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Baby's Hand

That little hand, that little hand !
So full of small contriving ;
From morn to night unwearied still,
Into new mischief diving.
Now mother's workbox is its quest,
Purloining thread and thimble ;
But when you'd catch the cunning thief
How sly it is and nimble !
Beneath an apron it will hide,
In hope that you may miss it ;
And when you spy the tricky sprite
You cannot choose but kiss it.
For O that little elfin hand,
No matter what its sinning,
Can boast a magic all its own,
Our constant pardon winning.
With baby might it turns the key
That locks our truest part ;
For, doubt it as we may, it holds
The key unto our heart.

A Visit to a Primary Class

By Esther Miller

Would you like a peep at a real Primary class?—not an ideal one by any means, but one whose trials and difficulties you may find interesting.

Come with me, then, this bright Sabbath afternoon. School opens at two-thirty, but we must be there at two sharp, unless we want to find disorder and defeat awaiting us.

You see, we are not a moment too early, for here they come—ninety noisy scamps, from baby Dorothy, who sits on the front row when she is not tumbling on to the floor, to ten-year-old Dick, who perches on the last of the elevated seats. Each one drops his

contribution into the box as he passes, for pennies are apt to be noisy during prayers.

The opening exercises are over at two-forty and the big doors swing to, and shut us off from the main room.

Scripture drill comes first. Our work comprises the books of the Bible, the Commandments, Psalm twenty-three, Isaiah fifty-three and fifty-five, the Beatitudes, and First Corinthians, thirteenth chapter.

Nearly fifteen minutes hard, steady work, and here comes the Superintendent to help us sing. The assistant teacher, who has been silently marking the roll, folding papers and counting pennies, takes her place at the baby organ, and we have a grand time. Yes, we use the Church's Book of Praise exclusively, and, "God sees the little sparrows fall," seems the favorite.

Three-ten and we are alone again; and now for colored chalk, blackboard and picture roll, for this is the all-important time—the lesson. And woe betide us, if we are not well prepared, for the ninety are restless and terribly critical.

Just done, when Maudie holds up her hand, Maudie attained the ripe age of five last week. She comes down the steps proudly, with five damp coppers held tightly in a chubby fist. We count them in unison, tuck them safely into a purse, for our little famine orphan away in India, and then repeat together :

"God in heaven, our loving Father,
Five long years, by night and day,
Has watched over our friend Maudie,
When asleep, at work, at play.
May her life be long and happy,
May God have her heart's best love.
And when life on earth is ended
May we meet in heaven above."

And Maudie returns to her seat beaming.

It is just three-thirty now. After a closing prayer, while coats and caps are being put on, Dick and another big boy distribute the JEWELS. We leave them to the last for, as you know, the JEWELS are apt to demand the whole attention. And then away the dear tots troop, with many loving good-bys.

Hard work? I should think so! Plenty of noise and worry? Yes, indeed! But, oh, what if one should be instrumental in saving just one of "these little ones," wouldn't it be worth it all?

Orillia, Ont.

"Mata"

That word means *eyes*; and it is the name of a keen-eyed, keen-witted boy who often visits me in my little coral house.

Do you think that, because I live in a coral house, I must be a mermaid or any other strange creature? In fact, I am just an ordinary person. At least, you would think me ordinary; but to Mata, no white person is ordinary.

Mata is not white; yet he is not a negro nor an Indian nor a Chinese. All such people would seem even stranger to him than white people. Mata is brown-skinned, and so are most of the people that he ever saw.

I told you that my house was coral. Perhaps all the coral you ever saw was delicate and beautiful, but much is in solid masses, like ordinary rock. Many small islands consist wholly of coral rock; and other islands are surrounded by reefs of such rock.

It is on one of those reef-inclosed islands far out in the Pacific Ocean that I live; and my house is made of blocks of coral cut from the reef that surrounds this island. You would not think my house a nice one if you should see it; but Mata thinks it a very good house. He lives in a bamboo house, with a roof made of palm leaves.

Mata asks many questions. Some things that I tell him he can hardly believe. When I said to him that in my country people have fires without wood and lights without fires, he was amazed, for he knows nothing about gas and electricity.

The people on this island used to be sav-

ages; but since missionaries have come here and told the islanders about the true God, some of these people have become Christians. Mata is a Christian boy.

He asked me once whether all the boys in my home land were Christians. I had to tell him that not all were. Then he asked if they did not know about the true God. He thought it strange that any one who knew about Christ should not wish to be a Christian.

—Boys and Girls

Little Helpers

"I will be a little helper,"

Lisps the brook.

On its silvery way it goes,

Never stopping for repose,

Till it turns the busy mill

In some nook.

"I will be a little helper,"

Smiles the flower.

By the wayside, in the field,

All its beauty is revealed

Unto sad and weary hearts,

Though skies lower.

"I will be a little helper,"

Sings the bird.

And it carols forth a song,

Though the cheerless day be long,

Bringing to some helpless one

Some sweet word.

You can be a little helper,

Child so fair!

When your kindly deeds can make,

For the heavenly Father's sake,

Sunshine, love, and happiness

Everywhere!

The Fairy Gold

"I want my mama," said Teddy.

"You shall see mother in a little while, Ted," said Philip; "she's gone off to get a nap, now."

But Teddy had been having croup, and felt cross and uncomfortable, and the only idea in his dear little head was that mother made things feel better. "I want my mama!" he

said in louder tones, almost loud enough, the children feared, to bring poor, tired mother from the study sofa.

"Let's play building houses, Baby," said Grace, opening the box of blocks.

"Don' want b'ocks ; want mama !" wailed the baby, louder still.

"Let's sail ships," suggested Fan. And at this Teddy forgot that he wanted mama. Sailing ships was his great joy.

"Oh! Fan, you know he mustn't touch water," exclaimed Grace in dismay.

"Never mind, Ted," said Philip, ready to help out, "you be captain and shout the orders, and I'll be your sailor and make the ship go."

So round and round the tiny ocean bounded by the nursery basin, went the wee ship with a single sail ; and Philip played that it went

to far countries, and came back full of gold every time. "Just see those big piles of yellow gold!" cried the little captain's one sailor, pretending to empty something in Teddy's apron ; and the baby laughed gleefully ; his blue eyes seemed to be shining with delight, and he was not tired of the game, when mother came back from her nap, rested and smiling.

"If Teddy's ship-loads had been *real* gold," said Philip, "instead of just fairy gold, we'd be rich enough to buy a lot of things by this time."

"Teddy's fairy gold has bought two very precious things, my son," said the mother ; "an hour's rest for his tired mother-nurse, and an hour's pleasure for our sick baby ; you see what a big benefactor you have been—like a generous millionaire."

Brought Up by the Fifteenth Psalm

A LITTLE TALK TO MOTHERS

By M. E. B. Thomson

Of little children and bringing them up people have written and talked much ; never so much as to-day.

The Bible says simply, "Train up a child in the way he should go;" but how differently people have interpreted "the way."

The old "way" was repression ; the new is self-assertion. The former may have been bad, often *was* bad ; but at least it had the virtue of breeding self-reliant, self-controlled men and women. This has made the Scottish race a power throughout the world.

By the new "way" the child is made to feel of first consideration to himself and the universe. He is a little solar system in himself. Every feeling and emotion is most important ; good and bad are alike interesting.

As a mother, who, starting ignorant and ill-fitted for the task, yet has had great happiness with and from her children, I may have found out some things which may help, or, at least cheer those just beginning.

I believe a mother, with God's help, can always work out her children's salvation, though it may be literally "with fear and trembling." Books and theories are little

help, at least they were so to me. I went back to the Bible. I wanted to find out what "the way he should go" meant. The Bible does not deal in generalities. To every question it will give an answer if one searches for it honestly. I did, and found both my question and answer in the Fifteenth Psalm! Could there be any rules more splendid for the making of men? The five verses of the Psalm contain the best description of a true Christian gentleman:—

To walk uprightly and work righteousness, and speak truth in the heart ; to shun back-biting and evil-doing and the giving heed to evil reports, in dealing with one's neighbors ; to despise what is base, and honor the God-fearing ; to scorn to go back on one's word ; to refuse to use one's power to the injury of those who are weaker;—what finer things can there be on this earth?

I determined to base my children's future on the Fifteenth Psalm. It is to-day, as it was then, the best rule I know. Mothers of little children will surely be puzzled, but they must not be discouraged. The time is so short, seven or eight years, and you have set your seal for eternity. Try to be yourself what

you want the child to be. If you make a mistake, where it is possible own to it at once. Avoid "cant". Be absolutely true; above all, in religion. Remember, "Mother is the name for God in the hearts of little children." This is a high call, but motherhood is the greatest thing on earth. Put your children first, not with themselves or others, but let them be and feel they are first with you. Let them be conscious of your love the last thing at night. Ask their advice and help when you can, and, as a little boy I know advised, "cuddle them often, and never be cross." Little children are often wise in heavenly wisdom.

