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The Glad Easter Message

List to the message the lilies bring,
Gently, gently swaying;
Jesus, the Saviour, is risen to-day—
Risen to live and to reign away.
This is the message the lilies bring,
Gently, gently swaying.

High in the branches the bluebird tells,
Sweetly, sweetly singing,
How the dear Saviour is risen to-day.
Hark! how he joyfully sings his lay,
Joining the chorus of lily bells,
Sweetly, sweetly singing.

Sing, little children, your voices raise,
Gladly, gladly telling,
"Jesus is risen;" the angels said,
"Seek not the living among the dead."
Let the whole world join in Easter praise,
Gladly, gladly telling.
—Songs of the Seasons

Brushing Off the Bloom

By Mrs. Marion Cruikshank

There is nothing so precious to a mother as the sympathy between her child and herself. To the child, it is an instinct which leads it to seek its mother in joy or trouble, knowing that she will understand. To the mother, it is the fruit of that love which is her most Christ-like attribute.

So delicate a thing is this sympathy, that we must study it, guard it, develop it, lest with careless, clumsy fingers, we brush off the bloom from the little lives, which, like the bloom of the ungathered grapes, when once destroyed, can never be replaced. Coldness or harshness will in time remove it,

and the ever-busy mother, to whom the hasty, cross words come so readily, must set a guard over her lips, lest she offend one of these little ones.

Now and again, we hear the remark, "There are no children now!" Who has brushed off the bloom, and made the child a man or woman before its time?

Some mothers, for example, make the mistake of praising their children foolishly. Commendation for achievements, moral, mental, or physical, is stimulating and helpful; but the praise which fosters conceit or undue ambition cannot be anything but hurtful. A blunder we are more apt to make, is to laugh at a child's mistakes. Unless he can laugh, too, he has little courage for another attempt.

To keep a child's confidence and respect is no small task. To be a good mother is probably the best and most difficult education we can have. We have so many more theories than had the past generation as to the bringing up of children, and so much less time to put them in practice, that we too often fail our little ones, when they most need our help.

Two conversations overheard recently may point a lesson. Two little girls, coming home from school, were discussing a punishment they had received for breaking a school rule. Said one, "I wonder what mother will say." "Indeed," said the other, "I won't tell mine, and get another scolding!" That mother's lack of justice is beginning to destroy the confidence of her little daughter. A wise woman it was, who said, "Yes, I dare say I could take Freddy without a ticket, as he's small for his age, but I can't

afford to. If the conductor should ask his age, and Freddy got the idea that I was trying to deceive the railway people, I should lose his respect; *that* is more to me than the money!"

There is nothing sweeter on earth than the little ones, with the perfect bloom of innocence and fresh young life. May God give mothers the wisdom, the love, and the patience, to keep them so, "for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

St. John, N.B.

Mother's King

Sleep, little baby, I love thee;
Sleep, little king, I am bending above thee!
How should I know what to sing
Here in my arms as I swing thee to sleep?
Hushaby low,
Rockaby so,
Kings may have wonderful jewels to bring,
Mother has only a kiss for her king!
Why should my singing so make me to weep?
Only I know that I love thee, I love thee,
Love thee, my little one, sleep.
—Alfred Noyes, in Blackwood's Magazine

Miss Gina Fairlie Who Were These?

A number of men were preaching in a city street. They were telling of a wonderful new religion, so different from the belief and the practice of the rulers and the people of that city, that even then, in another part of it, the chief men were plotting against the preachers to do them harm.

The preachers were aware of this bad feeling and the peril they were in; but they still went on with their teaching. Not only so, but they healed great numbers of sick and diseased people, who had been brought in from neighboring towns and villages, that they might be cured by these good men.

Suddenly, into the crowd rushed a band of soldiers, sent by these wicked rulers, and carried the preachers off to the prison. In the morning, the Council of judges gathered together to try the prisoners. But when the soldiers were sent to bring them forth, the doors of the prison were found to be shut, and the keepers standing before them; but the prison was empty, for, in the middle of

the night the angel of the Lord had opened the prison doors and told the prisoners to go out and to stand in the temple, and preach to the people there.

When the soldiers returned with their strange report, the chief men wondered what it might all mean; and then they heard that the prisoners were again preaching, and this time in the temple. Once more the soldiers were sent to stop them, and they were brought before the Council, where they were asked why they had disobeyed the command not to teach this new form of religion. The chief prisoner and his companions answered fearlessly, "We ought to obey God rather than men."

At this the Council were very angry, and were planning to put them to death; when one of their most learned men stood up and said, "Do not decide this question rashly. We have had many persons before who have taught strange doctrines; but their teachings have all amounted to nothing, and the results have gradually died away. If this is teaching of the same sort, it will have the same fate; and if not, and it really is of God, you will be fighting against God, if you seek to overthrow it."

The Council listened to this good advice, and the prisoners were set free, after receiving a severe beating. But they only rejoiced that they had suffered for such a righteous cause, and again went out, and preached and taught daily in the temple and in every house.

*Who were these brave and faithful men?
And what was the name of their leader?*

Two Little Girls

Fret-away lives in a brown-stone front,
Chirp-away lives in the lane;
Fret-away's dress is fine and gay,
Chirp-away's very plain.

Fret-away's friends are rich and proud,
Chirp-away's poor and few;
Fret-away's playmates are a score—
Chirp-away has but two.

Fret-away's doll is a princess grand,
In feathers and jewels rare;
Chirp-away's doll is made of rags,
And has no hat nor hair.

Fret-away dines on choicest food,
 With always much to spare;
 Chirp-away can scarce get enough
 Of even the coarsest fare.

Yet Fret-away's face is always cross,
 Chirp-away's always bright;
 Fret-away's ever under a cloud,
 Chirp-away walks in the light.

Fret-away whines the livelong day,
 Chirp-away sings the while;
 Fret-away wears an ugly frown,
 Chirp-away wears a smile.

Fret-away, handsome, rich and—cross,
 Perhaps she'll do for thee;
 But Chirp-away, poor, and plain and sweet,
This is the girl for me.

—Mrs. E. H. Morse

What Children Think in China

Little children in China do not learn geography, and have never been taught, "the world is round, like a ball." They think the world we live on is square, and that it is supported on the horn of a giant cow. Poor cow! When the one horn gets tired, she tosses the weighty world on to the other horn, and that makes an earthquake!

And these children have never learned that the earth moves round the sun, or any other of the wise things your lesson books tell you about.

The sun, says a little Chinese boy, is born every morning out of the sky, and "walks" daily across the sky to his watery bed on the other side. He walks so fast that he wears out three pairs of straw sandals a day. When the children watch the rain falling into the stone courts of their houses, they say, with a laugh, as the drops patter down, "To-day the dragon is playing with his pearls," for, far away up in the skies, they believe there lives a great big dragon, and all that happens, good or ill, in their lives, is caused by him. He is very harmless when he "plays with his pearls" and lets the soft raindrops fall on the thirsty earth; but more often he is fierce and cruel, and he has his spirit servants, Wind and Water, Thunder and Lightning, and many others, that he

sends to hurt and frighten the people of the earth. The Children in Blue are terribly afraid of thunder, not only because of the noise, but because they believe it is thunder and not lightning which strikes people to death. "Lightning," they say, "only runs on ahead to show Thunder where to strike."

