at Thessalonica and Berea. ACTS 17: 1-12.



GOLDEN TEXT: "They received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily." Acts 17: 11.



1 Now when they had passed through Am-hip'o-lis and Ap'ol-lo'ni-a, they came to Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, where was a synagogue of the Jews:

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three Sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Je'sus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Si'las; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Ja'son, and sought to bring them out to the people.

6 And when they found them not, they drew Ja'son and certain brethren unto the

rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also:

7 Whom Ja'son hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Cæ'sar, saying that there is another king, *one* Je'sus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Ja'son, and of the others, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Si'las by night unto Be-re'a: who coming *thither* went into the synagogue of the Jews.

11 These were more noble than those in Thes'sa-lo-ni'ca, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

WE are little children,
Weak, and apt to stray ;
Saviour guide and keep us,
In the heavenly way.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 5: 39.
TUESDAY—Luke 18: 17.
WEDNESDAY—Mark 10: 15.
THURSDAY—Matt. 18: 3.
FRIDAY—Ps. 119: 105.
SATURDAY—Ps. 119: 33.
SABBATH—Acts 17: 11.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

GOLD Finger received a present of a ring. It was a beautiful gold ring, set with pearls and diamonds, which sparkled like sunshine on the water. Gold Finger was very vain, and as she put on the ring, she said to the other fingers, "I am better than you ; you have no fine ring, and I shall not play with you, or have anything to do with you." When the other fingers heard this they were very angry, and the Thumb said, "If you don't want to have anything to do with us, we certainly don't want to have anything to do with you." For three days after this the fingers remained without speaking to Gold Finger. Then Gold Finger wanted to pick a rose, but the Thumb said, "I will not help you because you are so proud." And so the rose was left on the bush. Next, Gold Finger wanted a bright red cherry, which she saw hanging on a cherry tree, but the other fingers would not help her, and the cherry was left on the branch. Then little Gold Finger saw that without the other fingers she could do nothing, and she was sorry that she had been so proud, and thought that she would rather have the other fingers to love her, than to wear a fine ring. So she whispered to the little finger, and said she was sorry she had been so cross and proud, and the little finger told the Thumb that Gold Finger was sorry, and the thumb told the others, so that they all knew that Gold Finger was sorry, and all said they would help and love her just as much as ever.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden Text ?
2. What is the meaning of Scriptures ?
3. What is the meaning of readiness of mind ?
4. How often should we read our Bible ?

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MY LESSON TO-DAY
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TO BE
HUMBLE.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Make me humble and ready to receive Thy Word.

LESSON IV—July 25th, 1897.

Paul Preaching in Athens, ACTS 17: 22-34.



GOLDEN TEXT: "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4: 24.



22. Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Ath'ens, I perceive that in all thing ye are too superstitious.

23. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

24. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25. Neither is worshiped with men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26. And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27. That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us:

28. For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring.

29. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the God-head is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

31. Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32. And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this matter.

33. So Paul departed from among them.

34. Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed: among the which was Di'o-ny'-si-us the Ar'e-*op'*a-gite, and a woman named Dam'a-ris, and others with them.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

NONE is like God, who reigns above
 So great, so pure and high ;
 None is like God, whose name is love
 And who is always nigh.

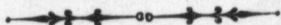
MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

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 MONDAY—Ps. 89: 7.
 TUESDAY—Heb. 12: 9.
 WEDNESDAY—Ps. 111: 9.
 THURSDAY—Ps. 95: 6.
 FRIDAY—Luke 11: 2.
 SATURDAY—Ps. 99: 5.
 SABBATH—John 4: 24.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



“MOTHER,” said little Doris, as they came out of church. “Mother why do all the people bow down their heads when they first go into church, as though they were saying their prayers?” Her mother smiled, and answered, “It is because they are praying darling.” “But what are they praying about mother? I don’t ever hear them saying anything, and they all don’t bow their heads at once, as they do when the minister prays.” “Well dearie, they pray that they may worship God aright, and that they may not think of everyday things while they are in his house on his day, and that God will bless the minister, and give him a message for them, and that each person who comes into the church may be brought nearer to our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” “Oh mother, I’m so glad I know now. I can pray like that when I go into church, may I not?” “Yes, Doris, and I will teach you the prayer-verse that I learnt when I first began to go to church when I was very little ; you may say it too, and make it a real prayer. ‘Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.’”