Above everything, let the living Christ be revered in your home. Let friendship be greatly honored, and self-control be a thing much admired and striven for. Then "bide a wee and dinna weary." The chances are, no, almost the certainty is, that you will send out from your home men and women well-fitted to do good work in the world,—“and with God be the rest !”

Toronto

Father's Time

"Oh, no, I cannot go with you after tea to-night, because that is father's time, and we always have so much fun then."

Away all day, immersed in business cares, the father could give no time to his children except the hour before their bedtime. With what happy, light hearts those little ones went to sleep to dream beautiful dreams of father-love!

Real Bravery

When Morton was a little boy, his father and mother paid little attention to his bumps and bruises, and so he learned not to mind them himself.

One day, when he was five years old, he was playing with his dearest friend, Wilfred, across the street. Morton was at the head of the back stairs—a long, steep flight, and somehow he lost his balance, and down he tumbled, from top to bottom.

Hearing the noise and the screams of the other children, Wilfred's mother and a neighbour who was there, together with Ann, the kitchen girl, rushed to the spot. Morton

reached the foot of the stairs, and turning to look at the way he had come, he said, cheerily:

"That was quite a fall, wasn't it?"

On an earlier occasion Morton displayed even greater bravery and endurance. He was on a visit to an uncle with his father and mother, and they had been for a drive in his uncle's carriage. The small boy wanted a longer ride, and the coachman, who had taken a fancy to the lad, said that he might ride round to the stable, and that he would bring him home when he came. So Morton jumped in again, happy enough. The coachman gave the door a bang. Alas, one of the little hands chanced to be right in the way! Nobody saw it, but they heard a sudden cry of pain. The little fellow's lip was quivering, but not even a whimper did he make.

"That was my thumb!" he remarked.

Of course everybody was sorry; but although it was enough to cause the loss of the nail, there was never any further ado about it.—Youth's Companion

The Good Shepherd

How many different names are given to Jesus! They all help us to know Him better, and then we shall love Him more. Last Quarter, we saw Him as the Life and Light of men. Now, for three months, we are going to look at Him as the Good Shepherd. We shall see how much He did and still does, for His sheep. In some of the Lessons the Good Shepherd is on earth, working and suffering. In the rest He is in Heaven, preparing a happy home for His followers and watching over them on their way to it. We are to learn about:

I. THE SHEPHERD ON EARTH:

1. Jesus giving His life.
2. Jesus weeping with His friends.
3. Jesus accepting a gift.
4. Jesus receiving honor.
5. Jesus humbling Himself.
6. Jesus praying for His people.
7. Jesus misjudged.
8. Jesus crucified.

II. THE SHEPHERD IN HEAVEN:

10. Jesus opening the way into heaven.
11. Jesus speaking from heaven.
12. Jesus providing a home.
13. Jesus the King of glory.

Mr. Jackson
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An Order of Service

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AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1905

Pains should be taken to cultivate in the little ones a spirit of quiet reverence when they come to worship God and study His Word. Everything in the teacher's voice and manner, while bright and cheerful, should impress the idea that a very holy service is to be commenced. The recitation of these lines will help.

I. RECITATION IN CONCERT. (With motions.)

Noiseless feet and folded hands,
Eyes that watch our teacher's face,
Prayerful hearts and reverent tones,

In this dear and holy place ;
Hearts in waiting to receive
All our Heavenly Father's grace.

II. SINGING. Hymn 545, Book of Praise.

III. PRAYER, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in concert.

IV. SINGING. (Tune 524, Book of Praise.)

Little lambs so white and fair
Are the Shepherd's constant care ;
Now He leads their tender feet
Into pastures green and sweet.

Now they listen and obey,
Following where He leads the way ;
Heavenly Father may we be
Thus obedient unto Thee.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse and repeat, "The Words of Blessing"

—Matt. 5 : 1-12. Learn verse by verse and sing Hymn 46, Book of Praise.

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven
Saved by His precious blood.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear ;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin ;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

Oh, dearly, dearly, has He loved !

And we must love Him too ;

And trust in His redeeming blood,

And try His works to do. Amen.

VI. 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.)

VII. OFFERINGS. Sing Hymn 457, Book of Praise.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. PRAYER.

X. SINGING. (Tune 515, Book of Praise.)

We are growing, we are growing
As the happy days go by ;
We must try to grow still better
While the precious moments fly.

We are growing up in knowledge
As we hear the story old ;
From the ever-blessed Bible,
In its wondrous pages told.

We are growing in the sunshine
Of our tender Saviour's love ;
Day by day we know Him better
As He watches from above.

XI. DISMISS.

Lesson I.

JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

April 2, 1905

John 10 : 7-18. Study vs. 1-18—Memory Verses, 17, 18.

Golden Text—I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.—
John 10 : 11.



7 Then said Je'sus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers : but the sheep did not hear them.

9 I am the door : by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy : I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

11 I am the good shepherd : the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth : and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

15 As the Father knoweth me, even so

know I the Father : and I lay down my life for the sheep.

16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice ; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The Pharisees had been very harsh and cruel to the blind man whose eyes Jesus had opened. Because he was becoming a follower of Jesus, they had forbidden him ever again to enter the synagogue. Jesus now speaks some plain words to these men. He calls to their minds how the shepherds do with their flocks. When night comes, they gather the flock together and lead them into the fold, which was a place something like a large open stable, around which was a high stone fence to keep out wild animals and robbers.

In the morning the shepherd comes again to the door of the fold, and as soon as the sheep hear their master's voice, they at once spring up and follow wherever he may lead them. All day long a good shepherd would keep watch over his sheep, often risking his own life to save them.

Jesus now says, looking at His disciples

and at the Pharisees, "I am the Good Shepherd, and know My sheep, and they follow Me." Speaking of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus called them false shepherds, who, like hired keepers, cared nothing for the sheep, but would desert them at the first sign of danger. "These men," said the Master, "are to the people no better than thieves or robbers, whose business it is to steal and to kill and to destroy, but the true sheep will not hear them—their voices sound strange to them."

"I am the Good Shepherd," said the Saviour, "because My chief care is for My sheep. As a faithful earthly shepherd seeks out good pastures for his flock, so will I lead My people where they can find all that is best for them. As he, their master, is willing to risk his own life to save them from danger, so will I, the Good Shepherd, give up My life for My sheep."

Many of Jesus' followers did not at first

Miss Robinson

understand that the Saviour's work was for the people of other nations than their own ; so He now spoke to them plainly, saying, "Other sheep have I which are not of this fold : them also I must bring, and they shall hear My voice ; and there shall be one fold, and one Shepherd."

Jesus knew that wicked men were on the watch to kill Him ; but to show how willing He was to give His life for His sheep, He said, "No man taketh My life from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. This power have I received from My Father."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is the work of a shepherd in day-time ? 2. What kind of place is a sheep-fold ? 3. Who keeps watch at the door of the fold ? 4. What dangers threaten the sheep at night ? 5. How do sheep know their own master ? 6. By what two names did Jesus call Himself ? 7. What did He mean when He said He was the door ? 8. Who are His sheep ? 9. Whom did He describe as thieves and robbers ? 10 Why is Jesus the Good Shepherd ? (Golden Text)

Lesson Story

Howard was really a very brave little boy. He would sit quietly, and allow the dentist to take out a tooth, and could swallow the most disagreeable medicine without a word. But he had one fear. He did not like to stay alone in the dark.

His bed was in the room across the hall from papa's study, and Howard never could go to sleep without first asking, "Papa, are you there ?" "Yes, my son," his father would answer. "Will you take care of me to-night, papa ?" "Yes, my son;" and then he would turn over and go to sleep.

That same little boy is now an old man of sixty-seven, but he never goes to sleep without looking up into his Heavenly Father's face and saying, "Father, will you take care of me to-night ?" And God has never failed to send the answer to that prayer, by keeping him safely through the night.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus is our Shepherd ;
For the sheep He bled ;
Every lamb is sprinkled
With the blood He shed ;

Then on each He setteth
His own secret sign :—
"Those that have My Spirit,
These," saith He, "are Mine." Amen.
—Hymn 522, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—21. Who were the first man and the first woman? Adam was the first man and Eve was the first woman.

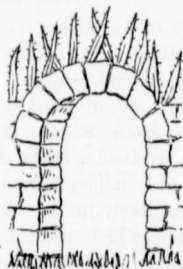
SHORTER CATECHISM—70. Which is the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery. **71. What is required in the seventh commandment?** The seventh commandment requireth the preservation of our own and our neighbour's chastity, in heart, speech and behaviour.

The Question on Missions

13. What is a Home Mission field ? A Home Mission field is a district where the people are too few or too scattered to form a regular congregation. The different preaching places in a mission field are called mission stations.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Do you see this door of an Eastern sheep-fold ? It is wide open. That is to let the sheep in at night. When they are all in, the



door is closed, and they are kept safe till morning. Now, Jesus calls His people His sheep, and He keeps all harm away from them. He has a special care for the lambs in the flock.

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS LOVES ME**

*Mrs. Tom Cusson
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John 11 : 32-45—Memory Verses, 33-36.

Golden Text—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life.—John 11 : 25.

32 Then when Ma'ry was come where Je'sus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Je'sus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled,

34 And said, Where have ye laid him ? They said unto him, Lord, come and see.

35 Je'sus wept.

36 Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him !

37 And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died ?

38 Je'sus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it.

39 Je'sus said, Take ye away the stone. Mar'tha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh : for he hath been *dead* four days.

40 Je'sus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God ?

41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Je'sus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

42 And I knew that thou hearest me always : but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Laz'arus, come forth.

44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes : and his face was bound about with a napkin. Je'sus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Then many of the Jews which came to Ma'ry, and had seen the things which Je'sus did, believed on him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Just outside the city of Jerusalem, in the village of Bethany, there lived three of Jesus' dearest earthly friends—Mary, her sister Martha, and their brother called Lazarus. One day, when Jesus was teaching across the Jordan, He received a hasty message from the two sisters, telling Him that Lazarus was very ill, and likely to die. Now, the last time Jesus had been in Jerusalem, the Jews had tried to stone Him, and the disciples were very unwilling that the Master should again risk His life by returning to that part of the country.

For two days Jesus remained where He was, and then, in spite of all that the disciples said against it, He set out for Bethany. But in the meantime Lazarus had died, and the two sisters, wondering greatly why Jesus did not come, had sorrowfully laid away their

brother's body in the grave.

Now, in the country where Jesus lived, graves were not dug in the earth, but were hewn out of the solid rock. Sometimes they were like caves or rooms cut on the side of a hill, and were usually closed by a large boulder or stone rolled before the opening.

When Mary and Martha returned to the house after the funeral, word was brought that Jesus was on His way to them. Leaving Mary in the house, Martha went out to meet Him, and fell at His feet, saying, "Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died." In vain Jesus tried to comfort her, and when, a little later, He sent for Mary, she also reproached Him, as Martha had done, because He had not come in time to save their brother's life.

Jesus now asked where Lazarus was buried,

and when He saw the grave, with the sisters and their friends weeping for Lazarus, He was filled with grief, and wept with them, so that those who saw it were astonished, saying, "Behold, how He loved him!" Presently Jesus said, "Take away the stone"; but Martha, thinking that the body would have already begun to decay, tried to prevent Him. Jesus turned to her, saying, "If thou wilt believe, thou shalt see the glory of God."

When the grave was opened, Jesus stood and prayed to His Father; after which He said in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth," and immediately the man who had been dead rose up, and walked out of the grave before them all. Then, when they had unfastened the grave-clothes with which he was bound, Lazarus returned with his sisters to their old home. From that day Mary and Martha and their friends knew for certain that Jesus was the Son of God.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Bethany? 2. What friends of Jesus lived there? 3. What message did the Saviour one day receive from them? 4. How long before He went to Bethany? 5. What happened in the meantime? 6. What did Martha and Mary say to Jesus when He came? 7. How did Jesus show His love and grief for them at the grave? 8. What did He now tell them to do? 9. What did He say when the grave was opened? 10. What happened when He spoke? 11. What had Lazarus on? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Gracie," said mama, "I wish you to put baby to sleep in the hammock this morning." A scowl came on Gracie's face. "Babies are such a bother," she muttered crossly.

Presently a little girl outside the fence looked in. "May I swing your baby?" she asked. "Oh, yes," said Gracie, "I get tired enough of it." The small girl gently moved the hammock, as if she thought it a great treat. "I had a little brother once," she said. "But mama said God wanted him up in heaven; so He took him away." She swung the hammock a while longer, and then said good-by.

Gracie looked at her little brother. "Oh, dear!" she said, "What if God should take

our baby away?" After this she never grumbled at him again.

Lesson Hymn

There is a world above
Where parting is unknown;
A whole eternity of love
Formed for the good alone:
And faith beholds the dying here
Translated to that happier sphere. Amen.
—Hymn 329, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—22. In what way did God make man to differ from the animals? God gave man a soul, or spirit, that can never die.

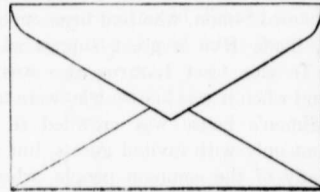
SHORTER CATECHISM—72. What is forbidden in the seventh commandment? A. The seventh commandment forbiddeth all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions.

The Question on Missions

14. Who are employed as home missionaries? The home missionaries are ministers, students for the ministry, and other suitable men. Last year there were about 600 home missionaries in the service of our church.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

If you were very sick, and your mother was away from home, how quickly a letter would bring her back. We cannot send letters to



Jesus, but, better than sending a letter we can speak to Him, and He will help us as truly as He comforted Mary and Martha, those friends of His who lived at Bethany.

I Have Learned Today

THAT JESUS FEELS MY SORROWS

THE SUPPER AT BETHANY

April 16, 1905

John 12 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 2, 3.

Olden Text—She hath done what she could.—Mark 14 : 8.



1 Then Je'sus six days before the pass-over came to Beth'any, where Laz'arus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead.

2 There they made him a supper; and Mar'tha served: but Laz'arus was one of them that sat at the table with him.

3 Then took Ma'ry a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Je'sus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

4 Then saith one of his disciples, Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, which should betray him,

5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

7 Then said Je'sus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

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

9 Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Je'sus' sake only, but that they might see Laz'arus also, whom he had raised from the dead.

10 But the chief priests consulted that they might put Laz'arus also to death;

11 Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Je'sus.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The next time the Saviour came to Bethany, where He had raised Lazarus from the dead, a man named Simon, who had been cured of leprosy, made Him a great supper at his house. To this feast Lazarus also was invited, and when it was known who were to be there, Simon's house was crowded to the doors, not only with invited guests, but also with many of the common people, who, as was then the custom, were allowed to come to such gatherings and look on.

Now an Eastern supper table was made of three narrow tables arranged so as to form a hollow square open at one side. The guests lay upon long benches as sofas facing the centre.

Among those who waited upon Jesus as He sat at the supper in Simon's house, was Martha, who, with Mary her sister, was anxious to do all she could to show her gratitude to Jesus for all He had done for them in giving them back their brother Lazarus. When the supper was about half over, Mary also came

into the room, carrying in her hand a small jar of very precious perfume worth hundreds of dollars of our money, such as was sometimes poured upon the heads of kings as a sign of great honor and respect. Coming up softly behind Jesus as He reclined at the table, Mary now quietly emptied the precious perfume upon his feet, and wiped them with the hair of her head.

At once the whole house was filled with the rich scent of the perfume; but Judas, the disciple who afterwards betrayed his Master, exclaimed against Mary and what she had done, saying, "What foolishness! The perfume that this woman has wasted might better have been sold, and the money given to the poor!" Judas said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and helped himself out of the purse which he carried for Jesus and the other disciples.

But Jesus was pleased with Mary's gift, and said to those who spoke against her, "Let

her alone. Against the day of My burying hath she done this. The poor ye have always with you ; but Me ye have not always." And turning to the people, He promised that Mary's act of kindness should be remembered about her for all time to come, and spoken of wherever the gospel should be preached.

Now, many of the people who had seen Lazarus sitting alive and well at Simon's feast, went away believing more firmly than ever that Jesus was the Son of God. After this, the rulers and those who were seeking to put Jesus to death, planned how they might kill Lazarus also, because, since he had been raised from the dead, so many were ready to accept Jesus as the Messiah.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who made a supper for Jesus in Bethany ?
2. Who besides Jesus was invited ?
3. Why were the people anxious to see Lazarus ?
4. Who waited upon the table ?
5. How did Mary show her love for Jesus ?
6. How much was the perfume worth ?
7. For what was it generally used ?
8. Who spoke against what Mary had done ?
9. What did Judas say should have been done with the perfume ?
10. What kind of man was Judas ?
11. How did Jesus reprove him ?
12. What did He say of Mary's gift ?
13. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

All the girls in Daisy's class were planning to take presents to their teacher for her birthday. But Daisy had no money, and was greatly puzzled how she could get anything to give.

At last she thought of a plan. She would gather some wild flowers ; but they grew so far off that it would take the whole afternoon to get them. She must just miss going to tea at Miss Simpson's with the other girls. So, deciding to give up the party, Daisy spent the long afternoon in the woods, feeling sure, as she filled her basket with fragrant arbutus, that none of the girls would have anything prettier than her present.

Later in the evening, when she appeared at Miss Simpson's, to offer her flowers, her teacher kissed her affectionately, and whispered, "Dear Daisy, I like your present best of all, because it cost you so much."

Lesson Hymn

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him,
 We'll bring Him thankful praise,
 And young souls meekly striving
 To walk in holy ways :
 And these shall be the treasures
 We offer to the King,
 And these are gifts that even
 The poorest child may bring. Amen.
 —Hymn 535, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—23. For what purpose was man made? Man was made to love and serve God, and to be happy with Him forever.

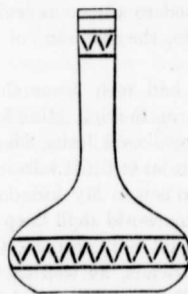
SHORTER CATECHISM—73. Which is the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal. 74. What is required in the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment requireth the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

The Question on Missions

15. Where are the home mission fields found? There are home mission fields in all parts of the Dominion; but the largest number are in New Brunswick, newer Ontario, and the vast region from Lake Superior to the Pacific Ocean.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How eager we should all be to do a kindness to Jesus, if He should come to our house!



But, do you know, if we are kind to any of His friends, and especially the poor, He will count it as if we had been kind to Himself.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS VALUES MY GIFTS

Lesson IV. THE ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM April 23, 1905

John 12 : 12-26—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Matt. 21 : 9.

THE LESSON RETOLD



The morning after Simon's feast, Jesus sent two of His disciples to borrow an ass's colt for Him from a friend, that He might ride into Jerusalem. At this time the roads were thronged with Passover visitors. When it became known that Jesus, the great prophet from Nazareth, of whose miracles everyone was talking, was on His way, great crowds of people started out from Jerusalem to meet Him, taking with them branches cut from the palm trees, which were always carried at times of special thanksgiving and rejoicing.

At the first sight of the Saviour the crowd broke at once into cheers, shouting, "Hosanna : Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord." And surrounding Jesus as He rode, they brought Him with great shouting and rejoicing and waving of branches as far as the temple.

It was not until after the Saviour's death, that the disciples remembered, in reading the book of Zechariah, how that prophet had foretold exactly that Jesus, before His death, should ride in state to Jerusalem. Zechariah's words were, "Fear not, daughter of Zion : behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt."

Among the thousands of people who came to worship in Jerusalem at this time, was a company of Greeks, who, hearing of Jesus, were anxious to meet Him. These men now called Philip, one of the disciples, aside, and asked if he would introduce them to his master. Philip was not sure that Jesus would wish at this time to be interrupted by strangers, but, after asking Andrew what should be done, they together went and told Jesus the wish of these strangers.

At once Jesus explained to them, as well as to the people who stood listening, that the time was near when He, the Saviour of all, should give up His life for the sin of all nations in the world.

Many of those who had seen Jesus that morning, as He was followed by the cheering crowds, had thought of making Him king, but the Master now told them plainly that He must die. "We know," said Jesus, "how it is with a grain of wheat. If it is kept too carefully, it remains as it is; but if it falls into the ground and dies, it becomes the beginning of many new grains. So is it in My kingdom. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal."

By this saying Jesus did not promise that His followers should always have an easy time, but to His new friends, as well as to those who had long been with Him, He now said, "If any man will serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be : if any man serve Me, him will My Father honor."

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON

1. Where did Jesus go from Bethany ? Him honor ? 5. Why was Jerusalem so
2. How did He travel ? 3. Who met Him crowded at this time ? 6. Who asked
- on the way ? 4. How did the people show Philip to introduce them to Jesus ? 7.

Whom did Philip consult? 8. What did Jesus tell them about Himself? 9. What did He say about the grain of wheat? 10. What did He say His servants must be willing to do?" 11. What reward did He promise them? 12. What is the Golden Text?

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

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—24. What kind of persons were Adam and Eve when God made them? God made Adam and Eve holy and happy.

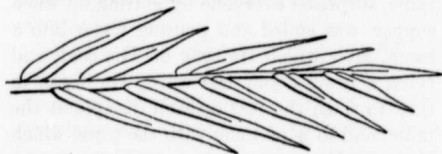
SHORTER CATECHISM—75. What is forbidden in the eighth commandment? A. The eighth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever doth or may unjustly hinder our own or our neighbour's wealth or outward estate.

The Question on Missions

16. What kinds of people are in the home mission fields of the new West? The Western home mission fields contain immigrants from nearly every country of Europe, but most are from Great Britain, the United States, and the older parts of Canada.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The people waved palm branches like this, when they welcomed Jesus as King to Jeru-



salem. We can do something that will please Him far better. It is to love Him with all our hearts and to obey Him in our lives.

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS IS MY LORD**

THE WOMEN AT THE SEPULCHRE

An Alternative Lesson

Luke 24 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 6. 7.

The first visitors to Jesus' grave were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, who came very early in the morning of the first day of the week, the Sabbath being ended, to place sweet spices beside the dead body of their Lord. A good man named Joseph had laid Jesus' body in a cave in his own garden, and as the women walked towards the place, they began to wonder how they should roll back the stone which lay at the opening of the grave to serve as a door.

But what was their surprise on coming nearer, to find that the stone was rolled away and the body of Jesus gone. In the place where it had been sat two shining angels, at the sight of whom the frightened women fell trembling to the ground. "Why seek ye the living among the dead?" asked the angels kindly: "Jesus is not here, but is risen. Remember how He told you, more than a year ago in Galilee, that He should be crucified by wicked men, but should rise again on the third day.

Until now this promise of Jesus had been forgotten by everyone of His sorrowing friends. But the women, instantly recollecting their Master's words, ran back to the disciples in great joy, with the news that He was indeed risen as He said.

But the apostles were so overcome with grief that the message of the women seemed to them like a foolish tale. They could not believe it.

Presently, however, Peter and John left the others, and running to the grave, they, too, found it empty, and wondering greatly at what had happened, they went in, finding only the linen clothes in which the body of Jesus had been wrapped.

John 13 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 12, 13.

Golden Text—By love serve one another.—Gal. 5 : 13.

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Je'sus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Ju'das Iscar'iot, Si'mon's son, to betray him;

3 Je'sus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God ;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments ; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Si'mon Pe'ter : and Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet ?

7 Je'sus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now ; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Pe'ter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Je'sus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Si'mon Pe'ter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head.

10 Je'sus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but is clean every whit : and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him ; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you ?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord : and ye say well ; for *so* I am.

14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet ; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The last evening before His death, Jesus made a supper for His disciples in a large upper room in Jerusalem. Knowing that Judas had made his plans to betray Him that very night to the priests and Pharisees, the Master spent His last evening comforting and preparing His beloved disciples for all that was about to happen. Until this time, some of the disciples had supposed that Jesus intended to set up an earthly kingdom in Jerusalem, in which they as His followers should receive the chief positions of honor. Even at the table, they disputed among themselves which should be the greatest.

Now the floor of a Jewish house was always covered with clean white mats. In order not to soil these, guests upon entering the house, left their shoes at the door, where

a slave was waiting with a basin of water, to wash the feet of each person who came in.

Jesus having seen the disciples striving with one another for the best places at the table, surprised everyone by getting up when supper was ended and pouring water into a basin, after which He took off His coat, and tying a towel about His waist, He began in turn to wash the feet of each disciple at the table, and to wipe them with the towel which He carried.

Though Jesus was their King, not one of the disciples had offered, although there was no servant present, to do this refreshing work for Him, after their long dusty walk from Bethany.

When it came to Peter's turn to have his feet washed, he was so ashamed to see the

Saviour doing the work of the poorest servant for His guests, that he said, "Master, Thou shalt never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter. If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with Me." Then Peter saith unto Him, "Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head."

Jesus did not leave anybody out, not even the wicked Judas; and after He had finished and had put on His coat, He again took His place at the head of the table, and began to tell the disciples the meaning of what He had done, saying, "You call Me Master and Lord; and you say well, for so I am. If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; you also ought to wash one another's feet." By this Jesus meant that, to be truly great and happy, His followers must be willing and watchful to help others in His name.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did Jesus and His disciples eat their last supper? 2. About what did the disciples dispute at the table? 3. What did Jesus do when the supper was ended? 4. Who generally did such work? 5. Why was Peter ashamed to have Jesus wash his feet? 6. What did he say to Jesus? 7. How did the Saviour answer him? 8. What did Jesus do when He had finished washing the disciples' feet? 9. What did He mean to teach by what He had done? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Among the many wonderful sights that Lily Dale saw for the first time when she went to visit her aunt in the city, was a merry-go-round.

"Well, Lily, which animal will you ride?" asked her aunt. Lily was about to choose a lion, when, catching sight of a poorly dressed little lame girl beside her, she offered to help her on her horse. "I, oh, no!" answered the child, stepping back, "I've no money, but—it's nice to see."

"Auntie, dear! Please pay for this little girl instead of for me," said Lily. "I'll stay with you." So Lily went without her ride, but the sight of the happy little face that beamed to her from the merry-go-round more than made up for all she had missed.

Lesson Hymn

The Lord, who left the sky
Our life and peace to bring,
And dwelt in lowliness with men,
Their Pattern and their King,—

Still to the lowly soul
He doth Himself impart,
And for His dwelling and His throne
Chooseth the pure in heart. Amen.

—Hymn 219, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—25. Where did God place Adam and Eve? God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden in Eden.

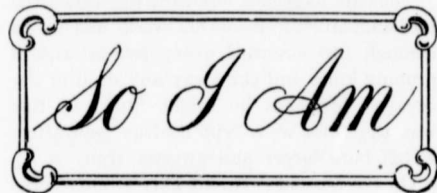
SHORTER CATECHISM—76. Which is the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

The Question on Missions

17. How many home mission fields have we? We have upwards of 600 home mission fields, comprising more than 1,500 mission stations, of which some 230 are in the Eastern Section or Maritime Provinces (and Newfoundland), and 1,300 in the Western Section, which embraces the rest of Canada.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We all honor Edward VII., our good and wise king. But far greater than any earthly



ruler is King Jesus. There is surely no work so lowly that we shall not be willing to do it to please Him and follow His example.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE

John 15 : 1-12—Memory Verses, 5, 6.

Golden Text—Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.—John 15 : 8.



9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you : continue ye in my love.

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love ; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The caretaker of a vineyard was called the husbandman. Part of his work was to go through the vineyard every season with a pruning knife and cut away any dead or decayed branches he might find. In this way the vines were kept healthy, and afterwards bore larger and sweeter fruit.

On the beautiful Mount Olivet, near Jerusalem, were many orchards and vineyards. Through these Jesus and His disciples had often walked. At the very time of year when they were at the supper in Jerusalem, the young vines were being pruned and trained. It was very natural that Jesus should think of the vine and the branches and draw from them some lessons for His disciples.

He had told the disciples He would be put to death, and they were filled with grief and loneliness. But the Master did not wish to see His disciples unhappy. As they sat about Him, showing their sadness in their faces, He tried to comfort them, and show

1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away : and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine ; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches : He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit : for without me ye can do nothing.6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered ; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; so shall ye be my disciples.

them how near His people might be to Him, even if they could not see Him. To make His meaning plainer He said, "I am the Vine ; ye are the branches ; My Father is the Husbandman."

Jesus meant that His kingdom was like a great garden or vineyard in charge of His Heavenly Father. He Himself was like a Vine, giving life and strength to His followers, but it was their part as His branches to bear fruit by doing such good work as would please Him and bring honor to their Heavenly Father. "As a branch cannot bear fruit of itself," said Jesus, "unless it be joined to the vine, no more can you do the things that are pleasing to God, unless you abide in Me. Apart from Me, you can do nothing."

As in a vineyard there are two kinds of branches, those that bear fruit and those that do not, so, Jesus said, the heavenly Husbandman would choose between those servants who serve Him and those who do not. The

useless and idle members of the kingdom shall be cast out, but those who are bearing even ever so little fruit will be trained and helped, that they may bear more fruit.

One of the fruits that Jesus was most anxious His disciples should cultivate was love. "If ye keep My commandments," said the Saviour to His followers, "ye shall abide in My love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in His love. This is My last and great commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you."

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did the disciples feel when they knew that Jesus must leave them? 2. To what plant did Jesus compare Himself and His friends? 3. In what way is Jesus like a vine to His disciples? 4. What kind of fruit are they to bear as His branches? 5. Whom did Jesus mean by the Husbandman? 6. What is the work of a husbandman? 7. What special fruit does Jesus expect from His followers? 8. What rule did He give His friends for abiding in Him? 9. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

There is a story told of two children in Germany, who set out to walk in the woods. All went happily until they came to a road part of which went down-hill and the other up-hill. The girl wanted to go one way, and her brother wanted to go the other way, and so they quarreled.

But just at the fork of the two paths they came across a little boy lying asleep in the grass. They woke him up, and asked him what he was doing there. He said he had just gone to sleep. As he was a nice little fellow, they asked him to go with them. And they went on happily together, first down by the stream and then up the hill. As the little boy had no home, the children took him with them to their home, and he became their playfellow.

But they noticed that whenever they quarreled, he always fell asleep. After a long time they discovered that his name was Love. As long as Love was awake they had a good time, but the slightest crossness or quarreling would put him instantly to sleep.

Lesson Hymn

Saviour, more than life to me,
I am clinging close to Thee;
Let Thy precious blood applied
Keep me ever near Thy side.

*Every day, every hour,
Let me feel Thy cleansing power;
May Thy tender love to me
Bind me closer, Lord, to Thee. Amen.*

—Hymn 211, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—26. What did God say to Adam and Eve when he had placed them in the garden? God told Adam and Eve that they might eat of every tree in the garden except one.

SHORTER CATECHISM—77. What is required in the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment requireth the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbour's good name, especially in witness-bearing.

The Question on Missions

18. By whom is the home mission work directed? The home mission work is directed by committees of the General Assembly, one for the Eastern, and one for the Western Section, along with Committees of the Synods and Presbyteries. There are also four Superintendents, who aid in overseeing the work in the larger missionary districts.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It seems cruel in the gardener, doesn't it, to cut the branches of the vine till the sap runs out like blood? But he does this only



that the branch may by and by bear rich clusters of grapes. And so, many things that seem hard to us will in the end make us more useful and happy.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS WILL MAKE ME STRONG

John 17 : 15-26—Memory Verses, 20, 21.

Golden Text—I pray for them.—John 17 : 9.

and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. hast given me, be with me where I am ; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me : for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee : but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it : that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

15 I pray not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth : thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word ;

21 That they all may be one ; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us : that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them ; that they may be one, even as we are one :

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one ; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me,

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou

THE LESSON RETOLD

The disciples had been with Jesus about three years. All this time, the Master had been teaching and preparing them for the time which had now come, when He must return to His Heavenly Father, and leave them to carry on the work of preaching His gospel and beginning His church. Jesus knew that, when they were left alone, the disciples would often be perplexed and discouraged. So, while they sat together for the last time in the upper room, He prayed earnestly to His Father for a blessing upon His beloved friends, and upon all who through them should become His followers.

Now the disciples had often seen Jesus spend whole nights in prayer to His Heavenly Father, especially when He had any great work before Him, or after a busy day of preaching and teaching. Once, when they had asked Him to teach them how to pray, He had given them the prayer beginning,

"Our Father which art in heaven." The first blessing that Jesus asked from His Father for His disciples on the night before He was taken from them, was that they might be kept safe from the sin and wickedness of the world in which they lived. "Father, I pray not," said the Saviour, "that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. While in the world, may they be saved from sin, and show in all they do that they do not belong to the world, but are followers of a heavenly Master."

Though the disciples had spent so much time with their Lord and Master, they were still far from being like Him. They were often jealous of one another, and at times quarrelsome and selfish. The Saviour knew that, when He was no longer with them, it would be doubly hard for them to do right, because men everywhere should hate them

for His sake. For this He now prayed His Father to keep them faithful to Him and to the word. He had given them, that by their good example they might be able to win others to His kingdom.

What Jesus longed and prayed for most earnestly of all was, that His friends and followers everywhere might agree with one another in love, for only by this love to Him and to one another would they be able to prove to those whom they met, the love of God as their Heavenly Father. Again and again He prayed that the hearts of His people might be joined together in one. As He and His Father were one God, so He prayed that His church might be one also.

Jesus' last prayer to His Father for His friends was, that everyone of those who had been faithful to Him in this life should at last come to live and reign with Him forever in His heavenly home, where, as one great family, they might behold His glory and be changed into the likeness of Himself and His Heavenly Father.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus when He made His last prayer for the disciples? 2. For whom did He pray besides? 3. What work were the disciples to begin after Jesus' death? 4. How did the Saviour say they should be treated when He was gone? 5. From what did He pray His Father to protect them? 6. How were they to teach the love of God to others? 7. What was Jesus' prayer for His church? 8. How will Jesus reward those who are faithful to Him? 9. What is the Golden Text?

A Child's Evening Prayer

"Into Thy loving care,
 Into Thy keeping,
 Thou who art everywhere
 Take us while sleeping;
 Let Thine almighty arm
 Closely enfold us,
 Nothing can hurt or harm
 While Thou dost hold us;
 Through all the quiet night
 Thy watch be given,
 Bring us to morning light
 Here or in heaven."

Lesson Hymn

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us,
 Be the guardian of our way,
 Keep from ill, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray :

Blessèd Jesus!

☞ Hear us children when we pray. Amen.

—Hymn 585, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—27. Did Adam and Eve obey God? No. They ate the fruit God told them not to eat.

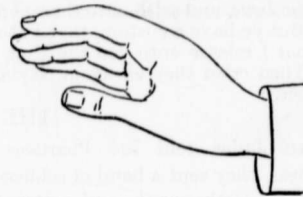
SHORTER CATECHISM—78. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment? A. The ninth commandment forbiddeth whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbour's good name.

The Question on Missions

19. How are home missions supported? Last year about \$118,000 was given by our church for its home missions, and about \$116,000 by the mission fields for their own support.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

If a finger were cut off from the hand, how useless it would be by itself. But when all the fingers are joined together in the hand,



they can do a great deal. So, if the followers of Jesus are to do the greatest things for Him, they must be united and all work together.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS IS PRAYING FOR ME

John 18 : 28-40—Memory Verses, 37, 38.

Golden Text—Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.—John 18 : 37.

28 Then led they Je'sus from Cai'aphas unto the hall of judgment : and it was early ; and they themselves went not into the judgment hall, lest they should be defiled ; but that they might eat the passover.

29 Pi'late then went out unto them, and said, What accusation bring ye against this man ?

30 They answered and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee.

31 Then said Pi'late unto them, Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death :

32 That the saying of Je'sus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying what death he should die.

33 Then Pi'late entered into the judgment hall again, and called Je'sus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews ?

34 Je'sus answered him, Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me ?

35 Pi'late answered, Am I a Jew ? Thine

own nation and the chief priests have delivered thee unto me : what hast thou done ?

36 Je'sus answered, My kingdom is not of this world : if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews : but now is my kingdom not from hence.

37 Pi'late therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then ? Je'sus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

38 Pi'late saith unto him, What is truth ? And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover : will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews ?

40 Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barab'bas. Now Barab'bas was a robber.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Judas told the Pharisees where Jesus was, they sent a band of soldiers to the Garden of Gethsemane, and arrested Him, dragging Him immediately before the high priest, where He was beaten, spat upon, and falsely charged with all kinds of wrong-doing.

Though Jesus' hands were tied with ropes, He could have got away at any minute. If He had asked His Father, He would at once have sent thousands of angels to help Him. But He chose to stay, that He might suffer and die for the sins of the world.

As it was against the law for the Jews to put anyone to death without the permission of the Roman governor, Jesus, still bound as a prisoner, and followed by an angry, clamoring mob, was taken very early the next morn-

ing to Pilate's palace. When Pilate, hearing the noise, came out to see what was the matter, the Jews demanded that Jesus should instantly be put to death. "But what wrong has He done?" asked Pilate. "If He were not a bad man, we would not have brought Him," answered the mob. "He calls Himself the King of the Jews." Pilate, supposing that Jesus had done something against the Jewish religion, now tried to persuade the priests to take Him away and settle the matter themselves. But the more he reasoned with them, the more they shouted that Jesus should die.

Pilate now called Jesus inside the judgment-hall, and asked Him privately if He were really the King of the Jews. Jesus

answered that He was indeed a King, but that His kingdom was not of this world, else His servants would fight for Him. Jesus meant that He was King of men's hearts, and did not wish to become an earthly ruler. "I am come into the world," said Jesus, "to bear witness to the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth My voice."

Though Pilate did not understand the meaning of Jesus' words, he could not find any reason why He should be punished, and returning to the people, he said, "I find in Him no fault at all." Pilate knew that Jesus should be set free, but was afraid of displeasing the people.

As it was the custom to set a prisoner free every year in honor of the Passover, Pilate, remembering that there was then in prison a murderer called Barabbas, now offered to give the Jews their choice. Should he release unto them Jesus or this murderer? Pilate hoped they would choose Jesus, but they did not: they chose Barabbas, and Jesus was led away to be crucified.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus arrested? 2. Why could not the Jews put Him to death? 3. Where was Jesus taken after His trial before the high priest? 4. Who was Pilate? 5. What did he ask the people? 6. How did they answer? 7. What did Pilate ask Jesus? 8. What did Jesus tell him? 9. Why did Pilate not set Jesus free? 10. What offer did he make the Jews? 11. Whom did they choose instead of Jesus? 12. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

One day, as an old organist sat playing in a cathedral, a man touched him on the shoulder, saying, "Won't you let me try?"

As the church became filled with the most wonderful music, it slowly dawned upon the organist that his visitor was no other than Mendelssohn, one of the greatest musicians then alive. "My master!" he exclaimed, with shame, "to think that I nearly prevented you from playing on my organ!"

So, through ignorance and sin, the Jews prevented Jesus from bringing them marvellous blessings. We must keep our ears open to His voice, lest we, too, turn away the heavenly Master from our hearts.

Lesson Hymn

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
Ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory
His army He shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed. Amen.
—Hymn 256, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—28. What change took place in Adam and Eve when they disobeyed God? They were no longer good and happy, and they were afraid of God.
29. What name is given in the Bible to Adam's disobedience? It is called sin.

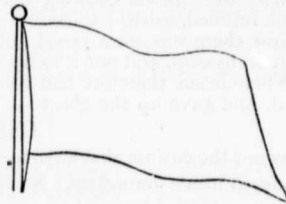
SHORTER CATECHISM—79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbour's.

The Question on Missions

20. What share have the students of our Colleges in this great work? Very many of our students labor as home missionaries during the summer vacation; and in each of our five theological Colleges there is a Students' Missionary Society, supporting missionaries chiefly in the newer and harder home fields.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

When an army wishes to make peace, men are sent to the enemies carrying a white flag.



Now, Jesus wants the whole world to be at peace with God, and every man to be at peace with every other person.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT I SHOULD STAND UP FOR JESUS

Lesson IX.

[THE CRUCIFIXION

May 28, 1905

John 19 : 17-30. Study vs. 1-42—Memory Verses, 25-27.

Golden Text—Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.—1 Corinthians 15 : 3.

17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the He'brew Gol'gotha :

18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Je'sus in the midst.

19 And Pi'lute wrote a title, and put it on the cross. And the writing was, *JE'SUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

20 This title then read many of the Jews : for the place where Je'sus was crucified was nigh to the city : and it was written in He'brew, and Greek, and La'tin.

21 Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pi'lute, Write not, The King of the Jews ; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pi'lute answered, What I have written I have written.

23 Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Je'sus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part ; and also *his* coat : now the coat was without seam, woven from the top throughout.

24 They said therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose

it shall be : that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my raiment among them, and for my vesture they did cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers did.

25 Now there stood by the cross of Je'sus his mother, and his mother's sister, Ma'ry the *wife* of Cle'ophas, and Ma'ry Magdale'ne.

26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son !

27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother ! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own *home*.

28 After this, Je'sus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar : and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

30 When Je'sus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished : and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

THE LESSON RETOLD

It was not the custom that anyone should be put to death inside Jerusalem. So Jesus was taken to be crucified to a hill just outside the city, which was called Golgotha, meaning skull-shaped. Calvary is another name, with the same meaning as Golgotha.

The rough Roman soldiers took the heavy wooden cross which Jesus had been forced to carry all the way from Pilate's palace, and when they had nailed Him upon it, they stood it up by placing one end in the ground, and left Jesus to die. Such a punishment as this was given only to the very worst of criminals, and, though Jesus had done no wrong, His cross was placed between those of two robbers, as if He had been the most wicked of all.

Because there was no crime with which Jesus could be charged, Pilate wrote over His cross these words, to show why He had been put to death : "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." This title was written in three languages, so that even strangers passing beside the cross might be able to read it. When the Jews saw what the governor had written, they were very angry, and going to Pilate, they demanded that he should alter the writing to read, "He calls himself the King of the Jews" ; but Pilate would not change it.

When this cruel work was finished, the soldiers who had crucified Jesus sat down on the ground and began to amuse themselves.

This they did by casting lots to see which of them should keep Jesus' coat, they having first divided his other garments equally among themselves.

Though Jesus was suffering great pain and agony, He was not thinking only of Himself. He remembered His mother, who, with her sister and Mary Magdalene, had seen all that had been done, and was now standing weeping beside His cross. Feeling that His end was near, Jesus now called John, His beloved disciple, and giving Mary into his care, and saying he must be to her a son from that time, He uttered the words, "I thirst." Then one of the soldiers ran and filled a sponge with sour wine prepared for the purpose, and put it to His lips, after which Jesus cried with a loud voice, "It is finished," and so He gave up His life.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was Jesus taken to be crucified ?
2. Who were put to death at the same time ?
3. Where was the cross of Jesus placed ?
4. What title did Pilate write above it ?
5. How did the Jews want him to change it ?
6. Would Pilate do so ?
7. What did the soldiers do while Jesus was hanging on the cross ?
8. Who stood watching and weeping beside Him ?
9. Whom did Jesus ask to take care of His mother ?
10. What were Jesus' last words ?
11. What is the Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

One day, many years ago, two boys wandered into an old church in Bridgeworth, England, where, finding the tower door open, they were tempted to mount to the upper part of the building and scramble from beam to beam.

All at once a joist gave way, displacing the beam on which they stood. The elder had just time to grasp it when falling, while the younger caught hold of his comrade's legs. At length the boy clinging to the beam became exhausted, and called to the lad below that they were both done for. He could not hold on much longer.

"Could you save yourself, if I were to loose you ?" replied the little lad. "I think I could," returned the other. "Then good-by, and God bless you," cried the child,

loosing his hold. Another second and he was dashed to pieces on the stone floor below, while his companion clambered to a place of safety.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus loves me, He will stay
Close beside me all the way ;
If I love Him, when I die
He will take me home on high. Amen.
—Hymn 554, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—30. When do we sin against God? We sin against God when we do what He tells us not to do ; or when we fail to do what He tells us.

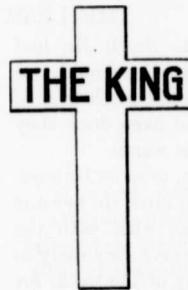
SHORTER CATECHISM—80. What is required in the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment requireth full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbour, and all that is his.

The Question on Missions

21. What do our Sabbath Schools do for home missions ? Very many of our Sabbath Schools send contributions for home missions, and many new and needy schools are aided from the Children's Day Fund in procuring Lesson Helps and Papers.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There could have been no more shameful death than a death on the cross. But now,



do we not love and honor our King most of all for this, that He died such a death that we might be saved?

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS DIED FOR ALL**

John 20 : 11-23—Memory Verses, 19-21.

Golden Text—But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. —1 Corinthians 15 : 20.



I ascend unto my Father, and your Father ; and *to* my God and your God.

18 Ma'ry Magdale'ne came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things unto her. 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Je'sus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, *Peace be* unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Je'sus to them again, *Peace be* unto you : as *my* Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on *them*, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost : 23 Whose soever *sins* ye remit, they are remitted unto them ; and whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before Jesus was put to death He had promised the disciples that He should rise again upon the third day ; but in their grief and sorrow for all that had been done they had everyone forgotten His words.

But the Saviour did arise, even as He said. The first person to see Him after He became alive was Mary Magdalene, who, with the other women, came to the grave very early in the morning of the first day of the week, for the purpose of laying sweet spices beside their Master's body. Finding the grave empty, the women ran in surprise to tell the disciples what had happened, but Mary Magdalene remained behind in the garden.

As she stood weeping besides the grave, she bent down and peered into the sepulchre, which was like a small room cut out of the

11 But Ma'ry stood without at the sepulchre weeping : and as she wept, she stooped down, and *looked* into the sepulchre,

12 And seeth two angels in white sitting, the one at the head, and the other at the feet, where the body of Je'sus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou ? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him.

14 And when she had thus said, she turned herself back, and saw Je'sus standing, and knew not that it was Je'sus.

15 Je'sus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou ? whom seekest thou ? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away.

16 Je'sus saith unto her, Ma'ry. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabbo'ni ; which is to say, Master.

17 Je'sus saith unto her, Touch me not ; for I am not yet ascended to my Father : but go to my brethren, and say unto them,

solid rock. Through her tears Mary saw that the grave was bright with heavenly light, and that two angels in white were sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. The angels spoke to Mary, asking why she wept : "Because," she answered, "they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." As she turned round, she saw someone standing beside her whom she did not know, and who asked the same question as the angels, saying, "Woman, why weepest thou?"

Thinking it must be the gardener and that he would perhaps know what had become of the body of Jesus, Mary answered, "Sir, if thou hast borne Him hence, tell me where thou hast laid Him, and I will take Him away." The Stranger, who was none other

than Jesus Himself, said to her, "Mary!" Instantly she knew His voice, and turning quickly, fell at Jesus' feet and worshipped Him. So great was Mary's joy to find her Master alive, that she held Him by the feet, until Jesus bade her hasten to the disciples with the news that He was risen and must soon ascend to be forever with His Heavenly Father.

At first the disciples would not believe the message of the women, that Jesus was alive, but late in the evening of the same day they were all gathered secretly together in a room in Jerusalem, every window and door being locked, for fear of the Jews, when suddenly Jesus Himself stood in their midst, saying, "Peace be unto you!" As soon as their first delight in seeing Him was over, the Saviour said again, "Peace be unto you," and showing them the wound-marks in His hands and side, He told the disciples that the time had come when they must begin their great work of preaching His gospel to the world. Then, when He had breathed upon them, saying, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost," He vanished out of their sight.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Mary Magdalene see when she looked into Jesus' grave?
2. What question did the angels ask her?
3. How did she answer?
4. Whom did Mary meet as she turned away?
5. Whom did she take the Stranger to be?
6. What question did He ask her?
7. How did she answer?
8. How did Mary find out that it was Jesus who was speaking?
9. What did she do when she knew the Saviour's voice?
10. To whom did Jesus appear that same evening?
11. How did He prove that He was their Master?
12. What work did He tell them they must now begin?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Rejoice and be glad! For the Lamb that was slain
 O'er death is triumphant, and liveth again.
Sound His praises, tell the story of Him who was slain;
Sound His praises, tell with gladness, He liveth again. Amen.
 —Hymn 550, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—31. How were Adam and Eve punished for their sin? They were driven out of the garden, and had to suffer pain, sorrow and death.

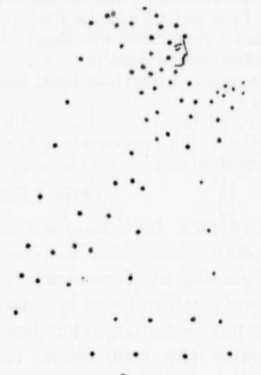
SHORTER CATECHISM—81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?* A. The tenth commandment forbiddeth all discontent with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbour, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

The Question on Missions

22. What is an Augmented congregation? An Augmented congregation is stronger than a home mission field. It calls its own minister, but receives aid from the Augmentation Fund in paying his salary. About \$35,000 was contributed to this fund last year, and some 210 congregations received help from it.

SOMETHING TO DRAW*

An angel, you know, just means a messenger. What a joyful message it was the angels brought to Mary, that Jesus had risen!



And if we listen, we, too, shall hear from them messages to make us glad and strong. There is a verse in the Bible which tells us that angels are just ministering spirits to serve the people of God in the world.

I Have Learned To-day That JESUS IS STRONGER THAN DEATH

* Join the dots in the outline and it will make the figure of an angel.

Golden Text—I am he that liveth, and was dead ; and, behold, I am alive for evermore.—
Revelation 1 : 18.



twoedged sword : and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his strength.

17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not ; I am the first and the last :

18 *I am* he that liveth, and was dead ; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen ; and have the keys of hell and of death.

19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter ;

20 The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches : and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Jesus had gone back into heaven, the disciples at once commenced to preach the gospel. Beginning at Jerusalem, this message soon spread north and west into Asia, where there were now seven large churches.

Some years after the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, a great persecution arose against the churches which had been started by the disciples. The apostle John, now an old man, was taken prisoner by the Roman rulers and banished to the island of Patmos. During the long, lonely days in Patmos, John had much time to think of the time when, as a young man, he had lived and talked with Jesus face to face.

One Sabbath, as he was praying among the rocks beside the sea, he saw a wonderful vision. In his vision the old apostle heard a

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last : and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in A'sia ; unto Eph'esus and unto Smyr'na, and unto Per'gamos, and unto Thyati'ra, and unto Sar'dis, and unto Philadel'phia, and unto Laodice'a.

12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks ;

13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle.

14 His head and *his* hairs *were* white like wool, as white as snow ; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire ;

15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace ; and his voice as the sound of many waters.

16 And he had in his right hand seven stars : and out of his mouth went a sharp

voice speaking behind him, as if through a trumpet, saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last. What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia." When John turned around to see who was speaking, he saw seven golden candlesticks, and standing in their midst One whom he knew to be the Saviour Himself.

So glorious was the sight of Jesus, as He now appeared in all His heavenly majesty and splendor, that John could hardly find words to describe Him. Writing about it afterwards, he said, "His head and His hair were like wool, as white as snow, while His eyes were as a flame of fire. He was dressed in a cloak reaching to the ground, around which was fastened a golden girdle. His

feet glowed like melted brass, and His voice was as the sound of many waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and as He spoke, His face became bright as the sun shining in its strength."

As John gazed upon this wonderful vision, he fell fainting to the ground, overcome by awe and wonder. But the Saviour laid His hand upon him, saying, "Fear not, I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, and hold the keys of hell and of death." Then, as soon as John was able to listen, He explained to him that the seven candlesticks were a picture of the seven churches, which were now enduring such troubles for His sake, while the seven stars in His right hand stood for the angels, whose special work it was to care for and defend them.

So anxious was the Saviour that His people should know something of His power and strength as their heavenly Master, that He again told John to write in a book the story of all that he had seen and heard in Patmos. This account is now part of the Bible, and is called the book of The Revelation.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had John to suffer for preaching the gospel?
2. Who spoke to him one Sabbath as he was praying in Patmos?
3. What did the Saviour say?
4. Beside what was He standing?
5. How did John describe the Saviour's appearance?
6. What did he say of His voice and face?
7. What did He hold in His hand?
8. What was the meaning of the candlesticks and the stars?
9. What did the Saviour tell John to do?
10. What is the name of this book?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Two little girls were walking homeward one night in the moonlight. I overheard one of them say:

"Annie, it doesn't make any difference how fast we walk, the moon keeps up with us every step of the way. It doesn't move at all, and yet is always going along with us."

Is it not so with our Saviour in heaven. Though He seems to be so far away, He is keeping step with us all the time, and is especially near when we are in trouble from whatever cause.

Lesson Hymn

Crown the Saviour! angels, crown Him!
 Rich the trophies Jesus brings;
 In the seat of power enthrone Him,
 While the vault of heaven rings:
 Crown Him! crown Him!
 Crown the Saviour, King of kings! Amen.
 —Hymn 67, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—32. **What evil did Adam's sin bring upon us all?** We have all been born with a sinful heart.

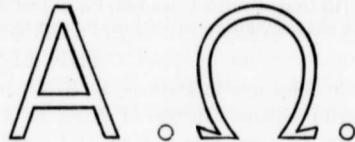
SHORTER CATECHISM—82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*
 A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but doth daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

The Question on Missions

23. Has home mission and augmentation work been successful? Yes, a very large number of congregations have grown out of mission stations. There are now well over 100 such congregations in the new West alone.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

There are two letters, Alpha and Omega, the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, like our A. and Z. Like these



letters, Jesus stands by our side at the beginning of life, and waits to welcome us at its close. And all the time between, too, He cares for us.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT I SHOULD LISTEN WHEN JESUS
 SPEAKS

Revelation 22 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 3-5.

Golden Text—To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne.—
Revelation 3 : 21.



1 And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner of* fruits, and yielded her fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree *were* for the healing of the nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse : but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it ; and his servants shall serve him ;

4 And they shall see his face ; and his name *shall be* in their foreheads.

5 And their shall be no night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light : and they shall reign for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These sayings *are* faithful and true : and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

7 Behold, I come quickly : blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

8 And I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

9 Then saith he unto me, See *thou do it not* : for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book : worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book : for the time is at hand.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

THE LESSON RETOLD

While John was in Patmos, he had many wonderful visions. In one of these, he was taken by an angel into heaven, and given a glimpse of that heavenly home which the Saviour has prepared for all who have loved and served Him in this life.

The first thing that John noticed about the wonderful city was, that it was so filled with the brightness and glory of the Saviour's presence, that there was no need in it either for the light of the sun or of the moon. As he followed the angel, the old apostle now beheld in his vision the great throne of God, from the foot of which there started a little stream of clearest water, which grew larger and larger as it flowed onward, until it became a broad and mighty river, flowing through the very midst of the heavenly city, where it was known as the River of the Water of Life.

On its banks and watered by it, there grew the Tree of Life, which every year yielded twelve kinds of fruit, having a different variety every month, its leaves also being for the healing of the nations.

But the best thing about the heavenly city was, that nowhere within its walls could there be found any sin. Neither was there here any death, nor sorrow, nor crying, for all these things had passed away.

Now, when John had seen many other wonders of this blessed land, and had been told how the Saviour Himself should write His name and sign upon the foreheads of all those whom He had redeemed, who should serve and worship Him face to face forever, he fell down to worship before the feet of the messenger who had shown him all these things. But the angel forbade him, saying,

"Do not so, for I am thy fellow-servant. Worship God."

Then the angel told John that the time was coming when every man must come before the King of heaven to be judged. "In that day," said the angel, "each man's place shall be decided by what he has loved best in his earthly life; for with these words will the Saviour give everyone his own place, saying, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

Before he left him, the angel gave John the last message of the heavenly Master to all who would wish to share his heavenly kingdom, saying, "Blessed are they who do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where was John taken in a vision ?
2. Who was appointed to show him the heavenly city ?
3. Why was there no need in heaven for the light of the sun or moon ?
4. What did John see starting from the throne of God ?
5. What was the name of the river ?
6. What grew upon its banks ?
7. What was he told about the tree of life ?
8. What made the heavenly country such a happy place ?
9. What special honor did the Saviour give His people ?
10. What do God's people do in heaven ?
11. Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

The Indians tell the story of a young princess, who was led by a good spirit into a corn-field, where she was told that, if she would but diligently pluck the best ears of corn, they would turn to precious jewels in her hands.

But though the princess found many ripe and full ears, she did not pluck them, always hoping to find better ones farther on, forgetting that she had been forbidden to pass through the field a second time. But presently the corn became blighted and scarcely worth picking, and the princess found herself at the end of the field, empty-handed and longing for the golden ears she had lost.

Is not this story a picture of our life with its opportunities, for all of which we must give an account of ourselves to God ?

Lesson Hymn

There is a happy land,

Far, far away,

Where saints in glory stand,

Bright, bright as day :

O how they sweetly sing,

'Worthy is our Saviour King !'

Loud let His praises ring,

Praise, praise for aye. Amen.

—Hymn 593, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—33. What will follow if we love sin and allow it to remain in our hearts? If we love sin we cannot be the friends of God, or be with Him when we die.

SHORTER CATECHISM—83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous? A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

The Question on Missions

24. Why should the church carry on home mission work? The church should carry on home mission work because the people of our country have the first claim upon us; because religion alone can make a nation great; and because the best time to reach the incoming settlers with the gospel is when they have just arrived.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Think of the very happiest day you ever spent. Be sure that every day in heaven

FOREVER AND EVER

will be happier still. And then you know how happy days here come to an end. But in heaven we shall be happy forever and ever.

**I Have Learned To-day That
I MAY LIVE FOREVER WITH JESUS**

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

June 25, 1905

Golden Text—But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through his name.—John 20 : 31.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for Quarter. **PRIMARY CATECHISM**—Review Questions, 21–33. **SHORTER CATECHISM**—Review Questions 70–83. **THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS**—Review Questions 13–24.

Our Best Friend

No one needs to be told who our best friend is. It is Jesus, about whom we have been learning.

Lesson I. You know what a friend would do for you if you were in danger. Of course he would save you, if he possibly could. Now, Jesus calls Himself the Good ———? And His followers were His ———? And to save them He was willing to give His ———?

Lesson II. If your brother or sister were to die, how sorrowful you would be. That is how Martha and Mary felt when their brother ———? died. But their Friend Jesus took away their sorrow and made them glad by — — — — —?

Lesson III. Jesus loved to be among His friends. He was often with them at feasts. At one of these feasts Mary showed her love to Him by pouring ———? on His head and feet.

Lesson IV. Sometimes people belonging to different countries are not very friendly to each other. But you remember, that after He entered into Jerusalem some ———? came to see Jesus, and He was glad. He is a Friend to people of every land.

Lesson V. In Eastern lands, people, before sitting down at table, used to have their feet washed. This was usually done by a servant. But Jesus did this for His ———? This proved how truly He was their Friend.

Lesson VI. You have often seen bunches of grapes growing on a branch. And the branch is joined to the ———? Our Friend, Jesus, is just as close as that to us, and closer.

Lesson VII. Jesus' home, you know, was not always on earth. He came from ———? And the time came for Him to go back again. But He did not want to be there always alone. He wanted His ———? to come to Him.

Lesson VIII. Jesus told His friends that He was going to suffer. The time had now come for this. His enemies took Him before the Roman governor ———? And this governor ordered Him to be ———? This Friend of men was about to die for them.

Lesson IX. The Friend of men was on the cross. But even there, He was thinking of others. He saw His mother, and told ———? to take her to his home and care for her.

Lesson X. But our Friend is not dead now. Oh, no, He rose from the grave and is living. And after He rose, He showed Himself, first of all to — —?

Lesson XI. Then Jesus went away to heaven. But He did not forget His friends on earth. He spoke to one of them named ———? on the island of ———?

Lesson XII. Heaven is a very happy place. The best thing about it is that our Friend is there. And some day we shall go to be with Him, to remain not for a little while, but for — — —?

The Lesson Hymn

Come, children, join to sing

Hallelujah ! Amen !

Loud praise to Christ our King :

Hallelujah ! Amen !

Let all with heart and voice

Before His throne rejoice ;

Praise is His gracious choice :

Hallelujah ! Amen !

—Hymn 536, Book of Praise

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT**The Lord is my Shepherd**

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.

LESSON I. Jesus the Good Shepherd.

LESSON VII. Jesus Prays for His Followers.

LESSON II. The Raising of Lazarus.

LESSON VIII. Jesus Before Pilate.

LESSON III. The Supper at Bethany.

LESSON IX. The Crucifixion.

LESSON IV. The Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

LESSON X. The Resurrection.

LESSON V. Jesus Washing the Disciples' Feet.

LESSON XI. The Message of the Risen Christ.

LESSON VI. The Vine and the Branches.

LESSON XII. The Heavenly Home.

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

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