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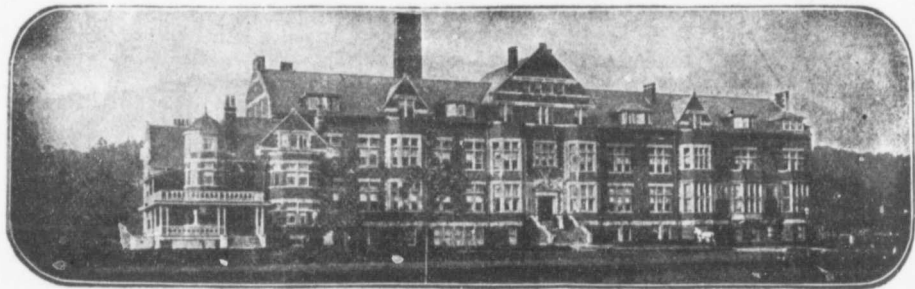
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Any Mother's Child

Do you know this lady ?
Radiant eyes of blue
Soft, but understanding,
Look you through and through.
When she seems to choose you,
Calls you to her side,
Honored by her favor,
You are filled with pride.

Men who have grown weary
In the day's hard fight
Soon forget their troubles
In her sweet delight.
Gloom, and hate, and anger
Vanish when she comes,
For she makes a dwelling
Happiest of homes.

Let no evil touch her,
Even unawares,
Shield her by your loving,
Guard her by your prayers.
Do you know this lady,
Sweet and undefiled ?
She is Little Winsome,
Any mother's child.

—Marianne Farningham

Some Bible Homes

By Mary Isobel Houston

TIMOTHY'S HOME

It is only from Paul's letters to his young friend and helper, that we learn anything about this home, which was in Derbe or Lystra. We know that it was a good home, for such a young man as Timothy could only come from a home where everything had been pure and good.

Timothy's father had been a Greek, but his mother, who was still living when Timothy was preaching with Paul, was a Jewess, and the boy had been brought up in the Jewish religion.

Timothy's parents were not rich people, but the home was a comfortable one. His grandmother, Lois, seems to have made her home with Timothy and his mother, and of her Paul made special mention in his letters.

Both the mother and grandmother were much interested in all that the young preacher had been doing when away from them, and did their share in the work in the church at home. With what pleasure Paul, so long cut off from his own people, must have visited the home of his young friend, and what it must have meant to the little family circle to hear these letters read out, to be kept in touch with the great preacher of whom every one was talking at the time.

The Quarter's Stories

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

Our Lesson stories for the year will be about the judges and kings and prophets who lived before Jesus came into the world.

The story in the first Lesson of this Quarter is a sad one. It tells how God's people, Israel, sinned against Him, and God was very angry at the sin of His people, and they were sorely punished. But when they were sorry for their sin, He was, oh, so ready to forgive them.

In the second Lesson the story tells us of a wonderful woman, through whom God spoke to His people Israel and who helped the leader of Israel's armies to gain a great victory over some fierce, strong enemies of theirs.

The next two stories are about Gideon, the one telling how God called this brave, strong man to become the leader of Israel, and the other of a great victory which Gideon gained over a vast host of his country's enemies, though his own followers numbered only three hundred men.

There is a story of one who became one of the strongest men named in the Bible. But our story is about this strong man Samson when he was a wee baby, and we are told how the mother of this baby was told not to use strong drink, and, of course, she would teach him not to use it either.

We shall come, too, on the beautiful story of Ruth, the young woman of Moab, who loved Naomi, her husband's mother, so dearly that, for her sake, she left her own land and her own people to go back with Naomi to the land of Israel.

There are three stories about Samuel, one from the time when he was a boy helping Eli, and the other two about his life after he had grown to be a man and had become a great leader of God's people.

Two of the stories tell about Saul, the first king of Israel,—the one about how he was made a king, and the other about his winning the love of his people by his bravery and success in a great battle.

The last story for the Quarter is about Jonathan, the brave son of Saul, and a famous deed by which he helped his father's army to gain a victory over the Philistines.

And all the stories of the Quarter are meant to teach us, that when we do right God will be pleased with us and we shall be truly happy, but when we do wrong, God is grieved and our happiness flies away.

Full of Buds

By Charles T. White

Readers of Charles Dickens' *The Cricket on the Hearth* can hardly fail to remember the honest old carrier, Mr. Peerybingle, and perhaps some recall the incident of the tiny flower pot, which the carrier drew out of his pocket, carefully wrapped in moss and paper.

"There it is," he said. "Not so much as a leaf damaged. Full of buds."

The tiny flower pot, with its budding plant,

makes one thoughtful. The bud is the promise of a blossom, and young lives have buds, as well as young plants. If everything came to perfection which fond fathers and mothers see unfolding in the hearts and minds of their children, what pure, brave, upright, useful men and women the world would have presently!

But a plant that is "full of buds" requires careful handling. The carrier knew that, and so did the person who wrapped it up so thoroughly with moss and paper. A rough touch may blast a bud, and so may a breath of cold wind, and a dozen other things. And the buds of promise in a young life are just as delicate, and it means so much loss to everybody, if they never unfold into bloom.

Watch the buds in the young life about you. Think of the lovely flowers they will be,—if their development is not hindered. The world is sadly in need of brilliant blossoms and fair fruit. Let the buds have a chance.

Salem, N.Y.

Teaching the Little Ones to Know and Love God

By Rae Furlands

Willie, aged eleven months, was seated on the grass playing contentedly with clothespins. The laundress came to remove the clothes from the line. She tossed the pins into a basket near Willie. He watched her for a moment then began to throw his pins into the basket also. Suddenly one of the snowy garments fell into a muddy spot. This rendered re-laundering necessary. In anger, the laundress tossed her remaining pins toward the basket and stalked into the house, storming at both mud spot and garment. With all his little might Willie flung his pins away, and immediately began to cry.

The laundress had not spoken to nor, apparently, noticed Willie from the time she came out until she went in. What then was wrong with him? Did he, too, regret the soiled garment?

Not at all,—he was simply affected by the changed atmosphere created by the anger of the laundress, and which enveloped him as surely as if a cloud had blotted out the sunshine. An impression was made on the

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baby mind and who can tell whereto it led?

Given enough of these impressions, a child would grow morose, sullen or violent in temper according to his disposition; but, it may be hoped, most little children have more of the other kind. If only they could have *all* of the good kind, how different life would be for most of us.

It is the duty and privilege of parents and others having charge of young children, to create as far as possible such surroundings (atmosphere expresses it better) as will cause right impressions and influence right feeling.

If the atmosphere is wrong, one might talk from morning to night about God's loving care for the child without making much impression. If, first, *that* is right, with a little child one might almost say it is easy to cause him to know and love God. He cannot help it, if his attention is drawn to the bright, pretty, satisfying and comforting things around him and they are spoken of as God's provision for the child's pleasure and welfare. For example, God made the sun to warm baby, the moon to shine on baby, the flowers for baby to smell, the milk for baby to drink, mother to cuddle him, and so forth.

It is perfectly natural for little children to love and trust until the love is violated and the trust betrayed; and were it not for the inconsistency of many of the older people who profess to know and love God, it might be said of more children as of old it was said of one, "The child Samuel grew before the Lord," and again, "Samuel grew and the Lord was with him."

A Sunday Game

By Mrs. Marian Cruikshank

A text is chosen, and is written out and given to each child. The object of the game is to make from the letters found in the text as many Bible names as possible. We played it once with Isaiah 58:13 and 14, and were surprised to find before we were through, some of the players had memorized the verses perfectly, and all could give the sense of the quotation, though not quoting with absolute correctness.

But we usually took a shorter text, changing to another when names seemed exhausted;

it was easier, for the same name might be found in each text and the children did not so soon tire of their task.

If one were supplied with quantities of the cut-out letters, it might be better to let the children find the letters for the text themselves and then form them into names.

St. John, N.B.

God is Love

"God is love," the snowflakes whisper,
As they linger in the air;
"God is love," the breezes murmur,
As they meet us ev'rywhere.

Little stars that shine in heaven,
As they twinkle far above,
Peeping, smiling at each other,
Whisper gently, "God is love."

"God is love," the little birdies,
In the treetops overhead,
Seem to say with their sweet voices—
Praising Him, by whom they're fed.

Little children, too, can praise Him,
As they carol, "God is love;"
Trusting very soon to see Him,
In the land of life above.

—Harry Lee

The Party for Marjory

"Another tumbler broke itself to-day," Clara announced cheerfully. "O Clara," Mrs. Fields cried, reproachfully, "that's the third in two weeks!" "Yes'm. And the handle came off the teapot this noon."

Mrs. Fields dropped into a chair. Tumblers broke easily, she knew, but the teapot! And she had been trying so hard to save three dollars to give Marjory a little party on her birthday! Marjory had never had a party of any sort in all her eight years.

"How many tumblers are there left? Five?" she asked. "No'm, they's only four," Clara responded, with unimpaired good humor.

Mrs. Fields made a little gesture of despair. They might have got through the month with five, but they could not do so with four, as Jack's mother and her own sisters might drop in at any meal.

"It—it doesn't seem *fair!*" she cried to herself. "Jack works so hard, and we get along on so little! It's dreadful to have your happiness depend on a few dollars. I don't see how I can do it—I couldn't give Marjory a party, and not have the table pretty."

She went up-stairs, and counted over the little hoard she had saved with so much self-denial. She heard a door slam down-stairs, and the sound of eager footsteps coming up.

"Mother! mother! Lottie Pritchard's come home with me, and can we have a party and a lump of sugar apiece in the water? And a piece of bread cut in little squares?"

"And two pieces of gingerbread," Mrs. Fields added.

Marjory danced happily about the room and then flung ecstatic arms about her mother's neck. "It will be lovely!" she cried. "I think parties are the *nicest* things!"