Do you know what an "eclipse" is? In China they say it is the dragon trying to swallow the sun or moon, and when these lights begin to get darkened, oh, the noise the people make! All the men, women, and children rush out of the houses, and shout as loudly as they can, while some beat drums and gongs. All this is to frighten away the fierce dragon up in the sky, who, they believe, has his mouth wide open, ready to snap up the sun or moon when it gets near enough. Then, when the eclipse is over, and the light of sun or moon shines just as before, the people really think that it was their noise which drove away the dragon, and so saved this earth from being doomed to perpetual darkness.

Our Children in Blue know of no One to take care of them. Even the soft, pretty rainbow, which tells us so much of God's care, only frightens them. "It is alive," they say, "and will eat us up if it catches us." The lovely flowers that grow in such quantities are thought to be the home of wicked little spirits, and should the boys who go to mind the cows or cut wood, come home at sunset with brown hands full of flowers, their mothers would throw them all away, and say angrily, "You stupid boys! Don't you know the flowers belong to the spirits of the hills? And now you have picked and brought some home, the spirits will come with them and harm us."

So you see how much joy may be brought to the little Chinese people when they learn of God's love.—China for Juniors

What Robert's Ears Told Him

Robert had inflamed eyes, and, because he had tried to use his eyes too much, and made them worse, a soft, cool bandage had been tied over them.

He sat on the couch in the sitting-room, looking fretful and discontented, and Aunt

Rhoda sat near the open window, that sunny morning, with her mending.

"I don't see what I can do to amuse me, Aunt Rhoda," he complained, "without any eyes." "Let's see what your two ears can do for you," suggested Aunt Rhoda cheerily.

Robert looked puzzled.

"Listen, and tell me the sounds you hear," continued Aunt Rhoda, "and tell me the stories they tell you of what is going on."

"I hear Spot barking," answered Robert promptly, as if that were the end of it, not seeming very much interested.

"Can't you tell anything from the way he barks?" asked the auntie, looking across the lawn at the neighbor's dog barking at the gate.

Robert brightened a little. "It might be a tramp," he suggested. "No, guess again," said Aunt Rhoda. "Listen!"

Robert listened, and heard what he had not noticed before, the ding-dong-ding, ding-dong-ding, of the scissor-grinder's cart.

Then it grew interesting. There came a patter of tiny hoofs over the asphalt pavement, and he knew it was the Morelands' Shetland pony. Then big, heavy hoofs, and slow. He wondered what kind of a wagon it was, until he heard the clink of ice tongs, and then he knew. The wagon stopped in front of the house, and the big blocks of ice tumbled about, the ice-pick went chip, chip, and the ice-man shuffled around to the back door with the day's supply.

"There's the electric car going around the corner of Sherbourne Street, auntie," said Robert. "Hear it sing?"

Some one was beating rugs in the next garden; a parrot out on a side porch squawked, "Bad boy, bad boy"; a boat whistled in the bay; and Robert began to count the different sounds. There were so many more of them than he had ever dreamed there were.

"I know who is coming now, auntie—the postman!" Through the open windows had come the sound of two quick knocks at the house next door.

Robert felt his way to the door and took the magazine the postman handed him; but he didn't mind if he couldn't see the pictures, for he was seeing other pictures through his ears.

All at once he heard the twittering and calling of birds in the trees. As he listened, it seemed as if the birds in all the trees in the neighborhood were talking to each other. They had been talking all the morning, and he had not heard them until now. Aunt Rhoda told him a good deal about birds that he had never known before.

His face was smiling and happy now, and he no longer fretted. "I suppose this is the way blind people do," he said.

In a moment he told Aunt Rhoda he knew what time it was without using his eyes, and she had three guesses before she came to the right one. He heard the boys shouting several yards away in the school ground, and he knew it was the time of morning recess.

Suddenly Robert sat up straight and alert and wrinkled his face in a funny way.

"Auntie, my nose is telling me something, too," he cried. "Jennie is making cakes."

And off he scampered towards the kitchen.

Lesson 5th
Jesus' Work Among Men

Last Quarter, the Lessons told us about Jesus' coming to earth, His life as a Boy at Nazareth, and His entering upon His great work of teaching and helping men. In the Lessons of this, and the following, Quarter, we shall see Him busily at work. He loses no opportunity of doing good. No one who comes to Him is sent away without a blessing. And all the while His twelve chosen disciples are with Him, and He is training them to carry on His work after He Himself shall have returned to His Father. The Lesson Topic for the Quarter is JESUS' WORK AMONG MEN—

1. Testing His followers.
2. Keeping the Sabbath.
3. Conquering sickness and death.
4. Welcoming a sinner.
5. Teaching how to hear His word.
6. Warning the wicked.
7. Driving out demons.
8. Troubling a murderer.
9. Feeding the hungry.
10. Helping a stranger.
11. Founding His church.
12. Giving a glimpse of His glory.
13. A Master and Lord.

Mrs. Jackson

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR THE HOME LESSON

Second Quarter, 1906

I. SINGING. (Tune, Evan, 570, Book of Praise).

This is the day the Lord hath made, He calls its hours His own. Let earth rejoice and heaven be glad, And praise surround the throne.	I leave my sports to read and pray, And so prepare for heaven, O may I love this blessed day, The best of all the seven.
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II. PRAYER. Sentence by sentence, the children following.

III. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSON. Learn verse by verse, and repeat, Matt. 2 : 7-11. Review Hymn 538, Book of Praise, learned in previous Quarter.

IV. OFFERINGS.

Teacher. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said :
Class. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

V. RECITE IN CONCERT.

Quietly each scholar stands, With closed eyes and folded hands, Every head will humbly bow, We are seeking Jesus now.	While we speak He draws so near, Every loving word He'll hear; He has taught us what to say : In His blessed name we pray— "Our Father which art in heaven," etc.
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VI. REPEAT THE GOLDEN TEXT FOR THE QUARTER. "Never man spake like this Man," John 7 : 46.

VII. HYMN FOR QUARTER, Hymn 559, Book of Praise (see Lesson XIII.).

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all Wonderful words of life; Sinner, list to the loving call, Wonderful words of life; All so freely given, Wooing us to heaven.	<i>Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life— Beautiful words, wonderful words, Wonderful words of life.</i>
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VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. CLOSING HYMN. (Tune, Innocents, 99, Book of Praise.)

Saviour, give Thy grace to me, Ever Thy dear child to be, Needful grace for every day, Thee to honor and obey.	While Thy blessings, Lord, I seek, Help me gentle words to speak; Help me loving deeds to do; Make me humble, pure and true.
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Put Thine arms around me now,
Place Thy hand upon my brow;
Bless me as Thou didst of old,
Keep me safe within Thy fold.