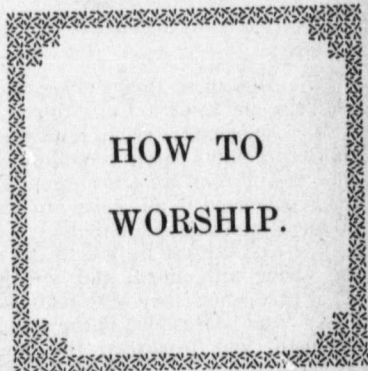
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What monument did Paul see in Athens?
2. In what book do we learn about God?
3. What is God?
4. How should we worship Him?

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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

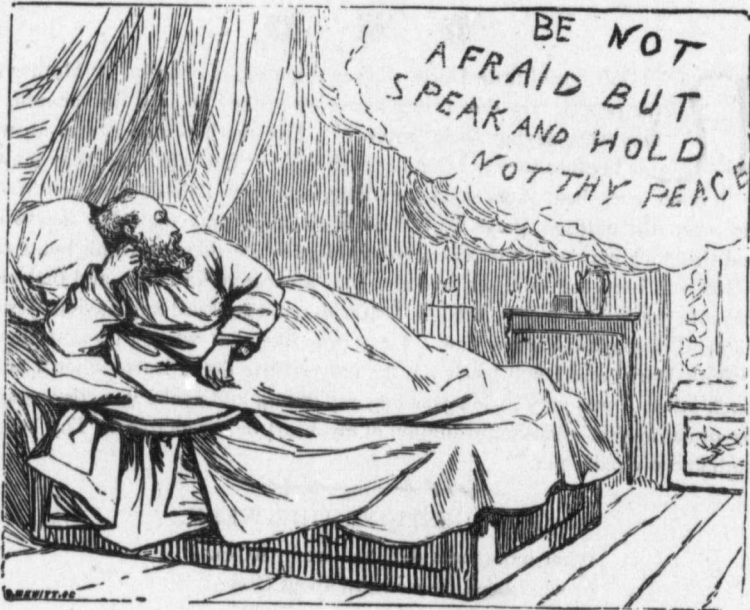
Oh God! Grant that I may always remember that thou art
 a Spirit, and they that worship Thee, must worship
 Thee in spirit and in truth.

LESSON V—August 1st, 1897.

Paul's Ministry in Corinth. ACTS 18: 1-11.



GOLDEN TEXT : "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."
1 Cor. 3 : 11.



1. After these things Paul departed from Ath'ens, and came to Cor'inth ;

2. And found a certain Jew named Aq'ui-la, born in Pon'tus, lately come from It'a-ly, with his wife Pris-cil'la ; (because that Clau'dius, had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome :) and came unto them.

3. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought : for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

4. And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks.

5. And when Sil'as and Ti-mo'the-us were come from Mac'e-do'ni-a, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Je'sus was Christ.

6. And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment and said unto them. Your blood be upon your own

heads ; I *am* clean : from henceforth I will go unto the Gen'tiles.

7. And he departed thence, and entered into a certain *man's* house, named Jus'tus, *one* that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

8. And Cris'pus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house ; and many of the Corin'thi-ans hearing believed and were baptized.

9. Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision. Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace :

10. For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee : for I have much people in this city.

11. And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

JESUS I do trust Thee,
Trust without a doubt,
Whosoever cometh,
Thou wilt not cast out.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Ps. 40: 4.
TUESDAY—Ps. 34: 8.
WEDNESDAY—Ps. 2: 12.
THURSDAY—Ps. 118: 8.
FRIDAY—Ps. 84: 12.
SATURDAY—Job 13: 15.
SABBATH—I Cor. 3: 11.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

MR. CECIL one day went into a room where his little girl was, bright-eyed and happy as could be. Somebody had just given her a box of beautiful beads. The little child ran to her papa immediately to show this little gift. "They are very beautiful my child" he said, "but now my dear throw them into the fire." The little girl looked for a moment. It was a great trial. "Now I shall not compel you to do it; I leave it to you: but you never knew papa to ask you to do a thing that was not kind to you, I cannot tell you why; but if you can trust me, do so." It cost a great effort, but the little child began in her own way to think, father has always been kind to me, I suppose it is right, and she took the box and with a great effort threw it into the fire. The father said no more for some time. The next day however he gave her something far more beautiful which she long desired. "Now" said he "my child I did this to teach you to trust in that greater Father in heaven. Many a time in your life He will require you to give up and avoid what you cannot see the reasons for avoiding, but if you trust that Father as you have trusted me, you will always find it best."

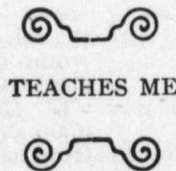
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. Who were Paul's enemies in to-day's lesson?
2. What did they try to do to Paul?
3. Who took care of Paul?
4. In the vision that Paul had, what did God say to him?

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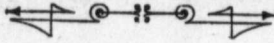
TO
TRUST.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Take me each day into Thy loving keeping, for then I know I am safe.

LESSON VI—August 8th, 1897.

Working and Waiting for Christ. I THESSALONIANS 4: 9-5: 2.



GOLDEN TEXT: "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 3.



9. But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Mac'e-do'nia; but we beseech you, brethren that ye increase more and more;

11. And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12. That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

13. But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

14. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

15. For this we say unto you by the word

of the Lord, that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

17. Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

18. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Chap. 5. 1. But of the times and the seasons, brethren ye have no need that I write unto you.

2. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.



HERE'S no other rock on which
to rest,
When winds of temptation blow.
There's no other hope so sure and blest
As the hope in the One we know.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—John 14: 28.
TUESDAY—Acts 1: 11.
WEDNESDAY—Jer. 17: 7.
THURSDAY—Ps. 31: 24.
FRIDAY—I Thess. 5: 8.
SATURDAY—I Thess. 5: 9.
SABBATH—John 14: 3.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



ONE time there lived a duke who had two sons. The eldest one, who, of course was the heir, would at the death of his father also inherit the title of duke. But after he had grown to manhood he took very ill and knew he was soon going to die. One day he took his Bible from under his pillow and opened it at the passage, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me, a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day, and not to me only, but unto them also that love His appearing." Just before he died he called his younger brother to his bed-side, and speaking to him with the greatest affection and seriousness, closed with these remarkable words: "And now Douglas, in a little time you'll be a duke, but I shall be a king."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is our Golden Text?
2. When and how did Jesus leave the earth?
3. What is He doing in heaven now?
4. When may we expect Him to return?

MY LESSONS THIS
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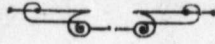
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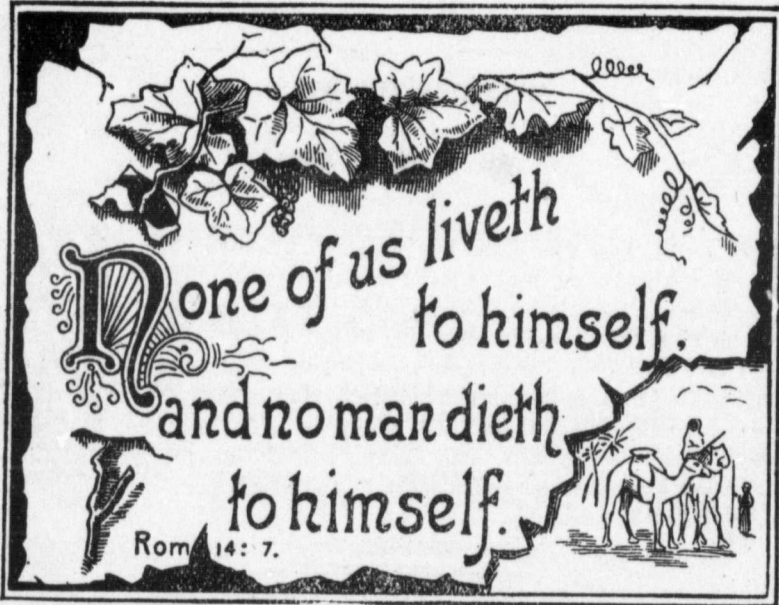
Oh God! I thank Thee for the hope that Thou hast given me, that Jesus will come again and receive me to Himself.