The eager steps flew down-stairs again, and presently Mrs. Fields heard voices under her window. She looked down at Marjory's little table set with two odd saucers, one cracked cup, and one cup without a handle. Marjory was stirring the sugar for Lottie's "tea," and her voice rose happily through the soft air:

"I'm giving you the cracked cup 'cause it ooks nicer, but you'll have to be careful. I can't have any more to play with till Clara breaks one the right way—usually she breaks them all to pieces, you know. She doesn't remember about me. But mother says it isn't dishes and things, it's loving that counts, and this cup is very full of loving."

Lottie took the cracked cup carefully. Her small face was full of delight. "That's why I like your house," she said. "It's so full of lovings."—The Youth's Companion

Play Time in Ceylon

Ceylon children are easily amused and have plenty of fun, but they are not so noisy and active in their play as you are, nor do they play games so much. Their own toys are few and simple and are made from hard fruit, split cane, and bamboo; they also make animals, especially birds, from clay and by

plaiting rushes and strips of palm-leaf. But nowadays the toys from this country are often to be seen. The girl has her doll, a "little image" made of rags and sewn into shape; but the doll from Europe, with wood, wax or pot face, is often seen, and those with blue eyes and flaxen hair are much prized because they look so different from their own brown and black eyes and black hair.

The boy has a number of home-made toys and they show that "boys will be boys." With bamboos of all thicknesses and seeds of all kinds ready to hand, you may be sure he knows how to make a pea-shooter and a pop-gun,—a "bamboo-gun," he calls it—and a sling,—a "stone-belt," as he says; whilst a water-squirt is quite easy to make and use and so also is a bow-and-arrow. And he can make a peg-top and a kind of humming-top out of a hard wood-apple.

The children play a good many games with shells and seeds and nuts and round stones and some of these games are very similar to our draughts and ludo and odd-and-even. There is a game, a very old one played ages ago, called "Olihda." It is played on a board with fourteen cup-like hollows in two rows. Four of the pretty red seeds of the Olinda creeper,—it is the wild liquorice—are placed in each cup and the two players sit opposite. The game consists in winning the seeds by skilful "sowing" into the cups. This game the women and girls will play for hours at holiday times.

A favorite game with small boys is played with flattened beans. Two holes are made in the ground about fifteen feet apart. The players take their places at each hole, sitting on their heels, and the game begins. The object of the game is to shoot the seeds into the opposite hole. The right thumb rests on the ground and the middle right finger is taken between the first finger and the thumb of the left hand and made into a spring. The one who shoots into the hole goes out as winner, and the rest go on playing; they shoot at each other's seeds and make the boy whose seed is hit hop on one leg between the holes seven times. A second hit leads to a fine of fourteen hops, a third to seven more, until the seeds being holed the hopping ceases.—Children of Ceylon

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

First Quarter, 1915

I. LET THE TEACHER RECITE :

"Do you know why the snow is hurrying through the garden so ?
Just to spread a nice soft bed for the sleepy flower's bed ;
To cuddle up the baby ferns, to smooth the lily's sheet,
And tuck the warm white blanket down around the roses' feet."

ALL TOGETHER :

"He giveth snow like wool."
"He casteth forth his ice like morsels."

II. SINGING. Hymn 484, Book of Praise, vs. 1, 3, 5.

III. PRAYER.

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child ;
Make me gentle as Thou art,
Come and live within my heart.
Take my childish hand in Thine,
Guide these little feet of mine.
So shall all my happy days
Sing their pleasant song of praise ;
And the world shall always see
Christ the holy child in me. Amen."

IV. OFFERING. Sing or recite hymn 426, Book of Praise, v. 1.

V. CRADLE ROLL EXERCISE. If there are any names to add to the Cradle Roll, have the class recite :

"Heavenly Father bless this baby (these babies),
Guide his (her or their) tender little feet.
May we older children help him (her or them)
To be gentle, kind and sweet."

VI. THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE DAY. (See each Lesson.) The very little ones will not be expected to learn this by heart, but it may be repeated several times over, and any needed explanation given.

VII. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn and repeat Scripture Memory Passage. For Those Under Six, the Lord's Prayer, Matt. 6 : 9-13. For Those Under Eleven, The King of Glory, Ps. 24. (A pretty Certificate in colors is awarded for the correct recitation of all the verses in the List of Passages for Those Under Six ; and a larger Certificate for the correct recitation of the complete List of Passages for Those Under Eleven.)

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 46, Book of Praise. (This is the Supplemental Hymn for the Quarter. The verses should be learned one by one. As the little ones sing them Sunday after Sunday, they will soon come to know them by heart.)

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. LESSON HYMN.

XI. RECITE :

"Into Thy loving care,
Into Thy keeping,
Thou who art everywhere
Take us while sleeping."

XII. DISTRIBUTE PAPERS AND DISMISS.

Judges 2 : 7-19—*Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.—Hosea 14 : 4.

7 And the people served the LORD all the days of Josh'ua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Josh'ua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD, that he did for Is'rael.

8 And Josh'ua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.

9 And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tim'nath-he'eres, in the mount of E'phraim, on the north side of the hill Ga'ash.

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers : and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Is'rael.

11 And the children of Is'rael did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Ba'alim :

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of E'gypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And they forsook the LORD, and served Ba'al and Ash'taroth.

14 And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies.

15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them : and they were greatly distressed.

16 Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges, which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.

17 And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them : they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD : but they did not so.

18 And when the LORD raised them up judges, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge : for it repented the LORD because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

19 And it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they returned, and corrupted themselves more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them ; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day long ago many people were hurrying toward Shechem. They went through rocky glens and over fields, up to the beautiful country around Shechem. The people were the Israelites. They had been called to Shechem by Joshua their leader.

Joshua stood under a great oak tree. He was an old man now. The host of people waited quietly for him to speak. He began : "God has been good to you. He brought your fathers safely from a far country. He has given you a happy home with olive yards and vineyards. For many years He has loved Israel."

Again he said : "To-day I bid you serve the true God. Will you worship the images of your neighbors, or your own God ?"

All the people answered : "We will serve the Lord. We will not forsake Him to bow

down and worship other gods."

Then Joshua said, "If you do bow down to other gods, He will punish you." With a mighty shout the people cried, "We will serve the Lord ; for He is our God." So Joshua wrote down their promise. Then he took a great stone and set it up under the oak tree. Again he said, "When I am gone, this stone will help you to remember to serve the true God." Then Joshua let the people go home.

Not long after, Joshua left his people and went to the heavenly home. He had lived 'o be a hundred and ten years old, and for many, many years he had been the brave and strong leader of God's people.

Soon, too, all the people who had been led by Joshua over the Jordan and had seen many wonderful things which God had done, died also.

*The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Leaflets are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. Their recitation leads to the obtaining of a beautiful Certificate or Diploma.

Then the Israelites began to bow down to the wooden images. Now amongst the Ten Commandments which God had given to His people, this one stood first: THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. How grieved God was! He had to punish His disobedient children. Soldiers from other countries came and fought the Israelites. God had to teach His children to obey Him and so He let their enemies win in battle.

Then the Israelites cried, "Save us, O Lord our God!" God forgave them, for God forgives whenever His people ask. This is what we are taught by the beautiful verse which is the Golden Text: "I WILL HEAL THEIR BACKSLIDING, I WILL LOVE THEM FREELY."

God also raised up leaders for His people who were called judges, and these helped the people to drive back their enemies. Besides, the judges told the people the things which God would have them do. But as soon as the judge was dead the people would turn again to their wickedness and forget God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what place did Joshua call the Israelites? 2. What did he tell them that God had done for them? 3. What did he bid them do? 4. What promise did they make? 5. What reminder of this promise was set up? 6. What happened to Joshua not long after? 7. What wicked thing did the Israelites begin to do? 8. How did God punish them? 9. What did God do when the people gave up their sin? 10. Whom did He raise up to help them against their

enemies? 11. What did the people do as soon as the judge died? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, I confess to Thee
 Sadly my sin;
 All I am, tell I Thee;
 All I have been!
 Purge Thou my sin away,
 Wash Thou my soul this day,
 Lord, make me clean! Amen.
 —Hymn 160, Book of Praise

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT WITH OTHERS

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—1. Who made you? God made me. 2. Who is God? God is my heavenly Father. 3. What kind of a father is God? God is a good and loving Father.

SHORTER CATECHISM—1. What is the chief end of man? A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

The Question on Missions

(First Quarter, OUR CHURCH'S BUDGET.)—1. What is meant by the Budget of our church? The Budget is the amount of money required for the missionary and other work of the whole church. Each part of this work is under the care of a Board or Committee made up of ministers and others appointed by the General Assembly.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The words to copy are from the First Commandment. Ask God to help you to obey this law.

THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS

Lesson II. DEBORAH AND BARAK DELIVER ISRAEL January 10, 1915

Judges 4 : 4-16. Study Judges 4 : 4-23 ; 5 : 1-22—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

Golden Text—The righteous cried, and the Lord heard, and delivered them out of all their troubles.—Psalm 34 : 17 (Rev. Ver.).

4 And Deb'orah, a prophetess, the wife of Lap'idoth, she judged Is'rael at that time.

5 And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deb'orah between Ra'mah and Beth'el in mount E'phraim ; and the children of Is'rael came up to her for judgment.

6 And she sent and called Bar'ak the son of Abin'oam out of Ke'desh-naph'tali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord God of Is'rael commanded, saying, Go and draw toward mount Ta'bor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naph'tali and of the children of Zebu'lun ?

7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Ki'shon Sis'era, the captain of Ja'bin's army, with his chariots and his multitude ; and I will deliver him into thine hand.

8 And Bar'ak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go : but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go.

9 And she said, I will surely go with thee : notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour ; for the Lord shall sell Sis'era into the hand of a woman. And Deb'orah arose, and went with Bar'ak to Ke'desh.

10 And Bar'ak called Zebu'lun and Naph'tali to Ke'desh ; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet : and Deb'orah went up with him.

11 Now He'ber the Ke'nite, which was of the children of Ho'bab the father in law of Mo'ses, had severed himself from the Ke'nites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaana'im, which is by Ke'desh.

12 And they shewed Sis'era that Bar'ak the son of Abin'oam was gone up to mount Ta'bor.

13 And Sis'era gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Haro'sheth of the Gen'tiles

unto the river of Ki'shon.

14 And Deb'orah said unto Bar'ak, Up ; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sis'era into thine hand : is not the Lord gone out before thee ? So Bar'ak went down from mount Ta'bor, and ten thousand men after him.

15 And the Lord discomfited Sis'era, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Bar'ak : so that Sis'era lighted down off his chariot, and fled away on his feet.

16 But Bar'ak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Haro'sheth of the Gen'tiles : and all the host of Sis'era fell upon the edge of the sword ; and there was not a man left.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Barak was a soldier. He was one of the captains of the Israelites. One day he hurried to the home of Deborah. Deborah was a good woman of Israel. God talked to her, and she told the people what God wanted them to do. She was a prophetess, that is, a woman who spoke for God to His people. We saw in our last Lesson how the leaders whom God raised up for His people were called judges. Now Deborah, although she was a woman, was a judge amongst the Israelites. Her home was under a famous palm tree, and thither the people used to come to her when they had any disputes to be settled or were in trouble of any kind.

Deborah had sent for Barak because the children of Israel were again in trouble. Again their enemies had come and fought them, and the enemies had won in battle.

Deborah said to Barak : "God has told you to gather ten thousand soldiers of Israel and lead them toward Mount Tabor. Then He will bring Sisera, the captain of our enemies, near thee. God will give you the victory over him."

Barak said : "If thou wilt go with me, then I will go : but if thou wilt not go with me, then I will not go." "I will surely go with thee," said Deborah.

Then Barak gathered the ten thousand soldiers and went up to Mount Tabor. Deborah went with them.

Sisera, the captain of Israel's enemies, heard that Barak had gone up to Mount Tabor. He hurried to gather his hosts of soldiers and his nine hundred chariots of iron.

Then Deborah spoke to Barak. She said : "Arise, Barak ! This is the day when the Lord will give Sisera and his soldiers into thy

hand. Behold, the Lord has gone out before thee."

Barak called together his soldiers. He led them to the plain. On came the soldiers of Sisera. Their spears flashed, their arrows flew. On came the horses, with the chariots of iron. But the Israelites had cried to God, and God was with them. They learned that day how true are the beautiful words of the Golden Text: "THE RIGHTEOUS CRIED AND THE LORD HEARD, AND DELIVERED THEM OUT OF ALL THEIR TROUBLES."

A storm came up. The clouds gathered; the rain poured down. The chariots of Sisera sank in the mud. On went the Israelites. The soldiers of Sisera were stopped, they turned, they ran. Sisera jumped from his chariot and fled. God's children had won the battle.

Sisera's army was gone and he fled alone to the mountains. He ran to hide in a tent. As he lay in the tent, a woman named Jael killed him.

After the battle was over there was great joy in the land of Israel. The enemy was beaten. The Israelites were free.

How thankful they were to the heavenly Father! He had shown Deborah and Barak what to do; He had led them through the battle; He had watched and saved them all. With loving hearts they cried, "Praise ye the Lord."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Barak?
2. Who was Deborah?
3. Where did she live?
4. Why did the people go to her?
5. Why did Deborah send for Barak?
6. What did she tell him?
7. What did Barak ask?
8. How many soldiers had Barak?
9. Where did he gather them?
10. Who was the leader of the Israelites' enemies?
11. What did Deborah tell Barak to do?
12. Who did she say had gone before him?
13. Which side won in the battle?
14. Whither did Sisera flee?
15. By whom was he killed?
16. How did the Israelites feel because of their victory?
17. To whom did they give thanks for it?
18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Simply trusting every day,
Trusting through a stormy way,

Even when my faith is small.
Trusting Jesus—that is all.

*Trusting as the moments fly,
Trusting as the days go by;
Trusting Him whate'er befall:
Trusting Jesus—that is all. Amen.*

—Hymn 293, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—4. Can you see God? No. I cannot see God, but He always sees me. **5.** Why can you not see God? Because God is a Spirit, and has not a body as we have.

SHORTER CATECHISM—2. What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him? A. The word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

The Question on Missions

2. What is the work of the Board of Home Missions and Social Service? To assist the weaker congregations, and to provide for the preaching of the gospel amongst English-speaking settlers in the newer and needier districts, and amongst the French-Canadians and the Indians and foreigners in Canada, including the Jews; to keep up schools and hospitals where these are needed; and to fight against the many evils found in our land.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

It was under a palm tree like the one shown in the drawing (*copy*) that Deborah lived



when the people came to learn from her what God would have them do. Remember that God has sent His Son Jesus to tell us what we should do and to help us to do it.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE BRAVE

Lesson III.

THE CALL OF GIDEON

January 17, 1915

Judges 6 : 11-16, 33-40. Study Judges 6 : 11-40—Memory Verses, 14-16.

Golden Text—Blessed is the man whom thou choosest.—Psalm 65 : 4.

11 And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which was in Oph'rah, that pertained unto Jo'ash the A'bi-er'ite : and his son Gid'eon threshed wheat by the winepress, to hide it from the Mid'ianites.

12 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

13 And Gid'eon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us ? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from E'gypt ? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Mid'ianites.

14 And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Is'rael from the hand of the Mid'ianites : have not I sent thee ?

15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Is'rael ? behold, my family is poor in Manas'seh, and I am the least in my father's house.

16 And the Lord said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Mid'ianites as one man.

33 Then all the Mid'ianites and the Amal'ekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jez'reel.

34 But the Spirit of the Lord came upon Gid'eon, and he blew a trumpet ; and A'bi-ezer was gathered after him.

35 And he sent messengers throughout all Manas'seh ; who also was gathered after him : and he sent messengers unto Ash'er, and unto Zebu'lun, and unto Naph'tali ; and they came up to meet them.

36 And Gid'eon said unto God, If thou wilt save Is'rael by mine hand, as thou hast said,

37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor ; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all

the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Is'rael by mine hand, as thou hast said.

38 And it was so : for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

39 And Gid'eon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once : let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece ; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

40 And God did so that night : for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Pound ! Pound ! Gideon was threshing wheat with a flail in a wine press, that is, a place hewn out of the rock, shaped something like a large box. He was trying to hide the grain from the Philistines, who were powerful and cruel enemies of the Israelites. The Israelites were poor now. They had not even enough to eat, for the Philistines had taken their wheat and sheep and oxen. They had been driven away from their homes to live in caves in the mountains.

Suddenly an angel came to Gideon. He said, "The Lord is with thee, thou brave man." Gideon replied : "Hath not the Lord forgotten us ? We are in the hands of our enemies." It seemed to Gideon that, if the Lord had really been with His people, their enemies would not have been permitted to have such power over them.

Then the angel said, "Go in thy might and thou shalt save Israel from the enemy." "Oh, my Lord," said Gideon, "how shall I

save Israel ? My family is poor and I am the least in my father's family." The angel answered, "I will be with thee, and thou shalt overcome thine enemies."

Gideon said : "I beg thee, if thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said, then show me a sign. Do not go, I pray, until I bring my present."

Gideon went in and brought out the flesh of a goat in a basket, broth in a pot, and unleavened cakes. He gave them to the angel of the Lord.

The angel said, "Lay the flesh and the unleavened cakes upon this rock and pour out the broth." Gideon did so. The angel of the Lord touched the flesh and the cakes with his staff ; and there rose up fire out of the rock and burnt them up. Then the angel was gone. Gideon was frightened, but the Lord said to him, "Fear not ; I will take care of thee."

That same night the Lord said to Gideon, "Take thy father's young bullock and throw down the altar of Baal and cut down the grove that is by it." Now Baal was one of the false gods whom the Israelites had been worshiping.

Gideon obeyed the Lord. In the dark night time, with ten of his servants and his father's bullock, he threw down the wicked altar of Baal and cut down the grove by it. Then he built a new altar and upon it he made an offering to God.

God gave Gideon this task to try his courage. For God had a great work for him to do. Now the enemies of the Israelites, a desert tribe called Midianites, were gathered together in great numbers and were ready to fight against God's people. Then Gideon sent messengers throughout all the land and gathered his people to fight against their enemies. And God gave Gideon another sign to make him sure that God was with him. One night Gideon put some wool shorn from a sheep on a level place out of doors, and God sent dew which made the wool soaking wet, while the ground all round it was quite dry. The next night Gideon put out the fleece again, and this time God kept it dry while the ground was wet with dew.

So the Lord called Gideon to be the leader of the Israelites. When God spoke Gideon obeyed, and God blessed and helped him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was Gideon doing when an angel came to him?
2. Why had the Israelites become so poor?
3. What did the angel call Gideon?
4. What was Gideon's answer?
5. What did the angel tell Gideon to do?
6. What did Gideon bring to the angel?
7. What happened to the food?
8. How did Gideon feel?
9. What promise did the Lord make to him?
10. Who was Baal?
11. What did Gideon do to the altar of Baal?
12. How did Gideon gather his people together?
13. What wonderful sign did God give to Gideon?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

We are but little children weak,
Nor born in any high estate ;

What can we do for Jesus' sake,
Who is so high and good and great ?

O day by day, each Christian child
Has much to do, without, within—
A death to die for Jesus' sake,
A weary war to wage with sin. Amen.
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—6. Where is God ? God is everywhere. 7. What does God know ? God knows all things. 8. What does God know about you ? God knows everything I think, say, or do.

SHORTER CATECHISM—3. What do the Scriptures principally teach ? A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

The Question on Missions

3. What work is done under the Board of Foreign Missions ? Missionaries,—men and women—are sent to preach and teach and heal the sick amongst the heathen in Trinidad and British Guiana, Korea, Formosa, Central India and China, and work is carried on amongst the Chinese in Canada.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You remember that Gideon was threshing sheaves of wheat when the angel came and



spoke to him. Color the drawing, and remember that God still sends His angels to care for us while we go about our daily work.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD'S
LEADERS

Lesson IV. GIDEON AND THE THREE HUNDRED January 24, 1915

Judges 7 : 1-8, 16-23. Study Judges, ch. 7—Memory Verse, 7.

Golden Text—Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.
—Zechariah 4 : 6.



1 Then Jerubba'al, who is Gid'eon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Har'od : so that the host of the Mid'ianites were on the north side of them, by the hill of Mo'reh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said unto Gid'eon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Mid'ianites into their hands, lest Is'rael vaunt themselves against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me.

3 Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand ; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the Lord said unto Gid'eon, The people are yet too many ; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there : and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee ; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go.

5 So he brought down the people unto the water : and the Lord said unto Gid'eon, Every one that lapped of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself ; likewise every one that bowed down upon his knees to drink.

6 And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, were three hundred men ; but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said unto Gid'eon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Mid'ianites into thine hand : and let all the other people go every man unto his place.

8 So the people took victuals in their hand, and their

trumpets : and he sent all the rest of Is'rael every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men : and the host of Mid'ian was beneath him in the valley.

16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers.

17 And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise : and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do.

18 When I blow with a trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, The sword of the Lord, and of Gid'eon.

19 So Gid'eon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch ; and they had but newly set the watch : and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that were in their hands.

20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal : and they cried, The sword of the Lord, and of Gid'eon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp : and all the host ran, and cried, and fled.

22 And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host : and the host fled to Beth-shit'tah in Zer'erath, and to the border of A'bel-meho'l'ah, unto Tab'bath.

23 And the men of Is'rael gathered themselves together out of Naph'tali, and out of Ash'er, and out of all Manas'seh, and pursued after the Mid'ianites.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Flashing swords and shields ! Big tents pitched close together ! That was the camp of the great army of the Midianites which had come to fight the Israelites.

On the other side of the stream thousands of Israelites under Gideon were getting ready for the battle. But the Lord told Gideon that he had too many soldiers, and that all except the bravest should be sent home. So twenty-two thousand soldiers of the Israelites were sent back to their homes, while ten thousand were left. This number was still too great, and God spoke to Gideon, "Bring thy people down to the water."

Gideon led the host of Israelites down to the spring. They were thirsty. Three hundred of them dipped up the water in their hands and drank ; all the rest bent down on their knees to drink.

The Lord said, "Take with thee the three hundred who dipped up the water in their hands. Let all the other people go." Gideon did as the Lord told him to do. The Lord wished to teach His people, that it was not by a great and powerful army that they were to gain the victory over their enemies, but that it was through His help that they were to conquer.

That night God said to Gideon: "Go to the enemy's camp and hear what they are saying. It will make thee brave for the battle." Again Gideon did as God told him to do. He took his servant and crept to the camp of the enemy. He stood still and listened. Two soldiers were talking. One said, "I dreamed that a cake of barley bread fell upon one of our tents, and that the tent was overthrown."

The other soldier replied: "That is a sign from the Lord. The barley cake means the sword of Gideon. God hath given us into the hand of the Israelites." When Gideon heard this he praised and thanked the Lord. Then he went back to the Israelites. God helped Gideon to think of a way to save Israel. He gave to each of his three hundred men a trumpet, an empty pitcher and a torch.

Then Gideon said: "Put your torches in your pitchers. Follow me and do as I do. When I blow on my trumpet then blow your trumpets and shout, 'The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon.'" Then, very softly, at midnight, Gideon and his men crept close to the lines of the other army.

Gideon blew his trumpet, his men blew their trumpets and broke their pitchers. They held the torches above their heads and shouted, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon."

The enemy awoke. It was dark. They heard the fearful noise! They saw the blazing torches! Then that great army turned and fled, and the Israelites pursued them for a long distance. Once more, with the heavenly Father's help, His children had won a battle when they obeyed His commandments.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What people came to fight against the Israelites? 2. How many soldiers had Gideon? 3. How many were sent home? 4. How many were left? 5. How were these chosen? 6. How was Gideon made sure of victory? 7. What plan did Gideon make? 8. What was the result of the battle? 9. Who had helped the Israelites? 10. Why had He done this? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;

Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.
—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—9. What can God do? God can do all that He wishes to do.

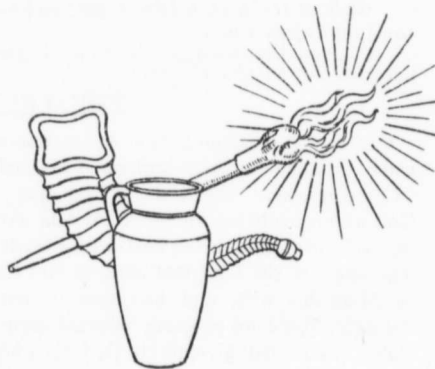
SHORTER CATECHISM—4. What is God?
A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

The Question on Missions

4. Where are our Colleges, and what are they for? We have Colleges at Halifax, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Vancouver. In these Colleges young men are trained to be ministers of the church throughout the home land or missionaries to the heathen in foreign countries.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Think, as you color the drawing, of the great victory which God helped Gideon and



his three hundred brave soldiers to gain over the Midianites, and ask God to give you the victory over your temptations.

I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD CAN HELP ME

Lesson V. THE BIRTH OF SAMSON—TEMPERANCE January 31, 1915
LESSON

Judges 13 : 8-16, 24, 25—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—Beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink.—Judges 13 : 4 (Rev. Ver.).



8 Then Mano'ah intreated the LORD, and said, O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born.

9 And God hearkened to the voice of Mano'ah ; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field ; but Mano'ah her husband *was* not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and shewed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day.

11 And Mano'ah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman ? And he said, *I am*.

12 And Mano'ah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him ?

13 And the angel of the LORD said unto Mano'ah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware.

14 She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing* :

all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 And Mano'ah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee.

16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Mano'ah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread : and if thou wilt offer a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Mano'ah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD.

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson : and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him.

25 And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zor'ah and Esh'taol.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day a long, long time ago a woman came running to her husband, Manoah. "Come quickly," she said. "The man of God who came to me the other day has come again." Manoah hurried back with his wife. The angel of the Lord had come before this to Manoah's wife, and had said to her : "Behold, the Lord is going to send thee a child. Thou shalt give him to God, for when he is a man he shall do great deeds for the Lord. He shall begin to save the Israelites from their enemies." How happy Manoah and his wife were ! They knelt down and thanked God.

Manoah said, "O Lord, let the man of God come again to us, and teach us how to take care of the child."

God heard Manoah's prayer, and so the angel of the Lord had come again. When Manoah and his wife reached the man of God, Manoah said : "Show us, I pray, how we shall care for the child. How shall we teach him that he may grow to be a good, strong man ?"

"THOU SHALT DRINK NO WINE," the angel of the Lord answered.

Manoah and his wife did as God told them to do. By and by the dear little baby boy came. He was a bright, happy baby, always smiling and crowing. They named him Samson. He grew to be a big boy. His mother taught him just as the angel of the Lord had told her to do. I suppose she said : "Samson, when you were a little baby your

father and I gave you to the Lord. When you grow up God has a great work for you to do. God will help you to do it, but you must always obey Him, and you must NEVER, NEVER TOUCH A DROP OF WINE OR STRONG DRINK."

I think Samson often wondered about the great work God was going to give him.

Years went by and Samson became a strong man, taller than any of his neighbors. He was like a giant. Once he killed a fierce lion with his bare hands. One day, all alone, he killed a great many of the wicked enemies of the Israelites. Sometimes Samson forgot some of God's rules, but he NEVER IN ALL HIS LIFE TOUCHED A DROP OF WINE. So God made him strong and brave to do many great deeds for His people.

It was a good rule that the angel gave to Samson's mother and that she gave to her son, not to touch strong drink. And it will be a good rule for us, also, to obey all the days of our lives. If we obey this rule, it will help us to be strong and happy and useful.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Samson's father? 2. What message did his wife bring to him? 3. How did Manoah and his wife feel? 4. What did they do? 5. What did they ask of the Lord? 6. Who was sent in answer to their prayer? 7. What did they ask of him? 8. What did he tell them? 9. How big and strong did Samson become? 10. How did he once kill a fierce lion? 11. What did he do to some wicked enemies of the Israelites? 12. Did

he ever drink wine? 13. What did he do for his people? 14. Who helped him to do these things? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.

For God preserves the souls of those
Who on His truth depend,
To them and their posterity
His blessing shall descend. Amen.
—Hymn 11, Book of Praise

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD NOT DRINK WINE

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—10. Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is the Son of God
11. Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 1-4.

The Question on Missions

5. Where are the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools, and what are they doing? The Schools are on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River, about 9 miles below Montreal. The pupils are chiefly sons and daughters of French Roman Catholic parents, who receive a good general education, special attention being devoted to Bible study.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the words from the Golden Text, and promise God that you will do what they say.

Drink no wine nor strong drink

Lesson VI.

RUTH CHOOSES THE TRUE GOD February 7, 1915

Ruth 1 : 6-18. Study Ruth, ch. 1—Memory Verses, 16, 17.

Golden Text—Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.—Ruth 1 : 16.

16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee : for whither thou goest, I will go ; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge : thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God :

17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried : the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.

18 When she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day many, many years ago three women were walking along the hot road leading from the land of Moab east of the Dead Sea, to Bethlehem, the very town in which Jesus long afterwards was born. The women had been crying. They were Naomi and Orpah and Ruth.

Ten years before, there had been great trouble about Bethlehem. The grain did not grow in the fields and so there was little to eat. Naomi and her husband and two sons went to live in the strange country of Moab, where they could get plenty of food. The people in that country did not pray to the true God. They prayed to wicked idols.

Then Naomi's husband died. The two sons married women of the strange country. Their names were Orpah and Ruth. By and by the sons died.

Poor Naomi ! She was very sad. She wanted to go back to her old home. She was poor, but now there was grain in Bethlehem for food. She wanted to see her own people

6 Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Mo'ab : for she had heard in the country of Mo'ab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving them bread.

7 Wherefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her ; and they went on the way to return unto the land of Ju'dah.

8 And Na'omi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each to her mother's house : the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me.

9 The LORD grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them : and they lifted up their voice, and wept.

10 And they said unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people.

11 And Na'omi said, Turn again, my daughters : why will ye go with me ? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands ?

12 Turn again, my daughters, go your way ; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have an husband also to night, and should also bear sons ;

13 Would ye tarry for them till they were grown ? would ye stay for them from having husbands ? nay, my daughters : for it grieveth me much for your sakes that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me.

14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again : and Or'pah kissed her mother in law ; but Ruth clave unto her.

15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods : return thou after thy sister in law.

who prayed to the true God. Orpah and Ruth were going part of the way with Naomi. On they went over the dusty road.

By and by Naomi said : "Go back, my daughters, to your own country and your own homes. Because ye have been good to my sons and to me, the Lord will be with you."

Then Naomi kissed them and they began to weep. They said, "We will go with thee unto thy people."

Naomi answered : "Go back, my daughters. I am old and poor. I can give you nothing." So Naomi urged her two daughters-in-law to go back to their own homes, telling them that there they would be happy and well provided for.

Orpah and Ruth wept again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and turned back. But Ruth stayed with Naomi.

Then Naomi said : "See ! Orpah has gone back to her own home and her own gods. Go thou with her."

Ruth put her arms around Naomi and said : "Do not ask me to leave thee. Where thou goest, I will go ; where thou livest, I will live : thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. I will never leave thee." Then Naomi knew that Ruth was determined not to leave her, and so Naomi stopped trying to persuade Ruth to return to her own home.

How glad Naomi must have been ! How Ruth's love must have gone to her sad heart ! How happy Ruth must have been ! She had shown her love to Naomi, and, best of all, she had given her heart to the one true God. Happy days were coming for Ruth. She had done right, and God was taking care of her.

So Ruth went with Naomi to Bethlehem and found a happy home there. In this way God rewarded her for being so faithful and loving. Is not this a beautiful story and do we not wish to be like Ruth ?

Questions on the Lesson

1. What three women are named in the Lesson ? 2. From what country were they going ? 3. Towards what city ? 4. How long before had Naomi come from this city ? 5. Why had she left it ? 6. To whom did the people in that country pray ? 7. What happened to Naomi's husband ? 8. Whom did her two sons marry ? 9. What happened to them ? 10. Why was Naomi going back to Bethlehem ? 11. Why were Orpah and Ruth with her ? 12. What did she tell them both to do ? 13. Which of them went back ? 14. Which of them went with Naomi ? 15. Did Naomi try to persuade Ruth to go back also ? 16. What did Ruth say in answer ? 17. How must Naomi have felt ? 18. Why must Ruth have been happy ? 19. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Hymn

The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears ;
The sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears ;
Each breeze that sweeps the ocean
Brings tidings from afar
Of nations in commotion,
Prepared for Zion's war. Amen.
—Hymn 445, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—12. Are the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit different Gods ? No. These three persons are one God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—5. Are there more Gods than one ? A. There is but One only, the living and true God. 6. How many persons are there in the Godhead ? A. There are three persons in the Godhead ; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost ; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

The Question on Missions

6. Tell about the work of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. This Board seeks to have a Sabbath School and Young People's Society established in every congregation and preaching station of our church in Canada, and to help all Schools and Societies to do better work. It also helps new and needy Schools to pay for Lesson Helps and Illustrated Papers, and pays part of the cost of issuing our French Sunday School paper, *Le Rayon de Soleil* ("Sunbeam").

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Give the names of the three women shown in the drawing (*color*). Think of how faithful



and loving Ruth was to Naomi and try to be like her. Then God will bless you and you will be truly happy.

**I Have Learned To-day That
I SHOULD WIN OTHERS TO GOD**

Lesson VII. SAMUEL CALLED TO BE A PROPHET February 14, 1915

1 Samuel 3 : 1-13, 19, 20. Study 1 Samuel 1 : 24-28 ; ch. 3—Memory Verses, 8, 9.

Golden Text—Speak, Lord ; for thy servant heareth.—1 Samuel 3 : 9.

1 And the child Sam'uel ministered unto the LORD before E'li. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days ; *there was no open vision.*

2 And it came to pass at that time, when E'li was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that he could not see ;*

3 And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Sam'uel was laid down to sleep ;

4 That the LORD called Sam'uel : and he answered, *Here am I.*

5 And he ran unto E'li, and said, *Here am I ; for thou calledst me.* And he said, *I called not ; lie down again.* And he went and lay down.

6 And the LORD called yet again, Sam'uel. And Sam'uel arose and went to E'li, and said, *Here am I ; for thou didst call me.* And he answered, *I called not, my son ; lie down again.*

7 Now Sam'uel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him.

8 And the LORD called Sam'uel again the third time. And he arose and went to E'li, and said, *Here am I ; for thou didst call me.* And E'li perceived that the LORD had called the child.

9 Therefore E'li said unto Sam'uel, *Go, lie down ; and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD ; for thy servant heareth.* So Sam'uel went and lay down in his place.

10 And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Sam'uel, Sam'uel. Then Sam'uel answered, *Speak ; for thy servant heareth.*

11 And the LORD said to Sam'uel, *Behold, I will do a thing in Is'rael, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle.*

12 In that day I will perform against E'li all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house : when I begin, I will also make an end.

13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth ; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not.

19 And Sam'uel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground.

20 And all Is'rael from Dan even to Beer-she'ba knew that Sam'uel was established to be a prophet of the LORD.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Miles and miles over a hard, stony road ! Hannah had come all that long distance from her home to bring her little son Samuel to the house of God. She was going to give her boy to the Lord, to do God's work all his life.

Two or three years before this Hannah had prayed very earnestly to the Lord, asking that she might have a son. The Lord had answered her prayer by sending Samuel to her ; and now the mother was going to give her little boy to the Lord who had sent him to her.

By and by Hannah reached the Lord's house. She took Samuel to Eli, the priest who had charge of the tabernacle, as the Lord's house was called in those days. Eli was going to be Samuel's teacher. He was going to show Samuel how to serve God. Eli, by this time, had become a very old man and could not see very well. There were a great many things which an active, willing little boy like Samuel could do to help him,

and we may be sure that Samuel was glad to do all he could.

Eli gave Samuel some work to do about God's house. He lighted the lamps, opened the doors and ran on errands.

One night when Samuel was fast asleep, some one called him. He sat up and listened. Then he ran to Eli's room. Samuel thought he was calling and that he needed some help. He said to Eli, "Here am I ; for I heard thee call." Eli answered, "I called not ; lie down again." Samuel went and lay down. Soon again the voice called, "Samuel."

Again Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "Here am I ; for thou calledst me." Eli answered, "I called not, my son ; lie down again."

The voice called for the third time. The third time Samuel went to Eli. Then Eli knew that it was the Lord's voice. He said to Samuel : "It is the voice of the Lord calling thee. Lie down : and if He call thee, thou shalt say, 'Speak, Lord ; for Thy servant heareth.'" So Samuel went and lay

down. And the Lord came and stood and called as before, "Samuel, Samuel." Samuel answered, "Speak ; for Thy servant heareth."

Then the Lord talked to Samuel. He gave him a hard, hard task. It was to tell Eli that God was going to punish Eli and his family, because Eli's sons had been very wicked. I think God wanted to test Samuel to see if he really was ready to obey. Samuel was afraid to do what God had commanded. I think he may have looked up at the bright stars and prayed to God for help.

When morning came God helped Samuel to be brave. He went to Eli, and did the hard task God had given him. He gave the sad, sad message which he had received from God.

Afterwards God talked many times to Samuel. He made him a wise man and a great leader in Israel. Samuel told the people the Lord's words and what He wished them to do. God made Samuel His prophet. A prophet, we remember, was one who spoke for God and told God's messages to the people.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Tell the story of Samuel's birth.
2. What was the name of Samuel's mother?
3. To whom did she bring him?
4. What did she want him to do?
5. What work was given to Samuel?
6. Who spoke to him in the night?
7. Who did Samuel think had spoken to him?
8. Who did Eli say had spoken to Samuel?
9. What did he tell Samuel to answer to the Lord?
10. Did Samuel do this?
11. What hard task did the Lord give to Samuel?
12. Why was God going to punish Eli and his family?
13. Who helped Samuel to be brave?
14. What did God afterwards make Samuel to be?
15. What did he tell the people?
16. What is a prophet?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

O give me Samuel's ear,
 The open ear, O Lord,
 Alive and quick to hear
 Each whisper of Thy word—
 Like him to answer at Thy call,
 And to obey Thee first of all. Amen.
 —Hymn 577, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—13. What book tells us about God? The Bible tells us about God. **14.** What more does the Bible teach us? The Bible teaches us how God wishes us to live.

SHORTER CATECHISM—7. What are the decrees of God? A. The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he hath foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

The Question on Missions

7. What is done for ministers who are no longer able to work? When ministers retire from work, having reached the age of 70 years, or through illness, they receive a certain sum yearly from the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, into which ministers are expected to pay a fixed amount every year.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

You all know the name of the boy shown in the drawing (*color*) and of the old man lying on the couch. Remember how kind



and helpful Samuel was to Eli and how obedient to God. Ask God to make you like Samuel, always quick to hear His word and ready to do what He bids you.