Matthew 7 : 15-29—Memory Verses, 24, 25.*

Golden Text—Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.—James 1 : 22.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles ?

17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name ? and in thy name have cast out devils ? and in thy name done many wonderful works ?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you : depart from me, ye that

work iniquity. 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock :

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not : for it was founded upon a rock.

26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand :

27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell : and great was the fall of it.

28 And it came to pass, when Je'sus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine :

29 For he taught them as *one* having authority, and not as the scribes.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Miss Robinson

When Jesus Christ wished to warn His disciples against the teachings of the scribes and Pharisees, He said, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." By this Jesus meant that, while the words and teachings of the scribes and Pharisees sounded fair and honest, their lives and hearts were filled with all manner of sin and cruelty. The very men who pretended to show others the way into the kingdom of God, were themselves secretly breaking God's laws, and were robbing the people of their possessions by requiring from them many unjust tithes and offerings.

To show how His followers might always be able to judge between true and false leaders, Jesus said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." Jesus taught by this that it is as impossible for the work of evil men to please God, as for figs and grapes to grow on thorn bushes or thistles.

Jesus saw only two kinds of people in the world : those who were only hearers, and those who were also doers, of His words; and to prove to which of these it was safest to belong, He told a short story about each.

Of the doers, He said, "Whosoever doeth

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

these sayings of Mine, is like a wise man, who built his house upon a rock : and the rains descended and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not : for it was founded upon a rock. And of those who were merely hearers, He said, "Every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who built his house upon the sand : and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell : and great was the fall of it,"

To show how foolish it is for anyone to think that good words alone will save him, Jesus said again, "Not everyone that saith unto Me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven."

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what cruel animals did Jesus compare the scribes and Pharisees? 2. How did they deceive the people? 3. How did Jesus tell His followers to judge between true and false leaders? 4. What is the test of a good tree? 5. What kind of fruit is found on a diseased or corrupt tree? 6. Into what two classes did Jesus divide all people? 7. To what did He compare those who do His commandments? 8. What happened to the house built upon the sand? 9. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Harry! Harry!" called Mrs. Talbot to her little son, who was making a toy windmill out in the orchard. But Harry was busy, and pretended not to hear.

Half an hour later he came into the house. "Where's Nell?" he asked, looking round the room. "Nellie has gone home with Grandpa," replied mother quietly, without looking up from here sewing.

Harry's face fell. Both the children had been watching for Grandpa all week, to take them home for a visit. "But why did you not tell me?" asked Harry; and then it all flashed upon him, that mother had called him when Grandpa came, but he had pretended not to hear. How he wished now he had obeyed. The next time mother called,

Harry answered promptly, but he never got back the opportunity he had lost.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Master, whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All Thy bidding to fulfil;
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me. Amen.
—Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—80. **What promise has Jesus given to those who meet for His worship?** Jesus has promised to be wherever two or three meet in His name.

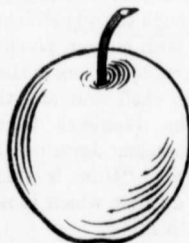
SHORTER CATECHISM—11. *What are God's works of providence?* A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

The Question on Missions

12. What is French Evangelization? It is the missionary work of our church among our French fellow-Canadians, and aims at giving them the pure gospel in their own tongue ("Evangel" means gospel).

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How glad the farmer is in the fall, when he sees his trees loaded with fine, sound apples, and other fruits. But it is only on



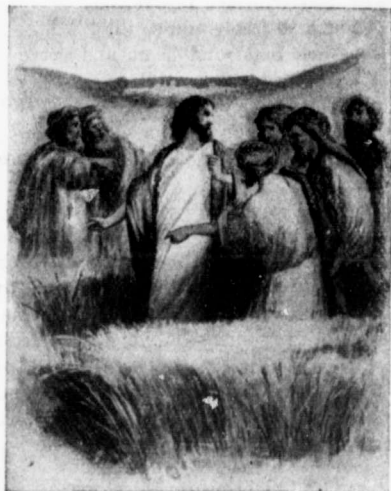
healthy trees that good fruit can grow. So good deeds and right words can come only from a pure heart.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD DO AS WELL AS HEAR

Matthew 12 : 1-14—Memory Verses, 7, 8.

Golden Text—Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.—Exodus 20 : 8.



1 At that time Je'sus went on the sabbath day through the corn; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But when the Phar'isees saw *it*, they said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to doupon the sabbath day.

3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what Da'vid did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him;

4 How he entered into the house of God, and did eat the shewbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests?

5 Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?

6 But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple.

7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

8 For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath day.

9 And when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue :

10 And, behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days ? that they might accuse him.

11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out ?

12 How much then is a man better than a sheep ? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath days.

13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other.

14 Then the Phar'isees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One Sabbath, as the Master and His followers were walking through the wheat-fields, the disciples, overcome with hunger, plucked some ears of grain, and, rubbing them in their hands, blew among the chaff and ate the grain. Immediately the Pharisees began to find fault, and, surrounding Jesus on the road, they asked angrily, "How is this? Why do Thy disciples do that which is not lawful upon the Sabbath?"

At once Jesus took the part of His followers against these false and bitter teachers, who prided themselves that they alone had the right to teach and to interpret the meaning of God's word; and He answered, saying, "Is it possible that you have not read how David, when he was hard pressed by his enemies, and very hungry, one Sabbath day

entered the holy place itself, and took some of the bread, which was forbidden to be eaten by any but the priests, and gave it also to his starving men? And, have you never read in the law, how the temple priests are allowed to carry the wood, light the fires, and do everything necessary to prepare for worship upon the Sabbath, and yet are blameless? If such sacred service is allowed to be done in the temple on the Sabbath, how much more shall these," said Jesus, pointing to His disciples, "be counted guiltless, who are in the service of One who is greater than the temple! For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day."

Then Jesus went on to teach that any act of mercy done upon the Sabbath is more pleasing to God than mere outward wor-

ship and keeping of rules, without love.

On another Sabbath day, Jesus entered the same synagogue to preach, and found there a man, who some say was a stone mason injured by an accident, and whose hand was now shrunken and useless from paralysis.

Hoping to catch Jesus in wrong-doing, the wicked Pharisees asked Him, "Is it lawful to heal upon the Sabbath day?" At once Jesus answered, "Which of you shall have even a sheep fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, and will he not hasten to pull it out? How much more precious, then, is a man than a sheep! It is lawful to do well on the Sabbath day." And, turning to the paralyzed man, He said, "Stretch forth thine hand;" and He cured him before them all. Then the Pharisees went out, and consulted together how they might destroy Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What were the disciples doing that displeased the Pharisees?
2. With what story did Jesus answer their complaints?
3. What special work did God's law allow the priests to do upon the Sabbath?
4. Why was this right?
5. How did Jesus compare Himself with the temple?
6. What kinds of work did He teach should be done on the Sabbath?
7. What question did the Pharisees ask Jesus in the synagogue?
8. What answer did He give?
9. What miracle did He perform?
10. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"My birthday comes on Sunday, which is a very dull day," complained Frank. "When will you give me my presents, mother?" "On Saturday, if you choose," said his mother; and he had a fine time with his new bat and velocipede.