LESSON VII—August 15th, 1897.

Abstaining for the Sake of Others. I CORINTHIANS 8 : 1-13.



GOLDEN TEXT : "For none of us liveth to himself." Rom. 14 : 7.



1. Now as touching things offered unto idols we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

2. And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know.

3. But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

4. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one.

5. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

6. But to us *there is but* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him ; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him.

7. Howbeit *there is* not in every man that knowledge : for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat *it* as a thing offered

unto an idol ; and their conscience being weak is defiled.

8 But meat commendeth us not to God : for neither, if we eat, are we the better ; neither if we eat not, are we the worse.

9. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak.

10. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols ;

11. And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died ?

12. But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ.

13. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

—○—
HARK it is the Saviour calling,
 Little children follow me,
 Jesus, keep our feet from falling,
 Teach us all to follow Thee.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

—○—
 MONDAY—I Cor. 6: 19.
 TUESDAY—I Cor. 6: 20.
 WEDNESDAY—Gal. 2: 20.
 THURSDAY—I Thess. 5: 10.
 FRIDAY—I Pet. 4: 2.
 SATURDAY—Eph. 5: 1.
 SABBATH—Rom. 14: 7.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



SOME time ago a little boy went home from a ragged school with his dirty face washed clean. His mother at first hardly knew her own son, so great was the change. However it pleased her and very soon she washed her own face. Her husband returning home from his daily work was struck with the marvelous change in the appearance of his wife and child and thought that as the washing had improved them so much, he would try what it would do for him. So he set to work and washed away the coat of grime and dust from his face. So it spread through the whole family and the neighbours saw it and admired and copied the example of the clean ones so that the dark and dismal alley, so long the abode of dirt, became bright and clean, all because of the example of the little boy.

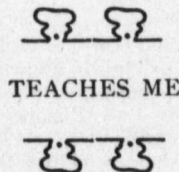
MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden Text ?
2. What does it mean ?
3. Who wrote it ?
4. In what way can we show a good example ?

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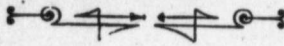
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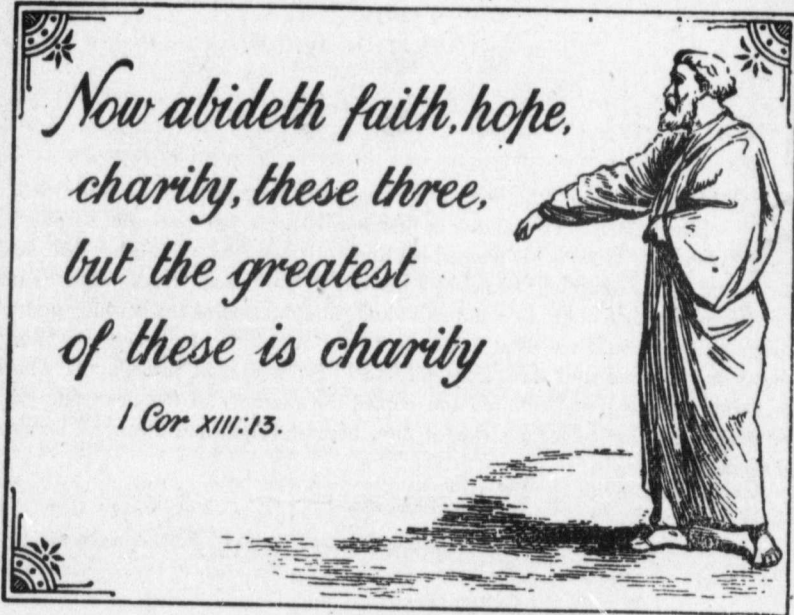
© R God! Make me more like Thyself, so that I may be a better example to others.

