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This is the last number of the PRIMARY QUARTERLY which some of the little ones will use. They have grown older and are making headway with their studies, and are therefore outgrowing this Quarterly. They will be just in time for *the new Quarterly*, which begins its career on the 1st of January, 1907. Formerly, the scholars took a long step, namely, from the PRIMARY QUARTERLY to the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY. The step was a little too long, we thought; and so we are issuing an INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY, to come between. The INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY means a little harder work than the PRIMARY. But that is just what eager boys and girls like. We expect to hear that they are delighted with it. Sample copies of the INTERMEDIATE QUARTERLY and the corresponding INTERMEDIATE LEAFLET will be sent to any address. Send a Post Card to R. Douglas Fraser, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

Sunday Employment for the Little Ones

By Marion Cruikshank

Some years ago Sunday was in many homes a day to be dreaded by the children, to be kept as strictly and decorously as though they were old and sedate. It was a toyless day, when mirth was checked by the horrified exclamation, "It is the Sabbath!"

But the study child-life has been receiving these last years has developed the idea that the Lord who said, "Suffer the little children, and forbid them not," would not want His day to be a bugbear to them; that He does not expect from them a service they cannot render. But with greater latitude, comes the temptation to make Sunday a mere

holiday, not a holy day; and children must be taught the difference. What Sunday means to the parents it is likely to mean to the children, and they take their attitude to this day and its services from their elders. The church habit is an important one and one to be formed when young. It is a matter for gratitude that our services are becoming more and more interesting to the children.

But after church and Sunday School—what? That Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands (or minds) to do, is quite as true on Sunday as on Monday. There are some Sunday games to be bought, and there are some practical ideas—"A sail with Paul" and, "Through the desert with Moses": trips to be taken with Bibles and Geographies, are both interesting and instructive to old and young. There is a game, so called, in which the players by turn tell Bible stories, leaving out or altering the proper names, which, when finished, the others have to fill in. Perhaps more simple is the game adapted from the old, "Animal, Vegetable or Mineral." Someone begins by saying, "I am thinking of a person whose name commences with C." The others may ask any questions which can be answered by yes or no, such as "Is it a man?" "Is he mentioned in the Old Testament?" "Was he good?" etc., until some one guesses this name, the successful one then taking the leader's place, and the game may go on indefinitely.

There are many of us who cherish a sacred memory of the hour before bedtime, when the grown-ups were at church. It has brought us strength and comfort when both were needed. We can look back over the years, and see a mother with her children gathered around the table, reading from the old

Family Bible. Each child in turn might choose a story to be read verse about, and then all knelt, while the mother prayed, not with long words or set phrases, but just a simple talking to God about her children, asking His love, and care and help. It is a memory we will never lose, and we can give no better to our children.

St. John, N.B.

Which?

Here are two little hands,
What can they do—
Good things or bad things
The whole day through?
Helping or hindering—
Which of the two?

Here are two little feet,
Where have they run—
Into the shadow or
Into the sun?
Helping or hindering—
Which have they done?

Here are two little lips,
What can they say—
Glad words or cross words
Through the whole day?
Helping or hindering—
Now, which are they?

Who Was the Prisoner?

On a wild and stormy sea a stout ship was tossing, buffeted by the waves. On board were nearly three hundred souls, many of them prisoners on their way to the capital of the empire to be judged by the emperor.

Each day the winds grew worse, and they skirted sheltering islands to escape the fury of the gale. When at last they reached a place which seemed to promise a safe harbor, the chief prisoner tried to prevail upon the captain in charge of the prisoners to remain there for the winter. But he listened instead to the master and owner of the ship, who promised to carry them on to a more convenient place to spend the winter in.

Then, when the south wind blew softly, they set out on their way again. But, not

long after, there arose another fearful storm. On one side lay a rocky, dangerous coast, and on the other the open sea. So they lightened the vessel, throwing overboard the cargo and the tackling, and the ship drove helplessly before the wind. The weather was so bad that the sailors could see neither sun nor stars to guide them, and all gave themselves up for lost.

But the chief prisoner stood up amongst them, and exhorted them to be of good cheer, for an angel of God had appeared to him in the night and said that, although the ship would be cast on an island, not a single person on board should perish.

So their hearts grew light again, although for fourteen days longer the tempest raged furiously. On the fourteenth night they found that they were near land, and the sailors cast anchor, let down the boats, and prepared to leave the ship.

But the chief prisoner again spoke to them all, and reminded them of God's promise to save them, if they trusted themselves to Him. So the boats were cut loose, and they waited patiently for daybreak. As the dawn shewed them an island with a narrow creek before them, the anchors were taken up, the main-sail hoisted, and the ship was run aground. There she went to pieces; but by swimming or clinging to pieces of wreckage, every one on board was saved, as God had promised.

Even the barbarous people of the island treated them with unusual kindness, providing them with food and clothing and sheltering them, until, three months later, they were able to proceed on their journey.

Who was the chief prisoner? And what was the name of the island on which the ship was driven?

Little Ones in India

The babies in India are darlings, with their merry laugh and pretty bright eyes. I am sure you would love them; but if you were there, it would never do for you to say, "What a little dear!" or, "Isn't it a darling?" because the mother and grandmother and aunts would all come round you and say, "If you look, you will bring harm on him; we are afraid of 'the evil eye.'"

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When boys and girls grow a little older, they love play just as you do. If you could peep into the dusty courtyards, you would see them on the ground, very happy; some of them with tiny earthen or brass pots, pretending to cook. They love their ugly rag dolls and play at funerals or weddings with them.

When the children are five years old, it is time to leave off playing all day long, and they begin to wear clothes, and some of them go to school. In Bengal the girls wear a piece of muslin four yards long, wrapped round their bodies and thrown over one shoulder; and in South India they have a little petticoat tied tightly round the waist. On their bare feet, Indian girls have a few toe-rings, and on their arms are glass bangles; their hair is twisted up into a neat knob at the back.

It is not considered proper for any but the lowest caste little girls to be out in the streets alone, so a woman is sent by the missionary to collect them and take them to the school-house.

"How will you know what time to fetch the children?" was asked of one old body, who had just arranged to do this work: you see, she had no clock or watch to tell the time.

"Well," she said, "I shall put a stick in the veranda, and shall know when the shadow falls just *here* (pointing to a spot on the ground) that it is time for me to go and fetch the children."

I expect some of you found it hard to learn the twenty-six letters of the English alphabet, but the Tamil alphabet has two hundred and forty-seven letters: that is more than nine times as bad!

Indian schools are very noisy, for the children sit on the floor rocking their bodies and saying everything aloud, shouting at the top of their voices.

If you went to a school in India for Mohammedan girls, you would be likely at the entrance to notice a great many pairs of shoes, for it is not considered polite to wear shoes indoors.

Children use their toes a great deal. They sit on the ground, and if they drop a pencil they pick it up with their toes; they also hold their needlework with their toes. If women or children want to wind a skein of

wool, they put up their two big toes and slip the wool over them, and leave their hands free for winding.

Many missionaries have schools for boys or girls, and in them little heathen children first hear about God's love. They learn hymns and texts, and many of them repeat these lessons to their parents when they go home.

You may be sure the teachers care more to let the children learn Bible stories than anything else.—Tales from Jungle, City and Village



Thanksgiving

Give thanks unto the Lord,
Let happy voices ring;
He loves to hear the song
His little children sing.

We thank Him for the leaves,
Of yellow, red and brown;
And for the autumn wind
That sends them fluttering down.

We thank Him for the sun
That shines so warm and bright;
And for the little stars
That twinkle all the night.

We thank Him for the fruit,
And for the golden grain,
All stored 'ere winter comes,
With ice and snow and rain.
—Songs of the Seasons



The Old Clock's Story

Little Harry never liked to go to bed. The fact is, there never was a little boy who was sorrier than he was when the clock struck eight, and he was told it was bed-time.

"It's always eight o'clock just as we're having the most fun!" he would say, and beg for just a few moments more of play.

"I tell you what, old fellow," said he to the clock, one evening as he was on his way upstairs, "you're the greatest bother in the house!" But the old clock ticked on as loudly as ever, and Harry thought he saw a sort of smile on its big round face. He sat down on the stairs opposite to have a good look. Yes, there certainly was a smile, and

what was stranger still, the loud ticking as he listened sounded like words, and gradually he could hear whole sentences in rhyme, something like this: "Strange you never hear me striking, telling you it's growing late! Don't you know you're very sleepy, and I've told you it is eight?"

"Dear me, how very strange!" said little Harry. "You are the funniest old clock I ever did see. I didn't know you could talk."

Then the clock replied: "Ah! you never stop to listen, though I call you every day, in the morning for your lessons, in the evening from your play. All day long I stand here calling, if you children would but heed. Sometimes when they do not listen it is very bad indeed!"

"Why?" asked little Harry. The clock went on: "Once I heard a dreadful story of a boy so fond of play, he would never hear us calling, never wanted to obey."

"Tell me all about him," said little Harry, deeply interested.

"Far away from here it happened, in the land where I was born. All the week long he played. But when rang the village school-bells, calling, calling, far and wide, and the bright-faced village children laid their games and toys aside, he was crying, pouting, scolding, 'No, he wouldn't, shouldn't, go,' till at last his gentle mother, grieved and weary, left him so."

"What a very naughty boy!" said little Harry.

"Loud the kitchen clock was calling, 'Hurry, hurry, do not stay!' But he didn't stop to hear, singing, dancing through the meadows without thought of care or fear. Now the bells had all done tolling, they had closed the schoolhouse door, still he seemed to hear that ticking even louder than before. Then he looked behind—oh, horror!—and his very heart stood still, for the kitchen clock was following, jumping, bumping, down the hill!"

"Oh, how dreadful," said Harry.

"Louder, louder, came the ticking; faster flew the frightened child—stumbling, falling through the hedges, over thorns and brambles wild!

"I'd like to have seen 'em," said Harry.

"When at last all worn and tired, the poor

child could run no more, then he saw that he was standing just before the schoolhouse door. Ah, how glad he was to enter and to study with the rest, for the ticking would not follow if he only did his best!"

"I'm glad he got rid of the horrid old thing!" said little Harry.

"Ah, but he had learned a lesson! When the bells rang loud and clear, who of all the village children was so quick as he to hear? And whatever he was doing, at his work or at his play, when the clock struck he would listen, glad and ready to obey."

"Why, my dear little boy, here you are asleep on the stairs and the clock striking nine!" Little Harry sat up and rubbed his eyes, and looked very hard at his mama, and then at the clock; but the steady old timepiece was looking as it always did, and ticking as soberly as ever.—The Child's Hour

Jesus' Return to the Father

All this year we have been studying the blessed life of Jesus. We began last January with the story of His coming to earth. We have seen Him preparing for His great work among men. We have watched Him going about doing good in so many ways. Now we have come to the time when Jesus is to go back to heaven. In the last Lesson of the Quarter we shall see Him ascending to His throne at God's right hand. But before this, we shall have the story of the sufferings He endured out of love to us. The Lesson Topic for the Quarter, is JESUS' RETURN TO THE

FATHER:

1. Teaching whom we are to love.
2. Commanding us to watch.
3. Promising rewards to the faithful.
4. Receiving a token of love.
5. Appointing a memorial of Himself.
6. Surrendering Himself to His Father's will.
7. Condemned by Caiaphas.
8. (Special Temperance Lesson.)
9. Pronounced guiltless by Pilate.
10. Crucified by His enemies.
11. Risen from the dead.
12. Ascending into heaven.
13. The wonderful, wise, mighty, everlasting Prince.

Mrs. J. A. Jackson

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Fourth Quarter, 1906

I. SING (unannounced) Hymn 26, Book of Praise.

Joy to the world ! the Lord is come !	Joy to the earth ! the Saviour reigns !
Let earth receive her King ;	Let men their songs employ,
Let every heart prepare Him room,	While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
And heaven and nature sing.	Repeat the sounding joy. Amen.

II. PRAYER.

III. SING. (Tune, Aurelia, 225, Book of Praise.)

We come to learn of Jesus,	O Saviour, be our Teacher,
The Saviour from above ;	And lead us in Thy way,
His life was pure and holy	Be near to help and bless us,
And full of deeds of love.	And keep us day by day.

IV. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn, verse by verse, and repeat Scripture Memory Passage, "The Heavenly City," Rev. 22 : 1-5. Repeat Hymn 585, Book of Praise, learned in previous Quarter.

V. THE MISSIONARY QUESTION 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.)

VI. OFFERINGS. Sing—

Can a little child like me	Love the Lord, and do your part ;
Thank the Father fittingly ?	Learn to say with all your heart,
Yes, oh yes ! be good and true,	Father, we thank Thee !
Patient, kind in all you do ;	Father in heaven, we thank Thee !—Amen.
	—Hymn 518, Book of Praise

VII. RESPONSIVE EXERCISE.

Teacher. Does Jesus love the children still ?
Class. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.
Teacher. What is His loving word to you children ?
Class. I love them that love Me ; and those that seek Me early shall find Me.

VIII. SINGING. Hymn 567, Book of Praise.

I think when I read that sweet story of old,	I wish that His hands had been placed on my head,
When Jesus was here among men,	That His arms had been thrown around me,
How He called little children as lambs to His fold,	And that I might have seen His kind look when He said,
I should like to have been with Him then ;	'Let the little ones come unto Me.'

IX. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

X. HYMN FOR QUARTER, 540, Book of Praise (see Lesson XIII.).

Spend a short time in learning one or two Christmas Hymns, such as 28, 29, 519, 520, Book of Praise.

Golden Text—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.—Mark 12 : 30.



28 And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?

29 And Je'sus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Is'rael; The Lord our God is one Lord :

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength : this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth : for there is one God ; and there is none other but he :

33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

34 And when Je'sus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any* question.

38 And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the market-places,

39 And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts :

40 Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers : these shall receive greater damnation.

41 And Je'sus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury :

and many that were rich cast in much. 42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.

43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury :

44 For all *they* did cast in of their abundance ; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the scribes, who had heard how wisely Jesus answered the questions of other people, came, asking Him one which he had found difficult to decide. "Which is the greatest of all the commandments?" he asked. For the Jewish teachers taught that it was more important to keep some of the laws of Moses than others : some were thought great and some only small, but none of the teachers could agree as to which was the greatest of all.

And Jesus, speaking so that all the people standing round might hear, said, "Hear, O Israel ! The Lord our God is one Lord : and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first of all the commandments; and the second is like it, 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' These are the greatest of all the commandments."

And the scribe answered, "Master, you have

indeed spoken truth. It is better for a man to love God with all his heart and mind and soul and strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, than to try to please God by offering Him a great many sacrifices." And Jesus told the scribe that, because he really felt and understood this to be true, he was not far from the kingdom of God.

The other scribes and Pharisees, who were standing round, waiting to ask Jesus some more puzzling questions, thought it would be of no use to try to confuse Him; for He had answered every question already put to Him so wisely, that they could find no fault with Him.

Then Jesus, speaking to His disciples and the multitude around Him, warned them not to trust or believe in those false teachers, who tried to explain and teach the laws and commandments in their own way, which was not God's way. They taught the people

* The Scripture Memory Passages of the Supplemental Lessons are recommended as a substitute for those here given Sabbath by Sabbath. They will be found in the Supplemental Lessons Leaflet.

David H. Fairlie

to observe only the outward forms of religion, and they themselves made long prayers in the markets and other public places, so that all might wonder at their goodness and look up to them as great men, while at the same time they cheated and robbed poor widows, and others who looked to them for help.

After this, Jesus went and sat down near the treasury, where He watched the stream of people who were casting in their gifts of money. The poor could only give small copper coins, but the rich gave gold and silver. Among them all, Jesus noticed a poor widow, who threw in two mites—the very smallest of Jewish coins; and He turned to His disciples, saying, "This poor widow gave more than any of the others. They gave what they did not need, but she gave all that she had to live on; so, in My Father's eyes, her gift is worth more than the gifts of all the rest."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who came asking a question of Jesus ?
2. What was the question ?
3. Which did Jesus say was the greatest commandment ?
4. Which was the second ?
5. What did the scribe answer ?
6. Why did Jesus say the scribe was not far from the kingdom of God ?
7. Against whom did Jesus warn the people ?
8. What sort of lives did the scribes live ?
9. Whom did Jesus watch as He sat near the treasury ?
10. Whom did He particularly notice ?
11. What was her gift ?
12. Why did Jesus say it was greater than any other ?
13. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

It was Saturday, and the sun was shining and the birds were singing and the flowers were growing, so altogether it was just the sort of day small girls love to spend in the woods.

"And you've got to do all that great pile of dishes first, 'fore you can go!" said Jean, indignantly, to Milly.

"Poor mother has sweeping and baking and sewing to do, and she hasn't even the woods to look forward to afterwards," returned Milly.

"Well! I'd hate to work all day Saturday—our only holiday too!"

Milly flushed hotly. "I don't do it only 'cause I *must*," she said; "but 'cause I love mother, so of course I love to help her."

Lesson Hymn

Whatever, Lord, we lend to Thee,
Repaid a thousandfold will be;
Then gladly will we give to Thee,
Who givest all. Amen.
—Hymn 427, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM — 116. What is meant by the gospel? The gospel is the good news that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

SHORTER CATECHISM—30. How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

The Question on Missions

(Fourth Quarter, FORMOSA.) 37. Who was the first foreign missionary from the Western Division of our church, and to what field did he go? The Rev. George Leslie MacKay, a native of Zorra, in the county of Oxford, who was sent to China in 1871, and began work in the northern part of Formosa, a large island off the coast of China, in 1872.

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SOMETHING TO DRAW

God wrote the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone. We ought to know these Commandments by heart. But there is



something better than to know them. It is to obey them. Jesus tells us how to do this. He says if we love God and love our neighbor, we shall be obeying every Commandment.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD LOVE GOD AND EVERYBODY

Matthew 25 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.—Matthew 25 : 13.



1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.

2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.

3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them :

4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.

5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

6 And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh ; go ye out to meet him.

7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.

8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil ; for our lamps are gone out.

9 But the wise answered, saying, *Not so* ; lest there be not enough for us and you : but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came ; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage : and the door was shut.

11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.

12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Afterwards, Jesus left the temple, and went out to the Mount of Olives, where He talked to His disciples of His coming again, and of the end of the world. He said that these things would happen suddenly, when people least expected them, for only His Father in heaven knew the exact time; and so He warned His disciples not to be careless and sinful, but to watch and be ready, that, whenever He came, they might be found worthy to enter His kingdom.

Then, to make them understand more plainly what He meant, Jesus told them a parable of an Eastern wedding, where at night a procession goes out to meet the bridegroom, as he brought the bride from her father's house.

"There were ten young maidens," He said, "who went out to meet the bridegroom, and they took lamps with them to light his path. Five of these maidens were foolish, and neglected to take oil with them to refill

the lamps when they had burned out. But the other five were wise, and took oil flasks as well as their lamps. All these ten went from their homes, and waited in a house by the way, to be ready to escort the bridegroom when he passed by.

But he delayed so long that they all grew tired and fell asleep; and at midnight they were suddenly roused by the cry, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him!" Then, as they all arose and trimmed their lamps to have them ready, the foolish ones found that theirs were going out, and that they had no more oil to fill them up.

They begged the wise ones to give them some oil; but these refused, saying, that, if they did so, they would not have enough for themselves. "Go to the sellers, and buy some," they said.

But while they were away buying it, the bridegroom came, and the five maidens who were ready joined the procession and went

with it in to the marriage feast. After a time, the other five came, and, knocking at the gate, cried, "Lord, Lord, open to us!" But the bridegroom answered, "I do not know you. You were not among the other maidens in the procession—you must be strangers, and I cannot let you in."

"So," said Jesus, "learn a lesson from this, and be always ready; for, like this bridegroom, the Son of man may come when you are not ready for His coming."

Questions on the Lesson

1. About whom did Jesus speak a parable?
2. Whom did the maidens go to meet?
3. What did the wise ones take with them?
4. What did the foolish ones neglect to do?
5. What did all the maidens do while waiting?
6. How were they awakened?
7. What did the foolish ones discover?
8. What did they ask of the others?
9. What answer did these give?
10. Whither did the foolish maidens go?
11. What happened while they were away?
12. What did they do then?
13. What did the bridegroom say?
14. What lesson did Jesus tell His disciples to learn from this parable?
15. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I think we shall be back about four," said mother, as she climbed into the wagon beside father. "And if Dolly and Ned have each picked a basket of the red currants before that, we shall take them over to grandmother's to tea." "Goody!" they both cried together, and set to work at once.

But Ned soon grew tired, and found so many other interesting things to do, that he was quite startled to find his basket only half full, when he heard the returning carriage. "Give me some of yours, Doll!" he pleaded. "No," returned Dolly firmly, "I want to show mother I tried to please her."

"Ah!" was all mother said, when she saw Ned's basket, "I am sorry you are not ready to come with us"; and then they all drove off without him.

Lesson Hymn

Ye servants of the Lord,
Each in His office wait,
Observant of His heavenly word,
And watchful at His gate.

Watch,—'tis your Lord's command,
And while we speak He's near—
Mark the first signal of His hand,
And ready all appear. Amen.
—Hymn 248, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—117. **What command did Jesus give about the gospel before He left the world?** Jesus told his disciples to go and preach the gospel to all the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—31. *What is effectual calling?* A. Effectual calling is the work of God's spirit, whereby convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the Gospel.

The Question on Missions

38. What were Dr. MacKay's methods of work? He healed the sick, and preached and sang the gospel. From the earliest converts he selected and trained native helpers, who went everywhere with him preaching.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

A lantern with a candle in it, or well filled with oil, is ready for use. It will then give a clear light. Now, Jesus wants us to be lights



in the world. We shine for Him by being kind and true. He will come again, and then we shall be so glad if we have been bright lights.

I Have Learned Today

TO KEEP WATCHING FOR JESUS

Matthew 25 : 14-30—Memory Verse, 21.

Golden Text—A faithful man shall abound with blessings.—Proverbs 28 : 20.

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents:

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliverdest unto me five talents : behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliverdest unto me two talents : behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things : enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed :

in the earth : lo, there thou hast that is thine. 26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed :

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance : but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness : there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Then Jesus told His disciples still another parable, to show how He would deal with men when He came to judge the earth. "The kingdom of heaven is like a certain rich man, who went on a journey to a far country. Before leaving, he called his servants, and gave to each one of them a part of his property to care for during his absence. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one,—to each one as much as he thought he was able to take charge of; and then he set out on his journey.

The two who had received most traded with their money, and so, by thought and work, made it twice as much; but the man who had received the one talent, lazily did not try to do anything with his money, but hid it away in the ground.

After a long time, the master returned, and again calling his servants to him, asked what they had done with the money en-

trusted to their care. Then the one who had been given the five talents came and said, "Lord, you gave me five talents; with them, I have gained five more." And his lord was pleased and said, "You have done well, good and faithful servant; and because you have shown yourself faithful in small things, I will trust you with far greater and more important things. Enter into the joy of your lord." And he also said the same thing to the servant who, with his two talents, had gained two more.

Last of all came the servant who had received only one talent; and he said, "Lord, I did not know what to do with the talent, for you are a hard man in money matters, looking for great profits when you have laid out very little; therefore I was afraid to trade with it, lest I should lose it, and thus anger you. So, to keep it safe, I hid it in the earth. There it is, just as you gave it to me."

Then his lord was very angry, and said, "You wicked and slothful servant, since you know I always expect some profit on the money I lend out, why did you not at least give the talent to some money-lender, that so I might have received some interest on it?" Then he turned to his other servants, saying, "Take the talent from him, and give it to the man who has the ten: for to every one who uses well what has already been given him, I will give more. But from the man who was unfit to care for even a small amount, I will take away even what he has.

"And not only shall the talent be taken from him, but he shall be cast out of my house and grievously punished, because he did not make some use of the gift which I gave him."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What parable does Jesus now speak?
2. Why did He speak this parable?
3. What did a certain rich man give to his servants?
4. How much did he give to the first?
5. To a second?
6. To a third?
7. What did the two who had received the most do?
8. What did the third do?
9. To whom had the servants to give an account?
10. What report did the first servant make?
11. How was he rewarded?
12. What did the second servant report?
13. What reward was given to him?
14. What did the man with the one talent say?
15. What was done with his talent?
16. How was he punished?
17. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Here are some seeds for your garden, boys," said Grandfather Bryce, as he said good-by to Sunnyside, where Billy and Teddy lived. "I expect to be back again some summer day, and hope to see two pretty fine gardens."

And Billy and Teddy both resolved that theirs would be pretty fine gardens. But when grandfather did come, he found only one worth looking at—the other was overgrown with weeds. "Now, now, that's too bad," he said, "I brought out two very rare plants from the city, one for each boy; but I'm afraid they'll both have to go to Teddy, for Billy's garden shows that he can not be trusted with plants at all—least of all with a fine one such as these are."

Lesson Hymn

There's a crown for little children
Above the bright blue sky,
And all who look for Jesus
Shall wear it by and by—
A crown of brightest glory,
Which He will then bestow
On all who've found His favor,
And loved His name below. Amen.

—Hymn 590, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—118. **Has this command been completely fulfilled?** No; there are still many people in the world who have never heard of Jesus, and who worship idols.

SHORTER CATECHISM—32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?* A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.

The Question on Missions

39. Who were Dr. MacKay's first helpers? Mr. Giam (better known as A-Hoa) and Mr. Tan, both of whom were able and successful preachers, and were in course of time ordained as ministers.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The wicked servant in the Lesson dug a hole and hid his lord's money. That was easier than taking the trouble to use it to



make more money. But at last it brought shame and punishment. We shall always find it best in the end to be diligent and faithful.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE FAITHFUL

Lesson IV.

JESUS ANOINTED IN BETHANY

October 28, 1906

Matthew 26 : 6-16—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—She hath wrought a good work upon me.—Matthew 26 : 10.

6 Now when Je'sus was in Beth'any, in the house of Si'mon the leper,

7 There came unto him a woman having an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and poured it on his head, as he sat *at meat*.

8 But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose *is* this waste?

9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor.

10 When Je'sus understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work upon me.

11 For ye have the poor always with you ; but me ye have not always.

12 For in that she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my burial.

13 Verily I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, called Ju'das Iscar'iot, went unto the chief priests,

15 And said *unto them*, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of

silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

About a week before He died on the cross, Jesus was in Bethany, at the house of Simon, a man whom He had cured of leprosy. This village was also the home of Martha and Mary and their brother Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. A supper was made at Simon's house in honor of Jesus, at which the two sisters and their brother were present, besides other invited guests.

The sisters' hearts were filled with love and gratitude to Jesus, who had so wonderfully restored their brother to life again, and they longed to show Him what they felt.

So Mary brought a box or vase of very precious perfume she had bought, which was so costly that only the very wealthy ever used it, and coming behind the guests as they reclined about the table, she broke the seal, and poured some of the perfume, first on the head, and then on the feet of Jesus. As the odor of the perfume filled the room, Jesus' disciples murmured against such waste, and said, "It would have been better if she had given us this ointment to

sell, and we could have used the money for the poor."

But Jesus understood the love and gratitude which Mary had meant to show, and said to the disciples, "Why do you blame and trouble her? Let her alone, for it is a good deed she has done in My honor. You have the poor with you always, to whom you can show kindness whenever you wish; but you will not always have Me with you. Mary, as if she knew I was soon to die, has wished to show Me in the strongest way she could, how much she loves Me. She has done for Me, while I still live, what she would soon have had to do for My dead body. And I say to you, that wherever the gospel shall be preached in the whole world, this story shall be told, to remind people of her love and self-denial."

Judas was very much disappointed when he heard these words of Jesus. He carried the bag in which the disciples kept their money, and because he was a thief and sometimes used to take part of the money for himself, he made up his mind, when he heard

that Jesus was soon to fall into the hands of His enemies, to get as much more money as he could before that time. So, stealing away from Bethany, he went at night to the chief priests in the temple, who hated Jesus, and asked them what they would give him, if he delivered Jesus up to them. And they agreed to give him, if he did as he promised, thirty pieces of silver. Then Judas left them, and went away to wait till he could find a good opportunity to deliver up his Master into the hands of these wicked men.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whose house in Bethany did Jesus go? 2. What was given in honor of Jesus? 3. What did Mary do? 4. What did the disciples say when they saw what she had done? 5. Why did Jesus praise her? 6. Who, did He remind His disciples, were always with them? 7. Where did Jesus say Mary's deed would be spoken of? 8. To whom did Judas go afterwards? 9. What did he ask the priests? 10. What did they promise him? 11. What did Judas then wait for? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One Sunday, Miss Rivers said to her Sunday School class, "To-morrow is flower day at the hospital, so I would like you all to go there with me, and each bring a bright growing plant. Little Nellie Smith walked home very sadly. She had only one little red geranium at home, which she loved so much. She could not bear to part with it, and she had no money to buy another.

But when all the girls met next day at Miss Rivers', with beautiful plants to carry to the hospital, Nellie walked in with her little red geranium. "It's the only thing I have to give," she said, blushing. "It's the most beautiful flower of all," said her teacher softly. "A red geranium!" cried the others. "Yes, but you see it is all Nellie had, and God loves us to give up something of our very own for His sake."

Lesson Hymn

There is no name so sweet on earth,
 No name so sweet in heaven,
 The name before His wondrous birth
 To Christ the Saviour given.

*We love to sing around our King,
 And hail Him blessed Jesus;
 For there's no word ear ever heard
 So dear, so sweet as Jesus. Amen.*
 —Hymn 545, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—119. What does God's word tell us about the spread of the gospel? God's word tells us that the gospel shall be preached in all the world before the end comes.

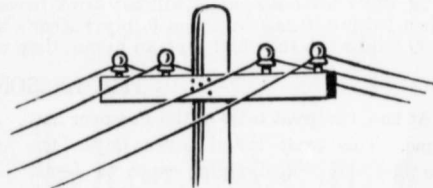
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 30-32.

The Question on Missions

40. Who were sent to his help from Canada? First, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Fraser, who went out in 1874, but was compelled by the loss of his wife to return in 1877. Next, the Rev. K. F. Junor, who went out in 1878, but returned broken in health in 1882. After his return, the Rev. John Jamieson, who died on the field in 1891, and, in 1892, the Rev. William Gauld, who is still in the field.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

News is sent on telegraph wires all over the world. Now, the gospel is good news. Jesus wants everybody to hear it. Each of us can



tell it to others near at hand, and we can help to send missionaries to tell it to those living in far-off lands.

**I Have Learned Today That
 JESUS IS GLAD WHEN I LOVE HIM**

Matthew 26 : 17-30—Memory Verses, 26, 27.

Golden Text—This do in remembrance of me.—1 Corinthians 11 : 24.

17 Now the first *day* of the *feast* of unleavened bread the disciples came to Je'sus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we prepare for thee to eat the passover?

18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say' unto him, The Master saith, My time is at hand ; I will keep the passover at thy house with my disciples.

19 And the disciples did as Je'sus had appointed them ; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve.

21 And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.

22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I?

23 And he answered and said, He that dipeth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me.

24 The Son of man goeth as it is written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed ! it had been good for that man if he had not been born.

25 Then Ju'das, which betrayed him, answered and said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Je'sus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat ; this is my body.

27 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it ;

28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

THE LESSON RETOLD

At last, the great feast of the Passover had come. This feast lasted seven days. On the first day the disciples came to Jesus, who was still at Bethany, to ask Him where they should get ready the feast. Then Jesus turned to Peter and John, and said, "Go into the city, and you will meet a man carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house, and say, 'The Master wants a room in which to eat the Passover with His disciples.' Then he will show you a room where you can prepare the feast." The two started at once, and found everything as Jesus had said; and they bought some bread and wine and other things, and made the supper ready.

So Jesus and all His disciples came to the house in the evening, and went upstairs, where they sat down to eat the Passover.

And as they were eating, Jesus said very sadly, "One of you, My disciples, will give Me up to wicked men to be killed." The disciples looked at each other, surprised and grieved, and each one anxiously asked, "Lord, is it I?" "It is he who dips his hand with Me in the dish," said Jesus.

Now, Judas was one of those who dipped his hand into the same dish as Jesus, and he asked, "Lord, is it I?" And when Jesus answered, "Yes," Judas immediately left the table, and went out of the room.

Then Jesus, who wished His disciples never to forget this last supper which He had with them, took a piece of bread, and breaking it, gave a piece to each of the disciples, saying, "Do this always, from this time on, in remembrance of Me. This broken bread

represents My body, which will be broken for your sakes." And He also poured some wine into a cup, handing it to each in turn, and said, "God has made a new promise to save His people from being punished for their sins, for I shall die in their stead; so this wine will remind you, when you drink it, of My blood, which was shed for you."

Then, as He finished, He said, "I shall not drink wine with you again before I die, but although I am now going to My Father, some day I shall come back again." And the supper being ended, they sang a hymn, and went out to the Mount of Oliveſ.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What great feast of the Jews had come?
2. What question did the disciples come to ask Jesus?
3. What directions did Jesus give them?
4. What did Peter and John then do?
5. Where did they all go when evening came?
6. What did Jesus say of one of His disciples?
7. What did each one ask?
8. What was Jesus' reply?
9. Which disciple dipped his hand into the dish?
10. What did he then do?
11. What did Jesus do and say next?
12. What did He say about the wine?
13. What did they do when the meal was finished?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Little Paul's mother was very ill, and had to go away to a warmer climate; but before she left she gave Paul a locket with her picture in it and said, "I may be away a long time, dear, so look at this often, and then you will remember me better; and when you say your prayers, always ask God to bless mother."

And so she sailed away, and it was a long, long time before she came home well and strong again. But every night, as he was going to bed, and often at other times, Paul looked at his mother's picture, and because of that she seemed so near him, that he tried to do only the things he knew would please her.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Thou Joy of loving hearts,
Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men!
From the best bliss that earth imparts
We turn unfilled to Thee again.

We taste Thee, O Thou living Bread,
And long to feast upon Thee still;
We drink of Thee the Fountain-head,
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill. Amen
—Hymn 418, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—120. **What part should you take in giving the gospel to the heathen who have never heard of a Saviour?** If I cannot go myself to tell them about Jesus, I should pray for them, and give of my money to send Bibles and missionaries to them.

SHORTER CATECHISM—33. *What is justification?* A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

The Question on Missions

41. When did Dr. MacKay finish his course, and what had he accomplished? Dr. MacKay died in 1901, after a long and painful illness, borne with great fortitude. In less than thirty years he had made hundreds of converts and laid the foundation of sixty native congregations.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Our friends sometimes give us keepsakes. They ask us to remember them by these. There is one special way of keeping Jesus in

“ In Remembrance ”

memory. It is by sitting at His table, and eating the bread and drinking the wine of the Lord's Supper.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD REMEMBER JESUS

Matthew 26 : 36-50—Memory Verses, 38, 39.

Golden Text—Not my will, but thine, be done.—Luke 22 : 42.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he : hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Je'sus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

50 And Je'sus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Je'sus, and took him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus, knowing that the hour of His death was very near, wished to go to some still, quiet place, where He might pray to His Father in heaven for help and strength; so, as He and His disciples left the city, He led the way to the Mount of Olives. It was night. At the foot of the mountain was a quiet garden called Gethsemane, and leaving the rest of the disciples near by the gate, Jesus took His three dearest and closest friends, Peter and James and John, deeper into the shade of the trees.

Then He said to them, "My heart is very sad and sorrowful, and I must pray to My Father alone. But do you stay here and pray, too, while I am away." Then Jesus went a little way off by Himself, and fell upon the ground and began to pray to God to help Him. "Oh, My Father," He said, "if there is any way in which I can escape from this awful death, save Me from it; but do only what Thou knowest is best, not what I wish."

Then He went back to Peter and James

36 Then cometh Je'sus with them unto a place called Gethsem'ane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Pe'ter and the two sons of Zeb'edee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death : tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little farther, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me : nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Pe'ter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation : the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again : for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest : behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going : behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Ju'das, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.

48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he : hold him fast.

49 And forthwith he came to Je'sus, and said, Hail, master; and kissed him.

50 And Je'sus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Je'sus, and took him.

and John, and found that, instead of praying for Him in His trouble, they had fallen fast asleep. They had grown very weary with their watching. He wakened them, and gently reproved them for not being able to watch with Him for so short a time; and He warned them to pray and be careful, lest they should be as weak, when they were tempted to forget Him or His teachings. Leaving them, He again knelt to pray, and once more He ended His prayer by saying to His Father, "Thy will be done." Then, He went back to His disciples and found them still asleep, and He returned the third time to ask God to be with Him in His trouble.

And God heard His prayer, and answered it by sending an angel from heaven to comfort Him; and so Jesus' heart was filled with peace.

Jesus then came yet again the third time to His disciples, and said, "Sleep on now and rest : you need not watch any longer, for the wicked people who are seeking for Me

are even now close at hand to take Me." And as He spoke, a great crowd armed with sticks and swords came into the garden. Along with these was a band of soldiers, and Judas, knowing how often Jesus came to this place to pray, had shown them the way, and had said to them, "The man that I shall kiss is Jesus. Take Him and bind Him fast."

So, as soon as they saw Jesus, this wicked disciple, pretending that he was still His friend, went up and kissed Him, saying, "Hail, Master!" And the soldiers, knowing that this was the man they had come out to find, laid hold of Jesus and led Him away.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what place did Jesus now go with His disciples?
2. What did He tell some of them to do?
3. Whom did He take farther on with Him?
4. What did He say to these?
5. What prayer did Jesus make?
6. What did He say when He found the disciples asleep?
7. What did He once more do?
8. Why did the disciples fall asleep again?
9. What did Jesus say to them after His third prayer?
10. Who came into the garden to take Jesus?
11. What direction had Judas given the men?
12. What did He himself do?
13. What then happened?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Many years ago a town in France was besieged for a long time by a powerful enemy. At last, when there was almost no food left in the city, and people were dying by hundreds, the besiegers sent a message into the town to say that they would go away and leave them in peace, if the governor would deliver up his young son to them.

The governor called the boy, and told him of the message. "They may put you to death, my son," he said sadly, as he finished. "But it is better for one to die rather than the whole city-ful," answered the boy heroically; and he went over to the enemy to meet his death bravely, and so saved the city.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song:

To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally. Amen.
—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—121. **What becomes of our bodies when we die?** When we die our bodies return to dust. 122. **What becomes of our souls when we die?** The good go to heaven and the wicked go to hell.

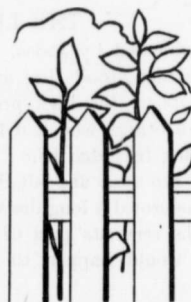
SHORTER CATECHISM—34. *What is adoption?* A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

The Question on Missions

42. Which of Dr. MacKay's colleagues continued his work? Mr. Gauld, who had gone to Formosa in 1892, and so was fully fitted by knowledge of the people and their language to carry on the work of the mission.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The Lesson tells us about Jesus praying in a garden. He prayed for strength to endure the sufferings of the Cross. God answered



His prayer. An angel was sent to strengthen Him. We need to pray very often. And God is sure to answer our prayers. Perhaps—is it not wonderful to think of it?—He will send the very same angel to help us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD'S WILL IS BEST

Matthew 26 : 57-68—Memory Verses, 67, 68.

Golden Text—He is despised and rejected of men.—Isaiah 53 : 3.

57 And they that had laid hold on Je'sus led *him* away to Cai'aphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled.

58 But Pe'ter followed him afar off unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.

59 Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death;

60 But found none : yea, though many false witnesses came, *yet* found they none. At the last came two false witnesses,

61 And said, This *fellow* said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days.

62 And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what *is it* which these witness against thee?

63 But Je'sus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

64 Je'sus saith unto him, Thou hast said : nevertheless I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand

of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.

65 Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy ; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy.

66 What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death.

67 Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him ; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,

68 Saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

THE LESSON RETOLD

The wicked men who, led by Judas, had found Jesus in the garden, took Him away to the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, where the scribes and others who had long hated Jesus sat waiting to judge Him. All of Jesus' disciples had run away and left Him; but Peter followed the crowd a long distance off, and went into the servants' part of the palace to see what would happen to His Master.

Into the room where Jesus was taken, the scribes and other members of the council had gathered together a great many men, who had promised to say that they knew of certain times when Jesus had broken both God's laws and the laws of their land. But, although these men told many untrue stories about Jesus, His judges could get no excuse to put Him to death. At last came two men, who both agreed that they heard Jesus say

that He could destroy the temple and build it up again in three days.

At this, the high priest rose and said to Jesus, "Do you hear what dreadful thing these men say you have said? Why do you not deny it?" But Jesus did not answer a word. He knew that if He did deny saying such a thing, they would still punish Him on some other false charges.

Then the high priest was very angry, and said, "Tell us then—and remember that God will punish you if you do not tell the truth—whether you have also said that you are the Messiah." And Jesus knew that the time was come to tell people openly who He was, and answered, "I am indeed the Son of God, and some day you shall see Me sitting at His right hand and coming on the clouds of heaven to judge the world."

Then the high priest tore his clothes as if

he were in great grief, and cried, "Why do we need any more witnesses? He has said with His own lips that He is the Son of God. What shall be done to a man who pretends He is equal with God?" And all Jesus' judges cried, "He should be put to death." Then, when the crowd of wicked men who were listening, heard this, they pushed Jesus, and beat Him, and even spat in His face, and shouted out, "If You are really the Son of God, tell us who it was that struck You."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither was Jesus taken?
2. Who were gathered to judge Him?
3. Which disciple followed Him?
4. What had the men who hated Jesus done?
5. Why were they not able to sentence Jesus to death?
6. What story did two of the witnesses tell?
7. What did the high priest say to Jesus?
8. Why did Jesus not answer?
9. What question did the high priest next ask?
10. What was Jesus' reply?
11. What did the high priest and wicked men then decide?
12. What did the crowd do to Jesus?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Who is she, mother?" asked little Harry, looking at the picture of a young girl dressed in armor, and riding a great war-horse. "She was a girl named Joan of Arc," answered mother, "who lived in France hundreds of years ago. She had strange dreams that she should save her country from its enemies, and she went bravely out and led the armies in battle until the land was free."

"That was fine!" breathed Harry; "what did they give her for it?" "They never even thanked her," said his mother, "and some time after, when she was taken prisoner, the people for whom she had risked her life did not make the slightest effort to save her, and so the poor girl was cruelly put to death."

Lesson Hymn

O Christ, what burdens bowed Thy head!
 Our load was laid on Thee:
 Thou stoodest in the sinner's stead,
 Bearing all ill for me:
 A victim led, Thy blood was shed;
 Now there's no load for me. Amen.
 —Hymn 47, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—123. What is heaven? Heaven is the holy and happy place where Jesus is. **124. What is hell?** Hell is a place of woe, where the devil and evil spirits are.

SHORTER CATECHISM—35. What is sanctification? A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

The Question on Missions

43. When, and how, did Formosa come under Japanese rule? In 1894, as one result of the war between China and Japan. During some turbulent years following, many converts fell away, and some faithful Christians were put to death. Since then missionaries and workers have had to learn both languages.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Have you not seen the clouds all lit up with the bright rays of the setting sun? Far more glorious will be the clouds on which



Jesus will come again. When He comes, He will judge our words and deeds. How eager we should be that everything we say and do shall please Him!

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT I SHOULD BE PATIENT

Lesson VIII. THE WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY November 25, 1906

Isaiah 5 : 11-23—Memory Verse, 11.

Golden Text—I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection.—1 Cor. 9: 27.

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that* they may follow strong drink ; that continue until night, *till* wine inflame them !

12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts : but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge : and their honourable men *are* famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure : and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled :

16 But the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope :

19 That say, Let him make speed, *and* hasten his work, that we may see *it* : and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know *it* !

20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil ; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness ; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !

21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight !

22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink :

23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !

THE LESSON RETOLD

A great many years before Christ came, the Jews, forgetting all that God had done for them, began to worship idols instead of the one true God. But although they were so wicked and ungrateful, God still loved them and sent one prophet after another to warn them that, if they did not give up their evil ways, He would some day send a terrible punishment upon them.

One of these good prophets was called Isaiah, and although his life was often in danger because he spoke against the sins of his people, he still went on giving them the message God had told him to deliver.

Among the many evils that Isaiah warned the people that God would punish them for, was their love of strong drink. Many of

them were so fond of it, that they began drinking early in the morning, and kept on taking so much all day, that by night the poisonous stuff had made them so excited that they did not know what they were doing. And they sang, and played foolish songs at their feasts upon the harps and flutes and other instruments.

So, because they were thus taken up with their evil pleasures, and because they had forgotten God and all His kindness to them, God would punish them by sending an army against them, who would be stronger than they and would carry them away captives to a far land.

Then Isaiah drew a dreadful picture of what this would mean to the Jews. The rich

and great, as well as the poor, would suffer from famine and thirst, and all their glory and the wealth of their beautiful cities would be destroyed, and grass would grow in their empty streets.

They had trifled with their sins at first, when these bad habits could have been as easily broken as tiny cords; but now the habits were as strong as cart ropes which could not be broken, and they drew them away from all that was good. They were so wicked that they even spoke against God, saying that He had not power to punish them. "We have never seen God," said these sinful people, "and we have never seen Him punish any one"; and so they did not believe Isaiah.

But still the brave prophet went on speaking of other wicked things which they did, and which they would surely be punished for doing. They pretended that they thought certain things which they knew to be wrong were good, and they laughed at things which were pure and holy. They really preferred sin, rather than to do right, and anything that was bad and bitter, to anything that was good and sweet.

And once more Isaiah spoke against those who were fond of wine—men in high positions, who thought they were strong enough to be able to drink a great deal without hurting themselves, but whose characters soon became so weak, that they no longer cared to give honest judgments in their courts, and condemned good men, while they allowed wicked ones to go free. All these God would punish some day for their wickedness.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why was God angry with the Jews?
2. What was the name of one of the prophets sent to warn the people?
3. What was the first evil for which Isaiah said God would punish them?
4. How had they dishonored God at their feasts?
5. How were they to be punished?
6. What was to become of their beautiful cities?
7. To what did Isaiah compare their sins?
8. What did these wicked people say against God?
9. What were some more of the evil things which Isaiah said the people did?
10. What did the prophet say about those who used strong drink?
11. The Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Standing by a purpose true,
Heeding God's command,
Honor them, the faithful few!
All hail to Daniel's band!

Dare to be a Daniel!

Dare to stand alone!

Dare to have a purpose firm!

Dare to make it known! Amen.

—Hymn 533, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—125. **What did Jesus tell His disciples about His coming again?** Jesus told his disciples that He would come again, to judge the world.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 33-35.

The Question on Missions

44. Who have been sent to Mr. Gauld's help? The Rev. Thurlow Fraser, in 1902, who returned in 1904 on account of his wife's health; and the Rev. Dr. J. Y. Ferguson, the Rev. Milton Jack, Miss Jane Kinney, and Miss Hannah Connell, in 1905.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How dreadful if a serpent gliding through the grass should bite us with its poisonous fangs! But sin is more dreadful than a



serpent's bite. We should hate sin more than anything else in the world. For nothing else can do us so much harm.

I Have Learned To-day That

STRONG DRINK CAUSES SORROW

Luke 23 : 13-25—Memory Verses, 20, 21.

Golden Text—Then said Pilate . . . I find no fault in this man.—Luke 23 : 4.



chastise him, and let *him* go. 23 And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might be crucified. And the voices of them and of the chief priests prevailed.

24 And Pi'late gave sentence that it should be as they required.

25 And he released unto them him that for sedition and murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired ; but he delivered Je'sus to their will.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus was taken away from the hall where He had been judged by the high priest and the elders of the Jews, He was brought before the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, because his consent must be gained before Jesus could be put to death. "Why do you want Him put to death?" asked Pilate of these cruel men. "Because He not only excites the people," they answered, "by telling them that He is the Messiah, the King of the Jews, but He even advises them not to pay tribute to Cæsar."

But after Pilate had asked Jesus a number of questions, he saw that He was not wicked, as these men had pretended; so he did not wish to punish Him in any way, and said, "This Man is from Galilee; so take Him to Herod, the governor of Galilee, and see what he will tell you to do." But neither could Herod find any fault in Him, and He was again brought back to Pilate.

13 And Pi'late, when he had called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

14 Said unto them, Ye have brought this man unto me, as one that perverteth the people : and, behold, I, having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him :

15 No, nor yet Her'od : for I sent you to him ; and, lo, nothing worthy of death is done unto him.

16 I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*.

17 (For of necessity he must release one unto them at the feast.)

18 And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and release unto us Barab'bas :

19 (Who for a certain sedition made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.)

20 Pi'late therefore, willing to release Je'sus, spake again to them.

21 But they cried, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*.

22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause of death in him : I will therefore

release him. But, since you say He has caused trouble by His teachings, I will beat Him as a punishment for that, and then let Him go." And he reminded them that it was a custom always to set free at the feast of the Passover, one prisoner, whomsoever the people themselves should choose. But they all cried out, saying, "We do not want this Man set free—we want Barabbas !" (Now, Barabbas was a Jew who had been put into prison for murder, and for doing a great many other wicked things.)

Then Pilate spoke to the chief priests and rulers, saying, "I have examined this Man, and so has Herod, and neither of us have found that He has done anything so evil that He should be put to death. But, since you say He has caused trouble by His teachings, I will beat Him as a punishment for that, and then let Him go." And he reminded them that it was a custom always to set free at the feast of the Passover, one prisoner, whomsoever the people themselves should choose. But they all cried out, saying, "We do not want this Man set free—we want Barabbas !" (Now, Barabbas was a Jew who had been put into prison for murder, and for doing a great many other wicked things.)

Then Pilate was sorry for Jesus, and said, "Would you not rather have me release this good Man, than Barabbas ?" But again the priests and the people shouted out, "No, no !

Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" "But," objected Pilate again, "I cannot find that He has done anything to deserve death; so, after I have beaten Him, I will let Him go." But at this the priests and the scribes and those who hated Jesus, afraid that He might be set free, cried out the more, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

And when Pilate saw how angry and excited the crowd was, he feared that, if he did not do as they asked, they would work him some harm, so to save himself from danger and from being troubled any further, he at last delivered up Jesus, the Son of God, into their hands to be put to death, and set free instead the wicked man, Barabbas.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To whom was Jesus brought to be judged? 2. What did Pilate say, after questioning Jesus? 3. To whom did he send Jesus? 4. What did Herod decide about Jesus? 5. How did Pilate then say he would punish Jesus? 6. What did Pilate remind the Jews was always done at the Passover? 7. Whom did the Jews ask Pilate to set free? 8. What did they say to do to Jesus? 9. What did Pilate answer? 10. What did the people cry? 11. Of what was Pilate afraid? 12. What did he at last do with Jesus? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Mother," said Hugh, coming in with tears in his eyes, "Claude says he knows I took his whistle, and I haven't seen it for days." "That's hard, dear, when you are not to blame; but perhaps he will find it soon, and then he will tell you he is sorry."

"But it hurts, mother, when people think you do bad things." "But, dear, it would hurt you far more if you really had done the bad things. It does not matter so much what people say, as long as you are good. How many of the bad things people said about Jesus were true?" "Why! Jesus never did anything bad at all, mother."

"No, but it must have hurt Him to be called names, and yet He was always good to the people who were unkind to Him." "Well, I'll try to be kind to Claude," said Hugh, as he ran off to play.

Lesson Hymn

I want to be like Jesus,
So lowly and so meek;
For no one marked an angry word
That ever heard Him speak. Amen.
—Hymn 525, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—126. What will happen at the Judgment Day? At the Judgment Day the dead will be raised to life again; and Jesus will separate the good from the bad.

SHORTER CATECHISM—36. What are the benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification? A. The benefits which, in this life, do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

The Question on Missions

45. What are the chief difficulties and hindrances? The Chinese language, which is difficult to speak, and much more so to read and write; in addition, since 1894, the Japanese language; the climate, which, on account of prolonged heat and moisture, is unhealthy; as well as the extreme unwillingness of the Chinese to change their ideas, and their dislike of foreigners.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How white the newly fallen snow is! It is without spot or stain. So, in the blessed

NO FAULT IN THIS MAN

Jesus, there was no fault. He was perfectly pure. And He will make us pure, also, if we open our hearts to admit His Holy Spirit.

I Have Learned Today
THAT JESUS WAS WITHOUT SIN

Lesson X.

JESUS ON THE CROSS

December 9, 1906

Luke 23 : 33-46—Memory Verses, 42, 43.

Golden Text—Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do.—Luke 23 : 34.

46 And when Je'sus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit : and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Cal'vary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

34 Then said Je'sus, Father, forgive them ; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.

36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar.

37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and La'tin, and He'brew, **THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.**

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation ?

41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds : but this man hath done nothing amiss.

42 And he said unto Je'sus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

43 And Je'sus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The priests and scribes, were very glad when Pilate said Jesus was to be crucified, and as quickly as they could, they hurried Him out of the city to a hill called Calvary, where He was to be put to death. Besides Jesus, the soldiers took with them two other men, who were also to be crucified. But these men were not like Jesus, who had never done any wrong—they were wicked robbers, who were going to be justly punished for the evil they had done.

At last the great crowd reached the place, and as the soldiers laid Jesus upon the cross and drove the cruel nails into His hands and feet, He prayed to God to forgive them, for they did not understand that it was God's own Son they were thus cruelly treating, who had come down from heaven to save them from being punished for their sins.

A great company of scribes and rulers, as well as other people, had followed Jesus from the city, and now stood around watching; and they made fun of Jesus and mocked Him, saying, "He pretended to save others. If He is really the Christ, why cannot He save

Himself and come down from the cross ?" And the soldiers, also, mocked Him and cried, "If Thou art the King of the Jews, save Thyself !" For Pilate had ordered to be written over His head, in different languages, so that all might read, these words, "THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS." And they dipped a sponge in vinegar and held it up to Jesus to drink, when He cried out that He was thirsty.

And one of the robbers who was crucified with Jesus, mocked Him, as the soldiers had done, and said, "If Thou art really the Christ, save Thyself and us !" But the other, who believed in Jesus, said to him, "Are you not afraid that God will punish you for mocking this good Man ? He has done nothing wrong, while we are being rightly punished for all our wicked deeds." Then this robber, who was sorry for his sins, said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy kingdom." And Jesus answered, "This very day thou shalt be with Me in paradise."

Although it was about noon when Jesus

was crucified, God had made the whole land as dark as night, to show how angry He was with the people who had killed His Son. And the earth shook, and the beautiful curtain hanging in the inner door of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. And after Jesus had suffered three hours longer, He cried out, "Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit"; and His spirit went up to God in heaven, although His body still hung upon the cross.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did the soldiers take Jesus to be crucified?
2. What other persons did they take along with Him?
3. What prayer did Jesus make as they nailed Him to the cross?
4. How did the people mock Jesus?
5. What did the soldiers say?
6. What had Pilate written over the cross?
7. What did the soldiers offer Jesus to drink?
8. What did one of the robbers do?
9. What did the other say to him?
10. What did the robber who was sorry ask of Jesus?
11. What did Jesus promise?
12. What strange things happened at Jesus' death?
13. What did Jesus say as He died?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A gentleman traveling in Norway was surprised to see, near the top of a certain church tower, the carved figure of a lamb. He asked why it was set in that strange place, and was told that when the church was being built, a workman fell from the high scaffold. His companions saw him fall and rushed down, expecting to find that he had been dashed to pieces, but to their joy he was almost unhurt. A flock of sheep happened to be passing by and he fell among them, right on top of a lamb. The lamb was crushed to death, but the man was saved, and so they carved the lamb on the tower at the exact height from which the man fell, that people should always be reminded of his wonderful escape. Jesus was like a lamb crushed to death, so that His people might be saved.

Lesson Hymn

Which of all our friends, to save us,
 Could or would have shed their blood?
 But our Jesus died to have us

Reconciled in Him to God;
 This was boundless love indeed;
 Jesus is a Friend in need. Amen.

—Hymn 79, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—127. What will become of the good at the Judgment Day? Jesus will take the good to be with Himself forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—37. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death? A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

The Question on Missions

46. What are the encouragements? Under Japanese rule there is better government, more religious liberty, and public primary schools. All classes are accessible, and there is less of extreme poverty than in many parts of China. The native church is developing a self-supporting and missionary spirit.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Can we ever love Jesus enough or do enough for Him? Just think of all He has done for us! He was willing even to die on



the cruel cross to save us. We have only to remember this, and surely we shall be ready to do anything He asks us to do.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS LOVES HIS ENEMIES

Matthew 28 : 1-15—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—He is risen, even as he said.—Matthew 28 : 6.

1 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first *day* of the week, came Mar'y Mag'dalene and the other Mar'y to see the sepulchre.

2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake : for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow :

4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead *men*.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye : for I know that ye seek Je'sus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here : for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead ; and, behold, he goeth before you into Gal'ilee ; there shall ye see him : lo, I have told you.

8 And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy ; and did run to bring his disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Je'sus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him.

10 Then said Je'sus unto them, Be not afraid : go tell my brethren that they go into Gal'ilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now when they were going, behold, some of the watch came into the city, and shewed unto the chief priests all the things that were done.

12 And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers,

13 Saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him *away* while we slept.
14 And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and secure you.
15 So they took the money, and did as they were taught : and this saying is commonly reported among the Jews until this day.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After Jesus was dead, His followers came and lovingly and carefully took His body down from the cross, and carried it to a tomb in which no body had ever been laid before. The tomb was in a beautiful garden belonging to a rich man named Joseph. And Pilate ordered a great stone put against the door of the tomb, and a strong guard of soldiers stood near, to see that none of Jesus' disciples came to take away the body of their Master.

On the morning of the third day after Jesus' death, Mary Magdalene and another Mary who had also loved Him, came very early to the tomb bringing some sweet spices to put around His body. And as they went, they wondered who would move away the stone for them. But God had sent an angel, with snow-white garments and a bright, shining face, who had rolled the stone from the door ; and when the soldiers who were guarding the tomb saw the angel, they were struck with faintness and did not know of anything that happened afterwards. When the

women saw the angel, they, too, were frightened ; but he spoke kindly to them, saying, "Do not be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus ; but He is not here now—He has come to life again, as He said He would. Come and see the place where He was lying.

And after the women had seen that Jesus' body was not in the tomb, the angel went on to say, "Go quickly, and tell His disciples that Jesus has risen from the dead and is going into Galilee—there they shall see Him." The women were so glad and surprised to hear this, that they ran quickly away to tell the wonderful news. And as they were running, they met Jesus Himself, and when He spoke to them, they fell at His feet and worshipped Him. And He said to them, as the angel had done, "Do not be afraid, but tell My disciples to go into Galilee, and there they shall see Me."

Now, while the women were going, the soldiers who had been guarding the tomb came to the chief priests and told them what had happened. Then these men who had

so hated Jesus said, "We will give you a great deal of money, if you will tell everybody that His disciples came at night and stole the body away."

For they were afraid that if the people heard the strange and wonderful story, they would think that Jesus had really been what He said He was—the Messiah, the Son of God.

So the soldiers did as they were told, and nearly all of the Jews believed.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What women went to Jesus' tomb?
2. Whom had God sent to roll away the stone from the door?
3. What happened to the soldiers when they saw the angel?
4. What did the angel say to the women?
5. Whom did the women meet as they went to tell the disciples?
6. What did they do?
7. What did Jesus say to the women?
8. To whom did the soldiers tell what had happened?
9. What did the chief priests offer them?
10. What were the soldiers told to do?
11. Did the Jews believe them?
12. G. Text?

Lesson Story

One bright autumn day, a little brown caterpillar crawled up on to a pine branch and made a round gray ball of a house, in which he curled up for his long winter sleep, tight and secure from the wind and cold. And on a spring day, when all the sleeping things in the wood were waking up, Bessie found the caterpillar in his little gray nest, and carried him home, where he soon woke up and came out of his cocoon house, no longer a fuzzy caterpillar, but a beautiful many-colored butterfly.

Jesus has come to tell us that death is only falling asleep for a little while, for although He Himself died, He rose again. And each little child who loves and serves Jesus here on earth, will rise, too, some day, and live with Him in His beautiful home in heaven.

Lesson Hymn

He who bore all pain and loss,
 Comfortless upon the cross,
 Lives in glory now on high,
 Pleads for us, and hears our cry :
 Hallelujah !

Now He bids us tell abroad
 How the lost may be restored,
 How the penitent forgiven,
 How we too may enter heaven.

Hallelujah ! Amen.
 —Hymn 60, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—128. What will become of the wicked at the Judgment Day? The wicked will then be driven away forever from the presence of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—38. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

A. At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

The Question on Missions

47. What are some of the results of the mission? The whole field is occupied. There are 60 preaching stations, and 55 native preachers. There are 2,181 communicants. Large numbers, besides, have lost all faith in idols, and are interested hearers of the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Very strong the angel must have been who rolled away the stone from Jesus' grave. But how much mightier is the Saviour Himself



who rose from the dead. Surely He has power to raise from the grave all who trust and follow Him. Death will not be able to hold them any more than it could hold Him.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS IS A LIVING SAVIOUR

Luke 24 : 36-53—Memory Verses, 46-48.

Golden Text—While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24 : 51.



THE LESSON RETOLD

The same night in which Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples were sitting at supper in an upstairs room. They were talking about the wonderful news which the women had told them, when suddenly, although the door was locked, they saw Jesus Himself standing in the middle of the room. The disciples were afraid, for they thought Jesus was a spirit; but He spoke gently to them and said, "Why are you afraid? Look at the marks in My hands and feet which the nails made, and see that it is really Myself." Then the disciples, although filled with joy and surprise, could still scarcely believe that it was Jesus, until He said, "Give me something to eat." And when they saw Him eat some of the boiled fish and honeycomb which they were eating themselves, they

believed that, although they had seen Him die on the cross, He was really alive again.

While they were at supper, Jesus talked to them about all the things that Moses and the prophets had said about Him hundreds of years before, and how God had planned even as long ago as that, that His Son would come down to earth and suffer and die, so that His people need not be punished for their sins—for He would be punished instead of them. But still, if they wished their sins forgiven, they must be sorry and turn away from them, and love, and believe in, Him. Then Jesus told His disciples that they were to wait at Jerusalem till God sent His Holy Spirit to help them, when they were to begin to tell the people in Jerusalem how He had come to save the world; and afterwards they were to go to other cities and countries, so that every one might hear their good news.

Soon after, Jesus led them all out to a high hill near Bethany, and while He was blessing them, suddenly He was lifted away from them and carried up into heaven.

Then the disciples went back to the city, and while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come upon them, they went every day to the temple, where they thanked and praised God for His goodness in sending His Son to save the world.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who appeared to the disciples in an upper room? 2. Why were they afraid?
3. What did Jesus say to them? 4. What did He ask them for? 5. What did He talk to them about? 6. What did Jesus say people must do, who wished their sins forgiven? 7. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to wait at Jerusalem? 8. What were they to do afterwards? 9. Where did Jesus take them? 10. What happened on the hill?
11. What did the disciples do on their return? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Lord, make me, from this hour,
Thy loving child to be,
Kept by Thy power,
Kept by Thy power
From all that grieveth Thee :

Till in the snow-white dress
Of Thy redeemed I stand,
Faultless and stainless,
Faultless and stainless,
Safe in that happy land. Amen.
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—129. **What is the last prayer in the Bible?** The Bible closes with the prayer, "COME, LORD JESUS."
 130. **What is the last promise in the Bible?** The last promise in the Bible is, "I COME QUICKLY."

SHORTER CAT'M—Review Questions 36-38.

The Question on Missions

48. Besides the chapels and native workers, what is the present equipment of the mission? Two substantial and comfortable mission houses, and a third under way, Oxford College, Mission Hospital, Girls' School, five missionaries and one missionary's widow.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We are Jesus' witnesses when we tell others about Him. Sometimes we can do this by our words. We can always do it by our

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actions. For, if others see that we are gentle and good, they will soon learn that it is Jesus who is making us so, and they will want Him to do this for them, also.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I HAVE A FRIEND IN HEAVEN

CHRISTMAS LESSON

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

John 1: 1-14

After Jesus had lived for thirty-three years on earth, and had gone back to heaven, four of His disciples wrote about all the wonderful things He had done when He was with them, so that, long after, people might read their words, and know how Jesus had lived on earth. And one of these disciples,

John, tells us more about Jesus Himself, and what He was like, than any of the others.

He tells us about Him from the very beginning, how He was with God even before the world was made, and how He had always had the same power as God: for "all things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made."

But although Jesus had made the world and all the people in it, they did not know Him when He came. They thought He should have come as a King; and instead He came as a little Baby. But although He was born in a stable in Bethlehem, God sent a number of signs to show that He was not an ordinary Child; and amongst others, He sent a company of shining angels out to the hills near the town, where shepherds were watching their flocks at night, to tell them about Jesus and how He had come to bring "peace on earth, and good will to men."

Then again, after Jesus had grown up and before He began His teachings, God sent a special messenger, John the Baptist, to tell every one that the Messiah was coming. But when he said that Jesus who had grown up amongst them, was the Son of God and the Messiah, the people Jesus had come to save laughed at him. Then they ill-treated Jesus, and at last crucified Him. But those who did love and believe in Him had their sins forgiven, and a place promised them in heaven with Jesus when they died.

Lesson Story

"Oh dear! I'm so tired," wailed Nannie, late on Christmas afternoon. "What! with all those presents to amuse you?" said mother. "I know a little girl who hasn't had any Christmas at all. I was hoping you would remember her." Nannie hung her head. "I forgot all about Lucy--let's take her something now, mother." Soon a basket was packed with good things to eat, and some of Nannie's toys tucked in besides; and off they went down the lane to lame Lucy's home.

"Oh, mother," said Nannie with shining eyes, on their way back, "wasn't she just too happy about the surprise? And I'm happy too—I think giving's a great deal better than getting." "That is what Christmas ought to mean," answered mother, "giving not getting. That is what Christ did."

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

December 30, 1906

Golden Text—His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.—Isaiah 9 : 6.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for Quarter. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS, VIZ :—BIBLE WORK ; SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES ; PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 116-130 ; SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 30-38 ; SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN ; THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS—Questions 37-48.

 The Lesson Pictures

Lesson I. In the picture for this Lesson in the QUARTERLY and LEAFLET there is a woman with a baby in her arms, and a little girl by her side. What is the woman doing ? (Putting money into the Lord's treasury.) How much did she put in ? Who else gave money ? Point out these rich people. Who praised the poor woman ? Find Jesus in the picture.

Lesson II. Whither are these ten maidens going ? What have they in their hands ? Why do some of them look so sorrowful ? Which of them only could go in to the marriage ?

Lesson III. Who is the master in the picture ? How many servants are there ? Point out the two who made a right use of their lord's money ? Which of them was unfaithful ?

Lesson IV. Who is this in the foreground of the picture ? Where is He ? What is the woman behind Him doing ? Why did she do it ? What was her name ?

Lesson V. Who are these reclining around the table ? Find Jesus in the company. In what way were His disciples to remember Him ?

Lesson VI. We all know who this is praying in the picture. It is the blessed Jesus. Where was He ? Who are the three sitting on the ground beyond Him ? What kind of trees are in the picture ? What is Jesus doing ?

Lesson VII. Before whom is Jesus standing now ? (Caiaphas the high priest.) To what had this ruler made up his mind ? Yes, that the pure and holy Jesus should be killed.

Lesson VIII. Ah, here is a flock of sheep. And, lurking near, is a cruel wolf. He would destroy the sheep but for the watchful shepherd. Sin is like that wolf. But Jesus the Good Shepherd can keep us safe.

Lesson IX. Who is this sitting on a throne ? Yes, Pilate the Roman governor. And this is Jesus standing before him. Can you point out the priest ? What does he want Pilate to do ? Yes, send Jesus to be crucified. Did Pilate consent ?

Lesson X. Who are these in the picture for this Lesson ? (Roman soldiers.) What are they doing ? Casting lots (Explain) to decide who shall have the garments of Jesus. What have they done to Jesus ? Yes, crucified Him.

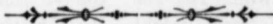
Lesson XI. What is this cave in a rock ? (The grave where the body of Jesus was laid.) Who is standing at the entrance ? What is the angel telling the women ? Is it not glad news, that Jesus has risen again ?

Lesson XII. One more picture, and a wonderful one it is. Whither is Jesus now going ? And what is He doing as He departs ? (Blessing His disciples.) And that is what He is doing to us all the time. How we should love the blessed Saviour seen in this Quarter's pictures !

Lesson Hymn

When, His salvation bringing,
To Zion Jesus came,
The children all stood singing
Hosanna to His name;

Nor did their zeal offend Him,
But, as He rode along,
He bade them still attend Him,
And smiled to hear their song. Amen.
—Hymn 540, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED TO-DAY THAT **I Should Honor, Love and Obey Jesus**

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. The Two Great Commandments.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Jesus Before Caiaphas.</p>
<p>LESSON II. The Ten Virgins.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. The World's Temperance Sunday.</p>
<p>LESSON III. The Parable of the Talents.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Jesus Before Pilate.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Jesus Anointed in Bethany.</p>	<p>LESSON X. Jesus on the Cross.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The Lord's Supper.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Jesus Risen from the Dead.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. Jesus in Gethsemane.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. Jesus Ascends into Heaven.</p>

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.]

Name..... Address.....

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DATE 1906	OCTOBER				NOVEMBER				DECEMBER					TOTAL FOR QUARTER
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