When Sunday afternoon came, Frank did not seem to care for the pleasant books and papers with which his mother always provided him, and slipped out into the garden to play with his new toys. But strange to say, he did not feel happy. Something told him he was doing wrong.

We can never be really happy, when we are breaking any of God's laws. And among these laws is one telling us to keep the Sabbath free from the work and play of common days, because it belongs specially to God.

Lesson Hymn

This is the day of prayer :
 Let earth to heaven draw near;
 Lift up our hearts to seek Thee there,
 Come down to meet us here. Amen.
 —Hymn 381, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—81. Which is the Fifth Commandment? The Fifth Commandment is, "Honour thy father and thy mother." **82. What is it to honour our father and mother?** To honour our father and mother is to love and obey them.

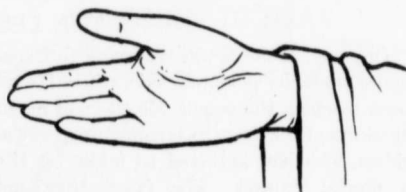
SHORTER CATECHISM—12. What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate wherein he was created? A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

The Question on Missions

13. Where is French Evangelization carried on? Mainly in the Province of Quebec, where there are 1,300,000 French Canadians, being about eleven-twelfths of its population; and also in several counties of Ontario and the Maritime Provinces.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

The man in the Lesson obeyed Jesus by stretching out his hand at once. That is



the right sort of obedience. It may be hard sometimes to obey, but Jesus will give us strength, as He gave it to this man.

**I Have Learned To-day That
 THE SABBATH IS FOR DOING GOOD**

Lesson III. JESUS' POWER OVER DISEASE AND DEATH April 15, 1906

Luke 7 : 1-17—Memory Verses, 14, 15.

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

1 Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Caper'naum.

2 And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die.

3 And when he heard of Je'sus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant.

4 And when they came to Je'sus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this :

5 For he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue.

6 Then Je'sus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself : for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof :

7 Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee : but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed.

8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.

9 When Je'sus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Is'rael.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

11 And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Na'in; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people.

12 Now when he came nigh to the gate of the

city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow : and much people of the city was with her.

13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.

14 And he came and touched the bier : and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise.

15 And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother.

16 And there came a fear on all : and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people.

17 And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judæ'a, and throughout all the region round about.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as Jesus was returning to Caper'naum from the mountain side, where He had been teaching the people, He was met on the outskirts of the town by a company of Jewish elders, who had gathered to make of Him a special request. The favor they now begged was not for themselves, but for a certain captain of Herod's army, who had sent them to ask Jesus to come and heal his well-beloved servant, who had been taken ill, and was already at the point of death.

This captain, being a Gentile, had felt unworthy to come himself and make such a petition to the Saviour. But the elders were perfectly willing to present his request, for, as they now told Jesus, the captain was well and favorably known to all in the city, having more than once shown special favor to the Jews, to whom he had given the money which they needed to build their synagogue.

While Jesus and the elders were talking and walking on together, they came into the part of the town in which the centurion lived. Here they were stopped by a number of the captain's friends, who had brought a second message to Jesus from their master, saying, "Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest enter my house. Speak but a word only, and my servant shall be healed; for Thou hast all power in heaven and in earth, even as I have authority over the soldiers who come and go at my bidding." So great was the captain's confidence in Jesus' power.

Jesus was much astonished at the faith of the Gentile captain, and said to those who were following Him, "I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel;" and the messengers, returning to the house of the centurion, found the servant perfectly well who had been sick.

The next day Jesus came near to the village of Nain, where, outside of the gate leading into the town, He met a sad funeral procession. A young man, the only son of his widowed mother, had just died, and was being carried to his burial. Jesus spoke to the mother, saying, "Weep not;" and came and laid His hands upon the coffin, saying, "Young man, I say unto thee, Arise!" And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak; and so Jesus gave him back to his mother, alive and well. And great awe came upon all who saw this miracle, and the news of what Jesus had done spread far and wide throughout the land.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who met Jesus as He was entering Capernaum?
2. From whom had the elders brought a message?
3. Why did the captain not come himself?
4. What was his request?
5. What praise did the elders give this captain?
6. Who met Jesus as He came near the centurion's house?
7. What message did they bring from their master?
8. What did Jesus say about it?
9. How did He reward the centurion's faith?
10. What sad procession did Jesus meet at Nain?
11. What did He say to the mother?
12. What miracle did He work for her?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A wild storm was raging around a prairie home one night. The windows were blown in, no lights could be kept burning, and it was with difficulty that the doors could be braced against the blast.

Suddenly eleven-year-old Walter was missed. Frantic with fear, the mother called him at the top of her voice, and receiving no reply, started to grope her way through the darkness and confusion of the house, to find, if possible, the missing boy.

She found him in his room—sound asleep! And when she waked him up to ask him how he could go to sleep when they were all in danger of death, he replied: "Why mother, Grandma told me that God would take care of us; and I thought I might as well go to bed again." Surely this was faith worth having.

Lesson Hymn

'Christ the Lord is risen to-day,'
Sons of men, and angels, say:
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing ye heavens; and, earth, reply.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave? Amen.

—Hymn 59, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—83. Which is the Sixth Commandment? The Sixth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not kill." 84. What did Jesus say about the Sixth Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all angry passions.

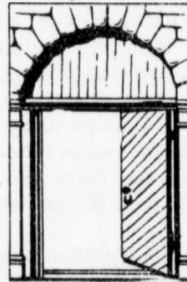
SHORTER CATECHISM—13. Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created? A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

The Question on Missions

12. Why should we give the gospel to the French Canadians? Because they do not know it, and because it will free them from error and superstition, and make them truer Christians and better citizens.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Look at this wide-open gate. Just as easily as we can go through such a gate, can



our prayers go right to the ears of Jesus. And when He hears them, He is sure to help us in the very way we need.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS A MIGHTY SAVIOUR

Lesson IV.

JESUS THE SINNER'S FRIEND

April 22, 1906

Luke 7 : 36-50—Memory Verse, 47.

Golden Text—Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.—Luke 7 : 50.



- 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint : but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much : but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?
 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, a proud Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to dinner, not because he wished to do honor to the Saviour, but because he was curious to see and hear the wonderful Teacher and Healer, of whom everyone was speaking. That Simon did not wish to honor Jesus by inviting Him, was proved by the way in which he received Him. Though Simon was rich and had plenty of servants, he did not offer Jesus even the most ordinary attentions of the time. There was no water provided for Jesus' weary and dusty feet, nor kiss of welcome as He took His seat at table.

At an Eastern dining-table the places are set only on one side, while the guests recline upon couches in such a way, that the feet are turned towards the open part of the room, in which strangers are free to come and go and to listen to all that is said.