LESSON VIII—August 22nd. 1897.

The Excellence of Christian Love. I CORINTHIANS 13: 1-13.



GOLDEN TEXT: "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." I Cor. 13: 13.



1. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

2. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

3. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

4. Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5. Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6. Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7. Beareth all things, believeth all

things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8. Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

9. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.


10. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I taught as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but when shall I know even as also I am known.

13. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.


MY HYMN THIS WEEK.


ORE love O Christ to Thee,
 More love to Thee !
 Hear Thou the prayer I make
 On bended knee ;
 This is my earnest plea,
 More love O Christ to Thee,
 More love to Thee !

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—I Cor. 13: 1.
 TUESDAY—I Cor. 13: 4.
 WEDNESDAY—I Cor. 13: 5.
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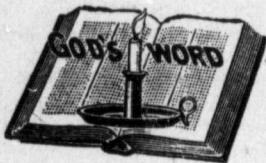
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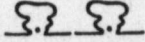
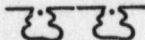

NE day out in the country, a little boy and girl were catching minnows off a pier. The little girl had a tin can, and as she dipped it in the water she overbalanced herself and fell off the pier down into the river. Her little companion hastened to tell some one of the accident. Meeting a servant in the hall, he told her what had happened, but before she had understood what he said, mother, who was in an adjoining room, had heard and understood too, and although only partly dressed, rushed out, flew down two flights of steps and soon stood at the end of the pier. There was her darling floating on the water but beyond her reach. She called to her but no answer came back. There was no time to be lost. She looked around to see if there was anything by which she could reach her treasure, but there was nothing near and it might be too late if she went to fetch anything. No boat was near and nobody to help. What was she to do? Love said, there is nothing else to do, jump in after her yourself. It did not take a moment for her to make up her mind. She jumped off the pier, reached out and clutched her child's clothes and with a spring back caught hold of the pier. By this time others came running to their assistance and mother and child were soon landed safely on the pier. Yes, it was love that made mother's ears so keen to hear, that made her understand so well, that brought her so quickly to the water and that made her jump in and risk her own life to save that of her child.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden Text ?
2. Who wrote these words ?
3. What is the meaning of the word charity used in our lesson to-day ?
4. What does the lesson teach about love ?

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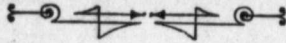
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

Oh God! Fill my heart with love to Thyself and everybody.

LESSON IX—August 29th, 1897.

Paul Opposed at Ephesus. ACTS 19: 21-34.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Take heed and beware of covetousness." Luke 12: 15.



21. After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Mac'e-do'ni-a and A-cha'ia, to go to Je-ru'sa-lem, saying, after I have been there, I must also see Rome.

22. So he sent into Mac'e-do'ni-a two of them that ministered unto him, Ti-mo'the-us and E-ras'tus; but he himself stayed in A'si-a for a season.

23. And the same time there arose no small stir about that way.

24. For a certain man named De-me'tri-us, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Di-an'a, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

25. Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

26. Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at Eph'e-sus, but almost throughout all A'si-a, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

27. So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; But also that the temple of the great goddess Di-an'a should be despised, and her magnificence should be de-

stroyed, whom all A'si-a and the world worshipeth.

28. And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Di-an'a of the E-phe'sians.

29. And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Ga'ius and Ar'is-tar'chus, men of Mac'e-do'ni-a Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

30. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not.

31. And certain of the chief of A'si-a, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

32. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused; and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together.

33. And they drew Al'ex-an'der out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward, and Al'ex-an'der beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

34. But when they knew that he was a Jew all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Di-an'a of the E-phe'sians.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

GOD I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—I Tim. 6: 6.
TUESDAY—I Tim. 6: 8.
WEDNESDAY—Heb. 13: 5.
THURSDAY—Eph. 5: 3.
FRIDAY—Ex. 20: 17.
SATURDAY—Phil. 4: 11.
SABBATH—Luke 12: 15.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.

HELEN and Dorothy had been playing together all the afternoon. They were cousins and had such good times. On this particular afternoon they had swung each other in the hammocks until they were tired. Then they had dressed their dolls for nearly an hour. Then Helen had given Dorothy a ride in the doll's carriage. It was a large carriage for a doll but a little girl had to curl up as snug as a kitten to sit in it. Dorothy who was half a year older than her cousin had played teacher, with Helen for a scholar. Then, O how nice! Maggie the maid had brought out two saucers of ice-cream for the two little girls and that was when the trouble began. Helen thought that Maggie had given Dorothy the larger share of ice-cream. There really was't any difference to speak of but there are some people who are so discontented, that they always think their own things are not quite as good as another's. That was the way with little Helen. She began to have a discontented look. Then her lips began to pout, and when Maggie noticed her and asked her what was the matter, she burst out crying and said, "You gave Dorothy more ice-cream than you gave me, and you are a mean old thing anyway." With that she set down her saucer and went and stood by herself against the wall, in a silly fit of sulks. It was quite a while before the silly little girl got over it enough to sit down and eat her ice-cream which was nearly melted by that time.

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

- 1.—How many Commandments are there?
- 2.—Which is the Tenth Commandment?
- 3.—What is covetousness?
- 4.—What other sins is it likely to lead to?

MY LESSONS THIS QUARTER ARE ABOUT



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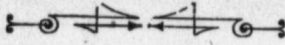
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MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

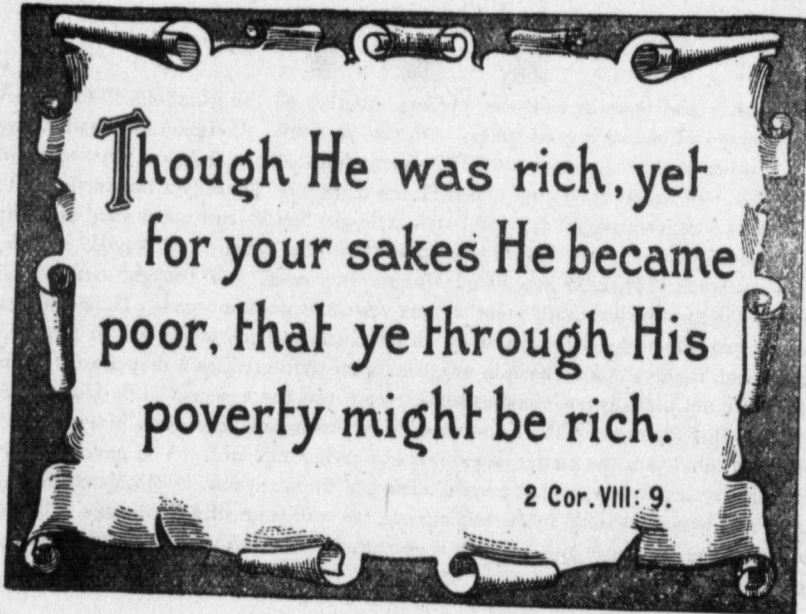
ॐ God! Make me contented with whatever Thou dost send,
for Thou knowest what is best.

LESSON X—September 5th, 1897.

Gentiles Giving for Jewish Christians. 2 COR. 9: I-II.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." 2 Cor. 8: 9.



1. For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you:

2. For I know the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Mac'e-do'ni-a, that A-cha'ia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4. Lest haply if they of Mac'e-do'ni-a, come with me and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up before hand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6. But this I say, He which soweth

sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

7. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work;

9. (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; He hath given to the poor: His righteousness remaineth forever.)

10. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;)

11. Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

HERE'S not a child so small and weak,
But has his cross to take,
His little work of love and praise,
That he may do for Jesus sake.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Luke 9: 58.
TUESDAY—Phil. 2: 7.
WEDNESDAY—Phil. 2: 8.
THURSDAY—Matt. 8: 20.
FRIDAY—Matt. 26: 38.
SATURDAY—Matt. 29: 50.
SABBATH—2 Cor. 8: 9.

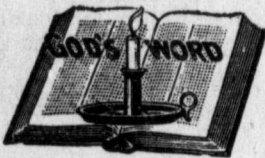
MY STORY THIS WEEK.

LITTLE Lelia sat rocking her doll to sleep. Every now and then she sat still, and looked lovingly at a little fairy lamp which was burning brightly on a table near by. "Mamma isn't it pretty?" "Yes, dear, very pretty, and you think a great deal of it don't you?" "Yes, indeed, I just love it," Papa had brought this lamp a few days before from the city, for his little girl. It did look very pretty with its pink globe and soft light, and was little Lelia's dearest treasure. She liked to look at it burning, and whenever it began to fail, Lelia would run to Sarah the maid, and ask her to trim it for her. One morning Lelia's mother said to her, "Lelia, Sarah is going to see her little lame brother this evening, what are you going to send to him?" Lelia's eyes rested on her lamp. For a minute she said nothing, then she looked up into her mother's face and said: "Mamma if I send Ben my lamp will that be taking up the cross?" It was the mother's turn to be silent now, after a while she said, "Yes dear taking up the cross for Jesus sake." Then she kissed her little daughter, and thanked Jesus that he had said, "Suffer the little children to come." When Sarah was about leaving that evening, she heard a little voice calling her. Looking up she saw little Lelia with her face covered with smiles running down to her as she said: "Sarah will you please take this to Ben." The parcel contained her little lamp. That evening as she sat leaning her head on mother's knee, she said: "Mamma I feel so much happier since I gave my lamp away."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden Text?
2. Who spoke these words?
3. How did Jesus become poor?
4. If Jesus makes us rich, what ought we to do?

MY LESSONS THIS QUARTER ARE ABOUT



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MY LESSON TO-DAY TEACHES ME

TO BE
SELF-SACRIFICING.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

OR God! Accept my acts of love this week for Jesus sake.

LESSON XI—September 12th, 1897.

Christian Living. ROM. 12: 9-21.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12: 21.



9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 *Be* of the same mind one toward

another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. *Be* not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21. *Be* not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

LET my sins be all forgiven,
Make me fear what'er is wrong,
Lead me on my way to heaven,
There to sing a nobler song.

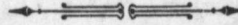
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MONDAY—Eph. 4: 32.
TUESDAY—Ps. 86: 5.
WEDNESDAY—Matt. 20: 21, 22.
THURSDAY—Matt. 6: 14.
FRIDAY—Mark 11: 25.
SATURDAY—Mark 11: 26.
SABBATH—Rom. 12: 21.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.



A GOOD old coloured woman was one day quietly walking along a street in New York, carrying a basket of nice rosy apples. A young sailor seeing her thought he would have some fun, so he stumbled against her and upset her basket of lovely apples, and scattered them all about the dirty street, and then stood by to see how angry she would get and laugh at her. But what was his astonishment when he saw that she quietly picked up the apples, wiped them, and put them in her basket again without showing that she was a bit angry. Then turning to him with a look of mingled sorrow, kindness and pity, she said: "God forgive you my son, as I do." That touched a tender chord in the heart of the rude jack-tar. He felt ashamed and sorry. The tears started in his eyes and he felt he must do something to make amends. So he heartily confessed his rudeness, and pulling out a handful of loose "change," he pressed it upon the wondering old black woman, saying, "God bless you, kind mother! I'll never do so again!"



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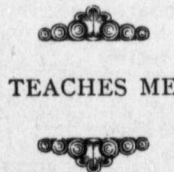
1. What is the Golden Text?
2. What does it mean to overcome evil with good?
3. How did Jesus say we should treat our enemies?
4. How did Jesus overcome evil with good?

MY LESSONS THIS
QUARTER ARE ABOUT



MY LESSON TO-DAY
TEACHES ME

TO BE
FORGIVING.



MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

ॐ God! Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

LESSON XII—September 19th, 1897.

Paul's Address to the Ephesian Elders. ACTS 20: 22-35.



GOLDEN TEXT: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20: 35.



22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Je-ru'sa-lem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.

26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all *men*.

27 For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.


32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

35 I have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Je'sus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

MY HYMN THIS WEEK.



 HERE are smiles to be given, kind
 deeds to be done,
 Gentle words to be dropped by the
 way,
 For the child who is seeking to follow
 the Lord,
 There is something to do every day.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK

MONDAY—Matt. 10: 8.
 TUESDAY—Matt. 5: 42.
 WEDNESDAY—Mark 10: 21.
 THURSDAY—Rom. 12: 10.
 FRIDAY—2 Cor. 9: 7.
 SATURDAY—Luke 6: 38.
 SABBATH—Acts 20: 35.

MY STORY THIS WEEK.




 ONE day as I was strolling along a country lane, with tiny cottages here and there, I saw a little girl coming out of one of these cottages. She was carrying a large dish of scraps and bones. Soon three or four dogs came running towards her from the road. They seemed in a great hurry to out-race one another, and the first that reached the child looked up to her with eager eyes, but he was kept waiting until the others rushed up, then smiling, the little girl threw each one a bone. When they had eaten the bones, she carefully divided her scraps amongst them, watching to see that there was no cheating. Soon every morsel was gone and away went the child, but I could see that the dogs were quietly waiting for something else they expected, and sure enough the little girl came back, carrying a pail of water, out of which they all drank, and then one by one with wagging tails, went quietly away down the lane. I then stepped quietly up to the little girl, and said: "My dear little girl I want to hear how you came to do this, and if these dogs come every day." Polly hesitated, and eyed me shyly before she said, "You see, sir, a little while ago I joined a Sunday-school, and teacher talked about our doing someone a kindness. Every one can do some kindness, she said, and be it ever so little, it will please God, if we do it for him,—so I try to please him by feeding these dogs every day." "That's good Polly! I am sure that God does feel pleased with your kindness to his creatures, and I wish all children would act as unselfishly in trying to please him."

MY QUESTIONS THIS WEEK.

1. What is the Golden Text?
2. What is the meaning of the word blessed?
3. What did the Saviour give for us?
4. What should we give him?

MY LESSONS THIS QUARTER ARE ABOUT



MY LESSON TO-DAY TEACHES ME

TEACHES ME

TO BE
KIND.

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God! Fill my heart with thy love, so that I will want
 to be kind to everybody.

LESSON XIII—September 26th, 1897.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5: 16.



MY HYMN THIS WEEK.

JESUS bids us shine with a pure clear light;
Like a little candle burning in the night,
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner, and I in mine.

MY VERSES THIS WEEK.

MONDAY—Ps. 119: 130.
TUESDAY—Acts. 17: 11.
WEDNESDAY—John 14: 3.
THURSDAY—I Cor. 13: 13.
FRIDAY—Luke. 12: 15.
SATURDAY—Rom. 12: 21.
SABBATH—Acts 20: 35.



MY STORY THIS WEEK.

(Please read again letter on page 57).

MY PRAYER THIS WEEK.

O God! Grant that Jesus the light of the world may live in my heart, so that my life shall be a shining light to all around.