I Have Learned Today That

I SHOULD LISTEN TO GOD'S VOICE

Lesson VIII. THE DEATH OF ELI AND HIS SONS February 21, 1915

1 Samuel 4 : 1-13, 18. Study 1 Samuel 4 : 1-18—Memory Verses, 10, 11.

Golden Text—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. —James 1 : 22 (Rev. Ver.).

as they have been to you : quit yourselves like men, and fight.

10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent : and there was a very great slaughter ; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen.

11 And the ark of God was taken ; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head.

13 And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching : for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out.

18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died : for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Eli, the priest into whose care Samuel was given, had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who were not very obedient to their father. Eli was a good man. Besides being a priest, he was a leader and judge over the people. As the boys grew older, they became more and more unruly. Indeed, when they had grown to be young men, they were so wicked that they were very displeasing to God.

Their father Eli said : "Why do you do such things ? Nay, my sons, this is not a good story that I hear. You sin against the Lord. You surely will be punished." But Eli did not punish his sons. God was sorry that Eli let his sons go on in their wrong-doings, without punishment.

Many years passed by. Eli grew to be a very old man. Those old enemies of the Israelites, the Philistines, came against them

1 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ebenezer : and the Philistines pitched in Aphek.

2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel : and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines : and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men.

3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us to day before the Philistines ? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies.

4 So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the Lord of hosts, which dwelleth between the cherubims : and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God.

5 And when the ark of the covenant of the Lord came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again.

6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews ? And they understood that the ark of the Lord was come into the camp.

7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us ! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore.

8 Woe unto us ! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods ? these are the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness.

9 Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews,

once more. A great battle was fought. Swords flashed. Horsemen and soldiers hurried this way and that. The day was a sad day for Israel. Hundreds lay dead on the ground. God was not fighting with them, because they had sinned against Him and He was much displeased with them.

Some one said : "How is it that the Lord hath let the enemy win to-day ? Let us bring the ark of God to the camp." For they thought that, if they only had the ark amongst them, God would surely take their part and give them the victory. But God will not come when His people's hearts are not right.

The ark was carried to the camp. How the Israelites shouted when they saw it coming !

The enemy heard and cried: "What meaneth this great shout?" Then they exclaimed: "Woe unto us! God hath come into the camp! Who shall save us?" The Philistines believed that God had come to take the part of His people against themselves, and they were afraid to fight against God. However, they said among themselves: "Be strong! Be brave!"

And they did fight. They won. Many more Israelites were killed. The others ran back to their tents in fright. The ark of God was taken by the Philistines and they afterwards carried it off to their own land. Eli's two sons were killed.

Eli sat at home by the wayside, watching, waiting, wondering about the battle. He was thinking, too, about the ark of God and wondering what would become of it. He feared greatly lest it should be captured by the Philistines. At last a messenger came running. He called out the news to the people in the city.

Eli asked, "What meaneth the noise?" The man said: "Israel has fled! Many are killed! Thy two sons are dead! The ark of God is taken!" As the messenger finished his dreadful news, Eli fell backwards, and his neck was broken.

The disobedience of two sons had brought great sorrow that day. It had caused the defeat of the Israelites by their enemies, and the capture of the ark by the Philistines. And it had caused the terrible death of their good old father Eli. What a dreadful thing it is to sin against God like these two wicked young men! How careful we should be to shun all kinds of sin!

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the names of Eli's sons? 2. What kind of man was Eli? 3. What were his sons like? 4. Whom did they greatly displease? 5. What did Eli say to his sons? 6. What did he fail to do? 7. Who was sorry about this? 8. What enemies came upon Israel? 9. Who gained the victory in battle? 10. What did the Israelites bring into the camp? 11. Why? 12. How did the Philistines feel? 13. What did they say among themselves? 14. Who gained the victory at last? 15. To whom was the

news brought? 16. What happened to Eli? 17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn.

Be Thou with us every day,
In our work and in our play,
When we learn and when we pray:
Hear us, holy Jesus.

May our thoughts be undefiled,
May our words be true and mild,
Make us each a holy child:

Hear us, holy Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 580, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—15. Who wrote the Bible? Good men, who were taught by the Holy Spirit. 16. What besides the Bible teaches us about God? All God's works teach us about Him.

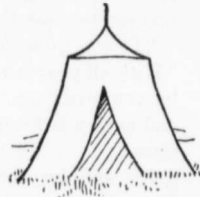
SHORTER CATECHISM—8. How doth God execute his decrees? A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

The Question on Missions

8. What help is given to ministers' widows and their children? The widow of every minister who, during his life, has paid each year a certain amount into one of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Funds, receives from that fund a yearly payment, with an additional sum for each child under 18 years of age.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows us a tent such as the Israelites used when they gathered



together for war. The Lesson tells us how God's people were defeated because there was sin amongst them. Learn that nothing does so much harm in the world as sin.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD PUNISHES WRONG-DOERS

Lesson IX. SAMUEL, THE VICTORIOUS LEADER February 28, 1915

1 Samuel 7 : 3-17—Memory Verses, 11, 12.

Golden Text—Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.—1 Samuel 7 : 12.

came under Beth'-car.

12 Then Sam'uel took a stone, and set it between Miz'peh and Shen, and called the name of it E'ben-e'zer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.

13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Is'rael : and the hand of the Lord was against the Philistines all the days of Sam'uel.

14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Is'rael were restored to Is'rael, from Ek'ron even unto Gath ; and the coasts thereof did Is'rael deliver out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Is'rael and the Am'orites.

15 And Sam'uel judged Is'rael all the days of his life.

16 And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth'-el, and Gil'gal, and Miz'peh, and judged Is'rael in all those places.

17 And his return was to Ra'mah ; for there was his house ; and there he judged Is'rael ; and there he built an altar unto the Lord.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Hundreds of Israelites were gathered at the top of a high hill. For many years they had been very wicked. Their leader, Samuel, was sad because they had been so sinful.

"Leave your wicked idols," he cried. "With all your hearts, tell God you are sorry for your evil ways. Then He will forgive you and save you from your enemies, the Philistines."

By and by the people obeyed Samuel. They cast away the wooden idols, that they might worship and serve their own true God.

So, now, they were gathered about Samuel on the top of the high hill. They had eaten nothing. They went without food to show God they were truly sorry for their wickedness. They drew water and poured it out

3 And Sam'uel spake unto all the house of Is'rael, saying, If ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ash'taroah from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only : and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines.

4 Then the children of Is'rael did put away Ba'alim and Ash'taroah, and served the Lord only.

5 And Sam'uel said, Gather all Is'rael to Miz'peh, and I will pray for you unto the Lord.

6 And they gathered together to Miz'peh, and drew water, and poured it out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And Sam'uel judged the children of Is'rael in Miz'peh.

7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Is'rael were gathered together to Miz'peh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Is'rael. And when the children of Is'rael heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Is'rael said to Sam'uel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

9 And Sam'uel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the Lord : and Sam'uel cried unto the Lord for Is'rael ; and the Lord heard him.

10 And as Sam'uel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Is'rael : but the Lord thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them ; and they were smitten before Is'rael.

11 And the men of Is'rael went out of Miz'peh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they

upon the ground. This, too, was a sign to show that they would worship the heavenly Father. "We have sinned against the Lord," they cried aloud. Then Samuel prayed to God for Israel.

Suddenly they looked down and saw a great army coming toward them. It was the Philistines. They were coming to drive the Israelites back to their homes. These people were coming to fight !

How frightened the Israelites were ! What could they do ? They turned to Samuel and begged : "Pray for us ! Pray to God to save us from the Philistines !"

Then Samuel made an offering to the Lord of a lamb for the people of Israel. This meant that they were resolved to give up their false gods and all the evil things which they

had been doing, so that they might worship the Lord only, and do what would please Him. He cried to God to help Israel; and God heard him.

At the very time when Samuel was making this offering, the Philistines came up to fight. Then God gave the Israelites courage. Samuel, the man of God, was with them. They had asked God's forgiveness and help. Why should they be afraid?

They made a dash at the lines of the enemy. The Philistines were surprised and frightened. Then God sent help to the Israelites. The sky grew dark. The thunder rolled and crashed. The Philistines turned and fled before the rush of the storm and of the Israelites. Down the hills and through the valleys! The Israelites never stopped until they had driven the enemy far, far away.

After the battle Samuel, their brave, good leader, set up a stone to mark the spot. He called it **THE STONE OF HELP**, because God had helped the Israelites to win the battle against their enemies.

And many of the cities which the Philistines had taken from the Israelites were given back and for a long time the Philistines did not come to fight against the Israelites. Samuel continued to be a judge or leader amongst his people as long as he lived. He used to go from place to place to settle disputes amongst the Israelites and to give them wise counsel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where were the Israelites gathered together?
2. How had they been acting for many years?
3. Who had been made sad by this?
4. What did Samuel tell the Israelites to do?
5. What did he promise them?
6. What did the Israelites do with their idols?
7. What did they do to show that they would worship the heavenly Father?
8. What did Samuel do for them?
9. Who came up to fight against them?
10. Who gave the victory to the Israelites?
11. By what was the place of the victory marked?
12. What name was given to this stone?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Whither, pilgrims, are you going,
Going, teach with staff in hand?

We are going on a journey,

Going at our King's command;
Over hills and plains and valleys,
We are going to His palace,

Going to the better land. Amen.

—Hymn 583, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—17. What are God's works? The world and everything in it, the sun, the moon, and the stars.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 5-8.

The Question on Missions

9. Where and how do the aid receiving Boards and Committees get the money for their work? The money is got mainly from congregations, including Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies. Contributions are taken in various ways, the best way being to have an offering each Sabbath by means of duplex envelopes, that is, envelopes with two pockets, one for the congregation's needs and the other for the work of the Boards or Committees.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In the drawing (*color*) we see a judge. It is the work of a judge, such as Samuel was, to



see that the laws are obeyed and that those who disobey the laws are punished. Learn that you should always obey the laws of the land.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD WILL HELP ME TO FIGHT
AGAINST SIN

Lesson X.

SAUL ANOINTED KING

March 7, 1915

1 Samuel 9 : 17 to 10 : 1. Study 1 Samuel, chs. 8-10—Memory Verse, 1.

Golden Text—Fear God. Honour the king.—1 Peter 2 : 17.



the spring of the day, that Sam'uel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Sam'uel, abroad.

27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Sam'uel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

Ch. 10 : 1 Then Sam'uel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it not because the Lord hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?*

THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul was a strong young man, taller than any of his neighbors. One day his father lost some of his donkeys. He sent Saul to search for them. For three days Saul and his servant hunted over the hills, but they could not find them.

Saul said that his father would be anxious and that it was best for them to go home. But the servant pointed to a city built on a hill just in front of them and said : "In this city there is a man of God who knows all things. Perhaps he can help us." The servant meant Samuel.

Then Saul and his servant started out to find Samuel. When they reached the city gate, they saw Samuel coming toward them.

God had spoken to Samuel the day before. He had said : "To-morrow I will send thee a man, and thou shalt anoint him to be king over Israel. He shall save the Israelites from their enemies. For I have seen the troubles of My people. I have heard their cry and I will help them."

17 And when Sam'uel saw Saul, the Lord said unto him, Behold the man whom I spake to thee of ! this same shall reign over my people.

18 Then Saul drew near to Sam'uel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.

19 And Sam'uel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer : go up before me unto the high place ; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine heart.

20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them ; for they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Is'rael? *Is it not on thee, and on all thy father's house?*

21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Ben-jamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Is'rael? and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Ben'jamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

22 And Sam'uel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

23 And Sam'uel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Sam'uel said, Behold that which is left ! set it before thee, and eat : for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Sam'uel that day.

25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Sam'uel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

26 And they arose early : and it came to pass about

Just as Saul came to the gateway, the Lord spoke again to Samuel, saying : "This is the man ! He shall be king over My people."

Saul came to Samuel and said, "I pray thee, where is the house of the man of God?"

Samuel answered, "I am he." Then Samuel told Saul that he should take no more trouble about his father's donkeys, for which he had been looking. For Samuel knew where they were and would tell Saul about the place. Besides, Samuel had far more important things to talk to Saul about. He had to tell him that God was about to make him king over His people the Israelites. And Samuel took Saul to a great feast and gave him the best seat at the table and the choicest piece of meat. When night time came, he had a bed spread for Saul on the top of the house, which had a flat roof on which people often used to sleep.

At sunrise Samuel called Saul and they went out together. When they reached the edge of the city, Samuel took out a bottle of

oil and in God's name poured the oil upon Saul's head. This was the way in which, at that time, kings were set apart to rule over the people. The oil poured on their heads was a sign of the Holy Spirit which God gave to kings that they might be wise and strong. He kissed Saul and said: "The Lord hath anointed thee. He hath chosen thee to be king." Then Saul went home.

Not long after this Samuel called the Israelites together. They came from near and far. When all was ready they brought Saul and he stood, straight, and tall, before Samuel and the people of Israel.

Samuel said: "Behold the man the Lord hath chosen to be your king! There was no man like him in all the land of Israel." And the people shouted, "God save the king." So Saul, as God had said through Samuel, became the first king of Israel, and all the people were glad because they now had a king to rule over them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Saul look like? 2. What did his father one day lose? 3. Who went with Saul in search of these? 4. Did they find them easily? 5. What did Samuel propose to do? 6. Of whom did the servant tell him? 7. Where did they first see Samuel? 8. What had God told Samuel about Saul? 9. How did Samuel entertain Saul? 10. Where did he make a bed for him? 11. What did Samuel and Saul do at sunrise? 12. What did Samuel pour on Saul's head? 13. Why did he do this? 14. Whither did Saul then go? 15. Who called the Israelites together? 16. What did he tell them about Saul? 17. What did the people shout? 18. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, high in glory,
Lend a listening ear;
When we bow before Thee,
Children's praises hear.

Though Thou art so holy,
Heaven's Almighty King,
Thou wilt stoop to listen
When Thy praise we sing. Amen.
—Hymn 528, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—18. What do God's works tell us about Him? God's works tell us of His wisdom, His power, and His love.

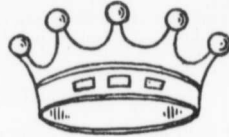
SHORTER CATECHISM—9. What is the work of creation? A. The work of creation is, God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good. 10. How did God create man? A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

The Question on Missions

10. How much money was raised for the Budget in 1913? How much was asked for 1914? How much is asked for 1915? The sum raised in 1913 was \$792,795 in the Western Section, and \$121,803 in the Eastern Section. For 1914 the amount asked was \$1,400,000 (Western), and \$138,500 (Eastern). \$1,500,000 (Western), and about \$140,000 (Eastern) is asked for 1915.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a crown like that which Samuel may have placed on Saul's head when



Saul was made king. Remember that Jesus who once lived on earth and died for us, is now in heaven and that we should love and obey Him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HONOR THE KING

1 Samuel, ch. 11—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16: 32.



Ja'bes; and they were glad.

10 Therefore the men of Ja'bes said, To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you.

11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Am'monites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

12 And the people said unto Sam'uel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day the Lord hath wrought salvation in Is'rael.

14 Then said Sam'uel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gil'gal, and renew the kingdom there.

15 And all the people went to Gil'gal; and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gil'gal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the Lord; and there Saul and all the men of Is'rael rejoiced greatly.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day Saul had been plowing with a yoke of oxen in the field, and when he came home from his work, he found the people of the place in great trouble. The strong, grown-up men of Israel were weeping. Saul came passing by. "What aileth the people? Why are they weeping?" he asked.

Then they told Saul that messengers had come from a city named Jabesh, on the opposite side of the Jordan from the place where Saul lived, asking for help. The people in that city had been shut up within the city walls by some fierce enemies. These enemies were a fierce desert tribe called the Ammonites, and their leader was Nahash. At the end of a week these cruel enemies were going to thrust out the right eye of every man. The

1 Then Na'hash the Am'monite came up, and encamped against Ja'bes-gil'ead; and all the men of Ja'bes said unto Na'hash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee.

2 And Na'hash the Am'monite answered them, On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Is'rael.

3 And the elders of Ja'bes said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts of Is'rael: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee.

4 Then came the messengers to Gib'eah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

5 And, behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Ja'bes.

6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Sam'uel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear of the Lord fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

8 And when he numbered them in Be'zek, the children of Is'rael were three hundred thousand, and the men of Ju'dah thirty thousand.

9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Ja'bes-gil'ead, To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And the messengers came and shewed it to the men of

people of Saul's city were weeping for their friends.

Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul, and Saul became very angry at these cruel enemies of his people. He took the two oxen with which he had been plowing and cut them into pieces and gave the pieces to his messengers. The messengers ran through the land crying, "Whoever does not come out and follow Saul and Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen." And Saul sent back the messengers who had come from Jabesh, to tell the people in the city, that the next day before noon Saul would come to help them.

The people obeyed Saul. Thousands gathered together. The next morning Saul led his

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army forward to meet the enemy. They fought until the middle of the day. At last the wicked enemies were defeated. Saul had saved his people!

How proud of him the Israelites were! At first, when God chose Saul to be king, not all the people were pleased. Now some one said to Samuel: "Where are those men who did not think Saul was brave and wise enough to be our king? Bring them out and we will put them to death."

We have seen how Saul fought a battle with the cruel enemies of his people. Now he had to fight another battle with his own heart. Saul must have been unhappy because some of his people had not believed in him. Should he have them punished? Some of the people, as we have seen, were eager to have them killed. Should he allow it?

With God's help Saul won that battle. He said to the people, "There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the Lord hath saved Israel." In this gaining a victory in his own heart, Saul showed himself to be a stronger, braver man than even when he had won the battle at Jabesh.

Then Samuel called the people together and before God they once more crowned Saul king of Israel, and there was great joy in the land, because God had given to His people such a strong, brave king who could help them against the enemies round about them.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What work had Saul one day been doing?
2. What did he find when he came home from work?
3. What question did he ask?
4. From what city had messengers come?
5. What had happened to the people of this city?
6. What did their enemies threaten to do?
7. How did Saul feel?
8. How did he gather the Israelites together?
9. How long did they fight against their enemies?
10. Which side gained the victory?
11. How did the people feel about Saul?
12. What did some of them propose should be done?
13. Why did Saul refuse?
14. What did the people once more do to Saul?
15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Awake, and sing the song
Of Moses and the Lamb;

Wake every heart and every tongue,
To praise the Saviour's name.

Sing on your heavenly way,
Ye ransomed sinners, sing;
Sing on, rejoicing every day
In Christ the eternal King. Amen.
—Hymn 89, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—19. Who takes care of the world? God watches over all His works, and provides for the wants of every living thing.

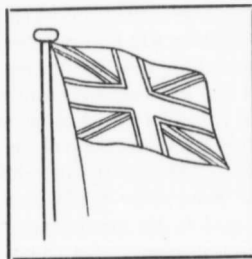
SHORTER CATECHISM—11. What are God's works of providence? A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Question on Missions

11. How much of the Budget are the Sabbath Schools and young people expected to raise for 1915? \$250,000, or a sixth part of the whole budget of \$1,500,000. Each congregation is asked for a certain amount, and for one dollar out of every six in this amount the Sabbath Schools and young people will be looked to.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

The drawing (*color*) shows us the Union Jack, which is the flag of our country. Many



of our brave soldiers and sailors are now fighting for us under this flag, and it should remind us, every time we see it, that we, too, should be brave and true.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD HELP OTHERS

Lesson XII. JONATHAN AND HIS ARMORBEARER March 21, 1915

1 Samuel 14 : 1-13. Study 1 Samuel 14 : 1-46—Memory Verse, 7.

Golden Text—Let us put on the armour of light.—Romans 13 : 12.

go up unto them.

10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us : then we will go up : for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand : and this shall be a sign unto us.

11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines : and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me : for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him : and they fell before Jonathan ; and his armourbearer slew after him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Lesson tells us of two soldiers who were talking together. One was Jonathan, King Saul's eldest son, who was a brave and skilful warrior. The other was his armorbearer, the man who carried his bow and arrows.

King Saul had gathered his army together at the top of a high rock. Not far away on another high cliff was the camp of the enemy, the Philistines. Between the two cliffs was a deep valley. Soon there would be a battle.

Jonathan said to his armorbearer : "Let us go over to the enemy. Let us try to save Israel. The Lord will help us. If God wills, He can overcome an army with only you and me." Jonathan knew that God's power was so great, that He did not require a large army in order to defeat His people's foes. The armorbearer answered, "Lead on, I will follow." He was ready to follow Jonathan, his brave leader, wherever he might go.

1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gib'eah under a pomegranate tree which is in Mig'ron : and the people that were with him were about six hundred men :

3 And Ahi'ah, the son of Ahi'tub, I'chabod's brother, the son of Phin'eas, the son of E'li, the Lord's priest in Shi'loh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side : and the name of the one was Bo'zez, and the name of the other Sen'e'h.

5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Mich'mash, and the other southward over against Gib'eah.

6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised : it may be that the Lord will work for us : for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few.

7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart : turn thee ; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover ourselves unto them.

9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you ; then we will stand still in our place, and will not

Then Jonathan said : "Let us first go over and show ourselves. If the Philistines call, 'Wait, until we come to thee,' then we will stop. But if they say, 'Come up,' that will be a sign that the Lord is with us, and we will go on up." Jonathan felt sure that the Lord would give him the victory over the Philistines.

Jonathan and his armorbearer crept down into the valley and through the thorny bushes towards the other hill. At last they showed themselves to the enemy.

The Philistines began to cry, "See, the Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have been hiding." Then they called, "Come up, we want to show you something."

Jonathan had the sign ; God was with him and he was not afraid. On his hands and knees, he began to climb up the steep side of the rock, the armorbearer following closely.

Up, up they went, holding fast to the sharp stones. Nearer and nearer they drew to the camp of the enemy.

The Philistines were watching. They saw that the two men really were coming all alone, to attack an army. They looked on, in wonder, as they saw the two brave Israelites coming fearlessly against the foes of their country.

When Jonathan reached the top of the rock, he began to fight. Man after man went down before him. With his brave armorbearer helping him, he killed twenty of the wicked enemies of Israel.

Then, suddenly, the earth began to shake. The camp of the Philistines trembled under their feet and the soldiers were filled with fear. They drew their swords and began to fight one another. Then they fled.

From the other rock Saul heard the shouting and saw the battle. With his men he hurried over to help Jonathan. Then all together they drove out the wicked Philistines.

By trusting the heavenly Father, Jonathan that day won a great battle for Israel.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of Saul's eldest son?
2. What was the duty of his armorbearer?
3. Where had Saul gathered his army together?
4. Where was the camp of the Philistines?
5. What lay between the two cliffs?
6. What did Jonathan say to his armorbearer?
7. What did the armorbearer reply?
8. Whither did the two then go?
9. To whom did they show themselves?
10. What did the Philistines say?
11. Of what did Jonathan take this as a sign?
12. What did he and his armorbearer then do?
13. What happened when they reached the top of the rock?
14. How many of the Israelites' enemies were killed?
15. What happened to frighten the Philistines greatly?
16. What did Saul do when he heard of all this?
17. What happened to the Philistines?
18. Who helped Jonathan to win the battle for the Israelites?
19. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Should the world and sin oppose,
We will follow Jesus;

He is greater than our foes;

We will follow Jesus:

On His promise we depend,

He will succor and defend,

Help and keep us to the end;

We will follow Jesus. Amen.

—Hymn 534, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—20. What does God do for you? God cares for me, and gives me all the good things of life.

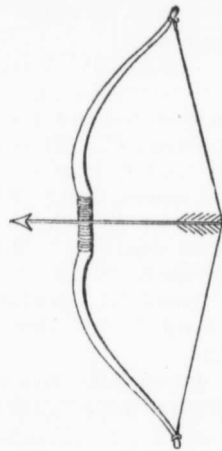
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 9-11.

The Question on Missions

12. What method of raising this money is recommended by the General Assembly? The scholars of the Sabbath Schools and the young people are encouraged to give regularly, using the duplex envelopes, pink for the Sabbath Schools and blue for the young people, specially prepared by the PRESBYTERIAN PUBLICATIONS, Toronto.

AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Copy the drawing of a bow and arrow. Weapons like these were used by Jonathan



and his armorbearer in their brave fight against the Philistines. We have a fight to make against temptations, and God will give us the victory if we ask Him.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

**REVIEW—GOD'S MERCIES TO
DISOBEDIENT ISRAEL**

March 28, 1915

Golden Text—Righteousness exalteth a nation : but sin is a reproach to any people.—
Proverbs 14 : 34.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for the Quarter. **BIBLE WORK. SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES.**
PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 1-20. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Questions 1-11. **SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN**—46, Book of Praise. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS FOR THE QUARTER.**

Read Nehemiah 9 : 26-31.

God Showing Kindness to His People

In each of the Lessons for the Quarter we have seen God showing kindness to His people Israel. Let us see if we can tell of the ways in which He did this.

Lesson I. Whom did the people promise Joshua that they would worship ? How did they break this promise ? In what way did God punish them ? What did He do when they were sorry for their sins ?

Lesson II. Who was Barak ? Who was Deborah ? What did Deborah tell Barak to do ? What did Barak ask of Deborah ? Tell about the battle between the Israelites and their enemies. Who gave the victory to the Israelites ?

Lesson III. What was Gideon doing when an angel came to him ? What did the angel tell Gideon ? What signs were given to Gideon to make him sure that God would help him ?

Lesson IV. Against what army had Gideon and the Israelites to fight ? How many men did Gideon choose for the battle ? How was he made sure of victory ? Tell about his plan for driving away the enemies.

Lesson V. What was the name of Samson's father ? What was his mother called ? What did these parents ask of God ? What answer did God give ?

Lesson VI. What three women are named in the Lesson ? Whither was Naomi going ? Why ? Which of the others decided to go with her ?

Lesson VII. Who was Samuel's mother ? To whom did she bring him ? Who spoke to Samuel in the night ? How did Samuel at last know that it was God ? What did Samuel then answer ?

Lesson VIII. What enemies had come to fight against the Israelites ? Why did God let these enemies win in battle ? What message was brought to Eli ? What happened to him when he heard this ?

Lesson IX. Where were the Israelites gathered together ? What had grieved Samuel very much ? What did he tell the people to do ? Did they obey him ? What enemies came against them ? Which side won in the battle ?

Lesson X. Why did Saul and his servant come to Samuel ? What did the Lord tell Samuel about Saul ? How did Samuel show Saul that he was to be king ? What did Saul look like ?

Lesson XI. In what city had the people been cruelly treated ? How did Saul feel when he heard of this ? How did he gather the Israelites for battle ? What was the result of the fight ?

Lesson XII. Who was Saul's eldest son ? Where was Saul's army ? Where was the Philistines' camp ? Tell about Jonathan's plan. What was the result of it ?

Lesson Hymn

Arise, O Lord of Hosts !
Be jealous for Thy name,
And drive from out our coasts
The sins that put to shame.

Thy best gifts from on high
In rich abundance pour,
That we may magnify
And praise Thee more and more. Amen.
—Hymn 505, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY

That I should be grateful to God

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing you have learned from each Lesson.

LESSON I. God's Patience with Israel.	LESSON VII. Samuel Called to be a Prophet.
LESSON II. Deborah and Barak Deliver Israel.	LESSON VIII. The Death of Eli and His Sons.
LESSON III. The Call of Gideon.	LESSON IX. Samuel, the Victorious Leader.
LESSON IV. Gideon and the Three Hundred.	LESSON X. Saul Anointed King.
LESSON V. The Birth of Samson (Temperance Lesson).	LESSON XI. Saul Gains His Kingdom.
LESSON VI. Ruth Chooses the True God.	LESSON XII. Jonathan and His Armor-bearer.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND CHURCH RECORD

[Many of the little ones will be pleased to mark down their attendance at church and Sabbath School, with the number of verses learned, etc., and so here is a place to do it in. The record will be very interesting by the end of the Quarter. Mothers will help the tinier tots who cannot read or manage a pencil very well.]

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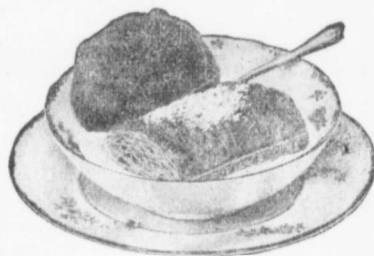
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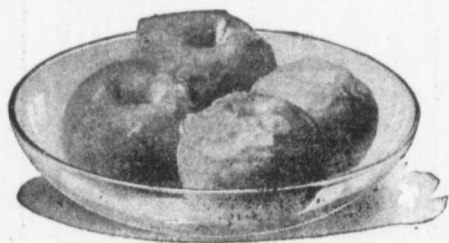
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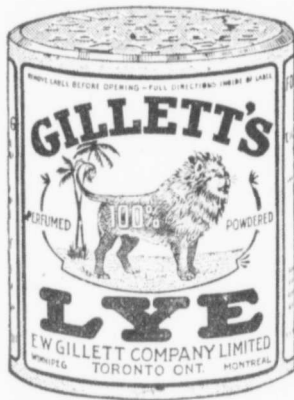


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