As Jesus sat at dinner in Simon's house, a woman, whose wickedness was well known

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat.

37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,

38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.

39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him : for she is a sinner.

40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.

41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors : the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.

42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most ?

43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.

44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman ? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet : but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.

45 Thou gavest me no kiss : but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.

46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint : but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.

47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much : but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.

48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?

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and, when they could not pay, he freely forgave them both. Tell me then, which of the two would love him most?" "I suppose," said Simon, "the one to whom he forgave most." "You are right," said Jesus; and pointing to the woman, He said, "Simon, I was your Guest; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she, to show her repentance and love, has washed My feet with her tears, and anointed them with precious ointment. Wherefore, I tell you, her many sins are forgiven; but he to whom there is little forgiven, loveth little." Then, speaking to the woman herself, Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven. Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace." And the woman left the room with a great gladness in her heart.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who invited Jesus to dinner ?
2. How did Simon show want of respect for Jesus ?
3. Who came in while they were at table ?
4. What gift had she brought for Jesus ?
5. How did she show her repentance ?
6. With what did she wipe Jesus' feet ?
7. Who was displeased with Jesus for allowing her to touch Him ?
8. What story did Jesus tell Simon in answer to his thoughts ?
9. What story did Jesus tell Simon in answer to his thoughts ?
10. Which debtor did Simon say would love most ?
11. How did Jesus rebuke Simon ?
12. What did He say to the woman ? Golden Text ?

Lesson Story

One day a minister was driving along a hot, dusty road, when he overtook a woman with a heavy basket on her arm, and offered her a ride. She gladly accepted, but after she was seated in the carriage, she still carried the heavy basket on her arm instead of setting it down before her.

"Your basket would ride just as well at the bottom of the carriage, and you would be much more comfortable," said the minister.

"Why, I never thought of that!" answered the woman.

"That is very much like what we all do," thought the minister. "The Lord has taken us up into His chariot, and we rejoice to ride in it; but very often we carry a great burden of care and sin, when the Lord would carry us and our loads too, if only we would lay them at His feet."

Lesson Hymn

Through His name we are forgiven—
 O how He loves !
 Backward shall our foes be driven—
 O how He loves !
 Best of blessings He'll provide us,
 Nought but good shall e'er betide us !
 Safe to glory He will guide us—
 O how He loves ! Amen.
 —Hymn 542, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—85. Which is the Seventh Commandment? The Seventh Commandment is, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." 86. What did Jesus say about the Seventh Commandment? Jesus said this Commandment is broken by all impure thoughts.

SHORTER CATECHISM—14. What is sin? A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.

The Question on Missions

15. Does the Church of Rome not give the Bible to the French Canadians? She neither gives it to them, nor permits them to accept it from others. The great majority of them have never seen it.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

We may all be sure that Jesus loves us. For He came from heaven to show us His love. That is the reason why we should love



Him. And He will be pleased with our love, as with the sweet perfume which the woman poured from a costly vase upon His head.

I Have Learned To-day
 THAT JESUS WELCOMES ME

Mark 4 : 1-20—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—The seed is the word of God.—Luke 8 : 11.

1 And he began again to teach by the sea side : and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea ; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land :

2 And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

3 Hearken ; Behold, there went out a sower to sow :

4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up.

5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth ; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth :

6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched ; and because it had no root, it withered away.

7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit.

8 And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased ; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred.

9 And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parable.

11 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God : but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables :

12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive ; and hearing they may hear, and not understand ; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them.

13 And he said unto them, Know ye not this parable ? and how then will ye know all parables ?

14 The sower soweth the word.

15 And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown ; but when they have heard, Sa'tan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

16 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness ;

17 And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time : afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.

18 And these are they which are sown among thorns ; such as hear the word,

19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.

20 And these are they which are sown on good ground ; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day, as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Lake of Galilee, He was followed by such great crowds of people that He got into a little fishing-boat belonging to one of His disciples, and pushing off a short distance from shore, He began to preach to the people, as they sat on land.

On this particular day, Jesus began a new kind of preaching, and for the first time taught in parables or stories. These stories were full of meaning, and were intended to make Christ's message so plain and simple, that even the most ignorant person, who was really anxious to know what it meant, could understand Him clearly.

"There was once," said Jesus, beginning His story, "a sower who went out to sow ; and, as he sowed, some of his seed fell on the hard-trodden pathways, where it was quickly

and greedily picked up by the birds. Some of the seed fell on stony places, where, because the ground was shallow and warm, it sprang up quickly ; but, because it had no depth of root, it withered almost immediately. As the sower continued his scattering, a few handfuls of seed chanced to fall in thorny corners, where, when it was grown, the weeds and thistles choked it to death, so that it also bore no fruit. But a fourth portion of the seed fell into good and prepared soil, where it grew up and flourished and yielded an abundant harvest ;" and ending His parable, Jesus said, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

When the people were gone, Jesus' disciples came to Him, saying, "Lord, explain to us the meaning of this parable. What is meant by the "seed" ? Jesus was surprised

that the disciples had not been the first to understand it, and said, "The seed is the word, or message, of God. The four kinds of ground stand for four kinds of listeners, or hearers.

"The wayside ground represents the people who are too careless to give attention to God's message. There are those also who listen gladly to the word, and are willing to obey it, when all is going well with them; yet, like the seed that fell on the stony ground, have no root in themselves, and, when trouble comes, prove unfaithful. Those who are so taken up with other things, such as money, care, and the business of this life, that they have no time for God, are like the grain that grows in the thistle corner. But such as hear the word and obey it, and bring forth fruit, are like the fields of good ground, which bring forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold."

Questions on the Lesson

1. What is a parable? 2. Where did Jesus speak His first parable? 3. Where did the people sit who heard it? 4. Into what four kinds of soil did the seed fall? 5. Which only yielded fruit? 6. What question did the disciples ask Jesus about the parable? 7. What was meant by the seed? 8. What kind of hearers are like the shallow, stony ground? 9. Who were compared to the hardened foot-paths, and to the thorny corners? 10. What kind of hearers are like good fields? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

I have a friend who has a vineyard covering many acres, and I happened to visit him at a time when his grape-vines were being pruned. I was astonished to see wagon-loads of vines hauled out of the vineyard, and when I went out to see where the men were cutting, I was still more astonished to notice that they were cutting off more than half the vines. It seemed as if they were being ruined.

But when I talked to my friend about it, he laughed, and said, "If I did not prune them, they would have few grapes this year, still fewer next, and would soon run out, and be good for nothing. You dare not spare

the knife, if you want good grapes and plenty of them."

In the same way, God intends that the troubles and misfortunes of life should help us to bear better and more precious fruit for our heavenly Master.

Lesson Hymn

Word of Life, most pure and strong,
Lo! for thee the nations long:
Spread, till from its dreary night
All the world awakes to light. Amen.
—Hymn 563, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—87. Which is the Eighth Commandment? The Eighth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not steal."

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 11-14.

The Question on Missions

16. Who are the workers in French Evangelization? Colporteurs, missionaries, and missionary teachers. These labor under the direction of a Board appointed by the General Assembly. The Secretary of the Board is also Missionary Superintendent.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

This is the time for sowing the grain in the fields. You know how particular the farmer is to see that the soil is in good order before



he scatters the seed. Now the lessons taught us from God's word by father and mother and teacher are like precious seed. The hearts that receive, and treasure up, and obey, these lessons are like good soil.

I Have Learned Today

THAT I SHOULD HEED JESUS' WORDS

Matthew 13 : 24-30, 36-43—Memory Verse, 30.

Golden Text—Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.—Galatians 6 : 7.



24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:

25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also.

27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares?

28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.

36 Then Je'sus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field.

37 He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world.

41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity;

42 And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

THE LESSON RETOLD

"The kingdom of heaven," said Jesus, again speaking in a parable, "is like a man who was a land-owner, and who, at the proper season, sent his servants to sow good seed in his fields. But this farmer had an enemy, who held a grudge against him, and who, when he saw his neighbor's fields all sown and ready for growing, came at night, when nobody was looking, and sowed weeds and thistles all over the prepared fields.

Not knowing what was done, the farmer's servants went out a few weeks later to inspect the crop. But what was their surprise, to find quantities of weeds springing

up with the wheat! Thinking their master must have been cheated in his seed, they went and inquired what kind of seed he had given them. But so sure was the farmer of the good quality of his seed, that he said at once, "Some enemy has done this."

Then the servants, anxious if possible to save the crop, begged their master to allow them to try and root up the weeds. But the farmer said, "No; for in gathering out the weeds, you will also destroy the good grain. Let both grow together until harvest, and then I will say to the reapers, "Gather first the weeds, and bind them in bundles to burn

them, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Again, when the people were gone, Jesus explained His parable to His disciples, saying, "He that soweth the good seed, is the Son of man; the field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one. The enemy that sowed them is Satan; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

"As the weeds are gathered and burned in the fire, so shall the Son of man on that day send forth His messengers to gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and which do iniquity, to destroy them. "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?
2. What happened when the fields were sown?
3. Who discovered the enemy's work?
4. Why would the farmer not allow his servants to root up the weeds?
5. What did he say should be done?
6. Of whom was this farmer a picture?
7. Who are meant by the good seed?
8. For whom do the tares stand?
9. What is meant by the harvest and the reapers?
10. What promise does Jesus make to the righteous?
11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

George's father had given him a little garden-bed, and the little fellow set out immediately with a bright quarter-dollar, to buy his seeds.

As he turned over the gaily-covered packages, he chose a large, flat envelope labeled, "Mixed Garden," because it contained something of everything, from nasturtiums, morning glories and sunflowers, down to tiniest poppy and pansy seeds, all of which George took and sowed in his one little plot of ground.

Can you wonder that his garden was a failure? The little plants were choked out by the big ones, while very few of the more delicate ones came up at all. So it is with our lives. We must choose carefully what we sow, for "whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Lesson Hymn

All this world is God's own field
 Fruit unto His praise to yield;
 Wheat and tares together sown,
 Unto joy or sorrow grown:
 First the blade, and then the ear,
 Then the full corn shall appear:
 Lord of Harvest, grant that we
 Wholesome grain and pure may be. Amen.
 —Hymn 486, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—88. Which is the Ninth Commandment? The Ninth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." **89. What is it to bear false witness against our neighbour?** It is to say what is not true about others.

SHORTER CATECHISM—15. What was the sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created? A. The sin whereby our first parents fell from the estate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

The Question on Missions

17. What is a colporteur? A colporteur is a pioneer missionary, who goes from house to house, selling, and sometimes lending, the Scriptures and other religious literature to the people, and reading and praying with them as opportunity offers.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

When the wheat was ripe, it was carefully gathered into the barn; but the tares were burned. Some day Jesus will take all who



love and serve Him, to live with Himself forever, while He will send all others away to punishment. We all want to dwell with Him in heaven. Then we should do His will now day by day.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT HEAVEN IS FOR THE GOOD ONLY

Lesson VII.

A FIERCE DEMONIAC HEALED

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Mark 5 : 1-20—Memory Verse, 15.

Golden Text—Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee.—Mark 5 : 19.



were choked in the sea. 14 And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done.

15 And they come to Je'sus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind : and they were afraid.

16 And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine.

17 And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts.

18 And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him.

19 Howbeit Je'sus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.

20 And he departed, and began to publish in Decap'olis how great things Je'sus had done for him : and all men did marvel.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Miss Gina H. Fawcett
Jesus, standing in a small ship drawn close to the shore, had been speaking to the multitudes the parables of the sower and of the tares, and other such like parables; but, evening drawing near, He sent the crowds all away, and crossed over the Lake of Galilee, with His disciples, to the country of the Gad-arenes.

While they were crossing, a terrible storm arose, and they were in great danger; but Jesus stilled the tempest with a word, and He and the disciples reached the other side in safety.

As they landed, a strange, wild man rushed towards them. He was possessed by an evil spirit, which made him so strong and fierce, that he was the terror of the whole country round about. Attempts had been

1 And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gad'arenes.

2 And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit,

3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains :

4 Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces : neither could any man tame him.

5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

6 But when he saw Je'sus afar off, he ran and worshipped him,

7 And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Je'sus, thou Son of the most high God ? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

8 For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

9 And he asked him, What is thy name ? And he answered, saying, My name is Legion : for we are many.

10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

11 Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.

13 And forthwith Je'sus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine : and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country.

made to control him by binding him with fetters and chains, but he had broken these in pieces, and he still roamed among the tombs, which were cut in the rocky caves of the hills, torturing himself in his pain and misery, and shunned by everybody.

But Jesus did not shrink from this wild man of the tombs. He cried, instead, to the evil spirit to come out of the man. And the spirit, knowing that Jesus was the Son of God, and had power to command him, said, "There are many of us in possession of this man. Do not send us out of the country, but let us enter into the herd of swine feeding there on the mountain." (Now, to the Jews, swine were unclean animals, and they were forbidden by their laws to buy, or sell, or keep them.) Jesus gave His permission;

and the evil spirits entered into the swine, and the whole herd of two thousand ran madly down the slope of the mountain and perished in the waters.

Then the men who kept the swine were filled with fear, when they saw what had become of the animals which had been entrusted to their care; and they rushed away to the city to tell what had happened.

When the owners heard the news, they were very angry, and hurried to Jesus to beg Him to leave their country. They thought only of their own loss, forgetting the good He had done to the poor demoniac, whom they now found sitting beside Him, "clothed, and in his right mind."

So Jesus, rejected and thrust out, entered into the boat again, while the grateful man He had healed prayed to be allowed to accompany Him. But Jesus refused, saying, that He could serve Him better by remaining at home to tell his friends what great things the Lord had done for him. The man obeyed gladly, and in his own family and in all the country near by, told of the wonderful kindness and power of Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What lake did Jesus cross? 2. Who went with Him? 3. What happened on the way? 4. How did Jesus still the storm? 5. Who met Him as He landed? 6. Where did this man live? 7. What did he call Jesus? 8. What was the name of the evil spirit? 9. What did the name mean? 10. What did the evil spirits ask? 11. What happened to the swine? 12. What did Jesus tell the man to do? 13. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

In a village in Ceylon was a band of students, so poor, that sixteen of them occupied one room. Near the building was a garden, in which they spent their spare time cultivating bananas. When a visitor once inquired what they did with the money, they took him to the shore, and, pointing to an island in the sea, said, "Two years ago, we sent one of our graduates there, and he started a school, which has grown into a church. This year we shall send him to another island."

The visitor also found that every tenth handful of their only food, rice, was set aside, that it might be sold to spread the gospel.

Lesson Hymn

We have heard a joyful sound,
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the gladness all around;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land,
Climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward!—'tis our Lord's command;
Jesus saves! Jesus saves! Amen.
—Hymn 562, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—90. Which is the Tenth Commandment? The Tenth Commandment is, "Thou shalt not covet." 91. What is it to covet? To covet is to have a wrong desire for what belongs to others.

SHORTER CATECHISM—16. Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression? A. The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him, by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

The Question on Missions

18. What is the missionary's work? He continues and completes the colporteur's work, preaching and ministering to the families that have accepted the gospel and have consequently been forced to leave the Romish church, and organizing them into mission stations and congregations.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Jesus has been kind to us in so many ways, we cannot count them. Of course, we are thankful. Now, the best way to show this

GO-AND TELL

is just to tell others of His kindness. Then they will come to Him, and He will bless them too.

**I Have Learned To-day That
JESUS IS STRONGER THAN SATAN**

Mark 6 : 14-29—Memory Verse, 20.

Golden Text—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.—Ephesians 5 : 18.

by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist. 26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison.

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As the fame of Jesus and of His miracles began to spread throughout the land, Herod the king at last heard of Him; and he felt very much afraid. He thought that such wonderful power could belong only to John the Baptist, the great prophet whom, he had put to death. His guilty conscience troubled him, and so he thought that John had returned from the dead, to punish him.

Once Herod had listened to John's teachings gladly, and had done many things which the prophet told him to do. But when John sternly reproved him for the terrible sin he had committed in marrying his brother's wife, named Herodias, he cast him into prison. Herodias was even more angry, and by every means in her power tried to induce Herod to put John to death; but the king, fearing to do further harm to the holy prophet, steadfastly refused.

Now it happened soon after, that Herod gave a great birthday feast to all the chief

14 And king Her'od heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad:) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him.

15 Others said, That it is Eli'as. And others said, That it is a prophet, or as one of the prophets.

16 But when Her'od heard thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead.

17 For Her'od himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Hero'dias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her.

18 For John had said unto Her'od, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife.

19 Therefore Hero'dias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not:

20 For Her'od feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.

21 And when a convenient day was come, that Her'od on his birthday made a supper to his lords, high captains, and chief estates of Gal'ilee;

22 And when the daughter of the said Hero'dias came in, and danced, and pleased Her'od and them that sat with him, the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee.

23 And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto the half of my kingdom.

24 And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist.

25 And she came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me the head of John the Baptist.

26 And the king was exceeding sorry; yet for his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would not reject her.

27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison.

28 And brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.

29 And when his disciples heard of it, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

men of his kingdom, and as they lay on fine couches, eating and drinking the rich dainties spread on the table, the daughter of Herodias came in and danced before them. The king and his guests were delighted at this unexpected entertainment, and to show how pleased he was, Herod swore a great oath, that he would give her anything that she asked for.

The young girl did not wish to decide such an important question for herself, and so went out to ask her mother. Herodias had been waiting for such an opportunity as this, and sent her daughter back to ask the king, not for great riches or honors, but for the head of John the Baptist to be brought to her on a platter.

The king was sorry and dismayed at the result of his thoughtless promise, for he was not willing to put the prophet to death. But he was still more afraid of the bad opinion of his friends who had heard his oath; so,

for their sakes, he commanded the cruel deed to be done. He was not brave enough, though he was a king, to do what he knew to be right, whatever others might say about it.

So John, the holy man of God, was put to death in the prison, and his head was brought on a platter to the daughter of the queen, who carried it to her mother. When John's followers heard of it, they sorrowfully came and carried away his body to bury it, and went and told Jesus.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What king heard about Jesus? 2. Who did he think Jesus was? 3. What great sin had Herod committed? 4. What had John said to him? 5. What did Herodias wish to have done to John? 6. Why was Herod unwilling to do this? 7. On what day did Herod give an entertainment? 8. Who danced at the feast? 9. What did Herod promise to give her? 10. What did she ask? 11. Who told her to ask this? 12. Where was John slain? 13. Who buried him? 14. To whom did they go to tell their loss? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Tommy Smith started out to play one Saturday, just as well and strong as any boy could be; but an hour afterwards he was brought home in a wheelbarrow by some of his companions, his nose bleeding, his lip cut and swollen and his ankle very badly sprained.

"Now, Tommy," said his mother severely, after she had bathed his face and bound up his foot, "tell me how this happened." "Well," said Tommy, very shame-facedly, "I dared Dick Mills to jump off Burk's barn; and he said I could do it myself, an'—I—I didn't know it was so high, till I got up on top." "And yet you still attempted it?" said his mother. "Well, but I'd said I would," objected Tommy. "That does not excuse you," answered his mother. "One should not make reckless promises, in the first place; and it is still more wrong to carry them out, when this can only do you harm." Tommy had plenty of time to think over and agree with his mother's words, as he lay on the sofa for a week, while the other boys played without him.

Lesson Hymn

O Jesus, Thou hast promised,
To all who follow Thee,
That where Thou art in glory
There shall Thy servant be;
And, Jesus, I have promised
To serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow
My Master and my Friend. Amen.
—Hymn 255, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—92. What did Jesus say the Commandments teach us? Jesus said the Commandments teach us to love God with all our heart, and to love others as ourself.

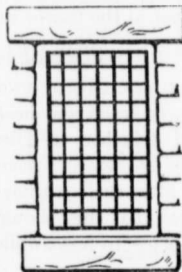
SHORTER CATECHISM—17. Into what estate did the fall bring mankind? A. The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

The Question on Missions

19. What is a missionary teacher? One who teaches a school supported by the Board, and does missionary work in the district. There are 17 mission day schools attended by both Protestant and Catholic children, in places there where is no other Protestant school.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How sad to be a prisoner kept in behind stone walls and iron bars! But, do you know? Many boys and girls are held prison-



ers by some bad habit; and that is far worse. If any such habit has hold of me, let me come to Jesus, and He will set me free.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT SIN BRINGS SORROW

Mark 6 : 30-44—Memory Verse, 41.

Golden Text—My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.—John 6 : 32. †

30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Je'sus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while : for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

33 And the people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together unto him.

34 And Je'sus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd : and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed :

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread : for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat ?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye ? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Jesus had sent His disciples, two by two, out through the country, to teach and heal, and they now gathered together to Him again, to tell Him all they had done. Jesus knew they must be tired after their journeys and labors; so He proposed that they should all go away into a lonely place, to rest awhile in quiet.

But the sick and suffering people waiting to be healed, found out where they were going, and they hurried away and reached the place before Jesus and His disciples arrived. And the pitiful Saviour, with His tender heart, could not turn them away. He knew they had no other to teach or guide

them, for the priests and scribes, who were the instructors of the people, were proud, wicked men, who despised and neglected the common people. So, tired and weary as He was, Jesus began to tell to them His wonderful message, and to heal the sick among them.

But the evening drew on; and the disciples begged Him to send away the multitudes, as they had had nothing to eat all day. "Give ye them to eat," said the Master. "We have nothing but five loaves and two small fishes," answered the disciples. (It was a boy who happened to have these with him for his luncheon.) "Bring them to Me,"

said Jesus, "and command the people to sit down on the grass."

So they all sat down in ranks of fifty and a hundred—a great company of five thousand men, besides women and children—as many as would fill ten large churches. And Jesus took the bread and the fishes, and looking up to heaven, He asked a blessing on the food. This would remind the people that God was the Giver of this food, as He is of all good things. Then He handed it to His disciples, and they gave it to the people. And although the people were so many and there was so little food, every one had more than enough; for when the disciples gathered up the fragments, they had twelve baskets full.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What had the disciples been doing? 2. To whom did they now return? 3. What did they need? 4. Whither did Jesus propose they should go? 5. Who reached the place before them? 6. What did Jesus do during the day? 7. What did the disciples ask Him to do at evening? 8. What did He bid them do? 9. How much food had they? 10. How many people were there? 11. Was there enough food for all? 12. How much was left over? 13. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"I wish I could give a whole dollar to the Mission Band, like Lily Gray," sighed Kitty. "Begin by saving up your cents then," said her mother. "You spend more than you would be better without." "But a cent is so little," objected Kitty, "and it would take such ages to save up a hundred." "Try it for a while and see," said her mother. So Kitty's cents, as they were given to her, were dropped into her mission bank, and she bravely turned away her eyes from the tempting displays in the shop windows. "It will be a long, long time before I can buy candy again," she thought.

But one day Kitty's arm joggled the little china bank, and over it went, broken to pieces. And what a pile of coppers there was! Kitty's eyes shone as she picked them up. "Why, mother, there are just ninety. I did not know I had half so many!" Her mother added a bright ten cent piece to the pile.

"There is your dollar, dear, and made up, after all, of single cents."

Lesson Hymn

All the way my Saviour leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living bread.
Though my weary steps may falter,
And my soul athirst may be,
Gushing from the Rock before me,
Lo, a spring of joy I see! Amen.

—Hymn 320, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—93. **Whose help should we ask to keep the Commandments?** We should ask God to give us His Holy Spirit to help us to keep His Commandments.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 15-17.

The Question on Missions

20. What are the Pointe-aux-Trembles Mission Schools? They are boarding schools, with accommodation for about 100 boys and about 70 girls, situated nine miles east of Montreal. These schools were founded in 1846, and upwards of 5,000 French Canadians have been educated in them. Principal Brandt and seven assistants compose the teaching staff.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Each of Jesus' twelve disciples carried a basket like this. On the day that the five thousand were fed with the five loaves and



two fishes, they filled twelve such baskets with what was over. That is always the way with Jesus—He gives us joy and gladness that overflow.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE

Mark 7 : 24-30—Memory Verse, 30.

Golden Text—Great is thy faith : be it unto thee even as thou wilt.—Matthew 15 : 28.

24 And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Si'don, and entered into an house, and would have no man know *it* : but he could not be hid.

25 For a *certain* woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet :

26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenic'ian by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

27 But Je'sus said unto her, Let the children first be filled : for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs.

28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord : yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs.

29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter.

30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

THE LESSON RETOLD

As Jesus went on day by day, working His wonderful miracles and teaching the people in wise and loving words, the scribes and Pharisees became more and more angry. They thought that they could please God by being very careful about such forms as washing their hands before eating, and keeping their cups and other dishes very clean, while all the time their hearts were wicked and impure.

Jesus warned the people against these false teachers. This greatly vexed them, and they kept following Him about, annoying Him as much as they could, and watching for Him to say or do something that would give them an excuse for having Him punished by the law. To escape from these enemies, as well as to find rest and quiet, Jesus went away secretly to the country near the heathen cities of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into the house of a friend.

But even in this far-off place, the stories of His wonderful works of healing had gone before Him. A poor Greek woman, whose daughter was possessed by an evil spirit, heard of Him, and came to the house where

He was staying, begging Him to cure her child.

As Jesus wished to try her faith, He told her that He had come to bless, first of all, the Jews, God's own children, and she was a Gentile, one of the despised outsiders, whom the Jews in scorn called dogs. Did she think that He should take the children's bread and give it to her ?

But the woman was greatly in earnest, and had her answer ready. "True, Lord," she said, "let it be even so, that the best food should be given to the children : let the Jews have the best of the blessings. But even the dogs beneath the table get the crumbs which fall from it. So, give me a crumb of comfort by healing my daughter."

And Jesus wondered at the great faith shown by this Gentile woman, and gently said to her, "Go to your home, and you will find that your child is cured."

And the woman went away rejoicing; and when she reached her home, she found even as Jesus had said. The evil spirit had left her daughter, and she was lying upon her bed in her right mind.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who had become angry at Jesus? 2. Whither did Jesus go to escape from these enemies? 3. What other reason had He for going away? 4. Why could He not get the quiet He wanted? 5. What woman heard of Him? 6. What did she ask Him to do? 7. What did Jesus say? 8. Give the woman's reply. 9. For what did Jesus praise her? 10. What did He say she would find, when she went home? 11. Did this prove to be true? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Some time ago a famous surgeon from Vienna came to this country at the request of a very rich man, to see if he could cure his little daughter of hip-disease. The surgeon succeeded in curing the child, and then other parents brought their afflicted little ones to him. Some of these were the children of wealthy people, who paid him large fees; but he also cured many poor children in the hospitals of the great cities.

Away in a country village, a poor woman whose child was all twisted and lame from the disease, heard of these wonderful cures. She took all the money she possessed in the world, and traveling a long distance, brought the child to the great surgeon.

"I am very poor," she said, "and the long journey here has taken all my savings, so that it may be years before I could pay the fee that you ask for your treatment, and yet I have dared to hope, that perhaps you might help my child, because of her great need." And the great and good surgeon answered kindly, "My services are not given only to those who can pay for them, but willingly and freely to anyone who needs them." And he cured the child of her disease, and she and her mother went home rejoicing.

Lesson Hymn

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by.

Saviour! Saviour!
Hear my humble cry,
And while others Thou art calling,
Do not pass me by. