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HOME STUDY LEAFLET.

LESSON V—February 3rd.

The Transfiguration. LUKE 9: 28-36.

(Commit to memory verses 29-31.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

"This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him."
Matt. 17: 5.

PROVE THAT

We also may be transfigured. 2 Cor. 3: 18.

SHORTER CATECHISM.

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

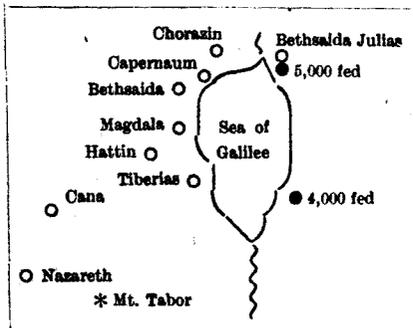
LESSON HYMNS.

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DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The Transfiguration; Luke 9: 28-36. *Tuesday.* The Voice from Heaven; Matt. 3: 13-17. *Wednesday.* Witness of the Father; John 5: 31-39. *Thursday.* The Glorified Name; John 12: 23-33. *Friday.* Glory of the Lord; 2 Cor. 3: 7-18. *Saturday.* The Glorified Saviour; Rev. 1: 9-18. *Sabbath.* Peter's Testimony; 2 Pet. 1: 16-21. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. The events of our lesson occurred just one week after the discourse with the disciples concerning the crucifixion. Matthew and Mark say six days after; Luke calls it eight days, evidently including the first and last in his reckoning. The traditional Mount of Transfiguration is Tabor. But the summit of Tabor was then occupied by a fortified town and would not have afforded the solitude implied in the expression "high mountain apart" (Matt. 17: 1), and by Peter's bewildered proposal to build there three tabernacles. Besides, Mark 9: 30 implies that they did not return to Galilee until after the Transfiguration. The tradition referred to cannot be traced back to less than 400 years after Christ. The common opinion now is that the mountain mentioned in the lesson was one of the southern spurs of



Hermon near Caesarea Philippi. (See map with last lesson.) Parallel passages, Matt. 17: 1-3; Mark 9: 2-13.

LESSON PLAN. I. Heavenly Companions. vs. 28-31. II. Earthly Disciples. vs. 32, 33. III. A Father's Approval. vs. 34-36.

I. HEAVENLY COMPANIONS. 28. Peter and John and James—These three were specially favored on other occasions. (Mark 5: 37; 14: 33.) The other nine remained at the foot of the mountain (Mark 9: 14-29). **To pray**—It was one of his all night seasons of devotion (verse 22). **29. The fashion**—the appearance. His face was lighted up, "did shine as the sun" (Matt. 17: 2). Matthew and Mark say, "he was transfigured." All the splendor was a change in his appearance only;

he himself was not altered. **Glistening**—R. V. "dazzling," lit. "flashing as with lightning." Illuminated, as with an inward radiance from his person. Read Matt. 17: 2; Mark 9: 3. (John 1: 14; Ps. 104: 2; Hab. 3: 4; Rev. 1: 14-16.) **30. Moses and Elias**—Representing the law and the prophets—the Old Testament dispensation. The disciples must have gathered from their conversation who they were. **31. Who appeared in glory**—their glorified bodies. **His decease**—R. V.

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marg. "departure." They strengthened him for the coming trial.

II. EARTHLY DISCIPLES. 32. They were fully awake—(R.V.) Although they had been very drowsy yet they were wide awake when they saw and heard all this. It was no dream or vision. 33. Three tabernacles—Booths of leafy branches.

III. A FATHER'S APPROVAL. 34. A

cloud—"a bright cloud." (Matt.) the *Shekinah*, or visible emblem of the divine presence. They were enveloped by it. 35. The same voice as at his baptism (Matt. 3: 17.) Peter refers to this in 1 Peter 1: 17. It was heard again just before his sacrifice (John 12: 28.) 36. Kept it close—Jesus told them to do so. It was to remain a secret until after his resurrection (Matt. 17: 9.) Jesus did not wish to excite the minds of the people. He wished to win them by the moral glory of his teaching.

LESSONS.

1. If Jesus needed to pray, how much more is it necessary for us.
2. The death of Christ is the most important subject that men or angels can speak about.
3. If Jesus was so glorious when on earth, what must he be now?
4. We shall be like him when we get to heaven.
5. If Peter felt the society of two heavenly beings so blessed, what must it be to mingle with the multitude whom no man can number?
6. We should now tell others about our glorious Saviour.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED IN WRITING.

To the Scholar.—Study the lesson carefully, turning up all the references. Then close your Bible and answer in writing the questions below, without accepting aid from any quarter after you have begun to write. If you cannot come to Sabbath School fill out the "Excuse for Absence" and send the Leaflet, with your written answers, to your teacher by some friend, or by mail, and you will receive credit for the work done as if you had been present. If your excuse is satisfactory, you will not lose in record of attendance.

- 1.—For what purpose did Jesus retire to the mountain top? (4)
- 2.—Whom did he take with him? (4)
- 3.—What change came over Him as He prayed? (4)
- 4.—Who talked with Him, and about what? (5)
- 5.—What overshadowed them? (4)
- 6.—What did the voice say? (4)

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EXCUSE FOR ABSENCE.

Dear Teacher,—Please excuse my absence from Sabbath School to-day, I cannot come because I have read the "Daily Portions" and answered the questions as well as I could. I have committed to memory verses in addition to the Golden Text, and Questions in the Catechism and have recited them to I was at church I send with this my Weekly Offering of cents.

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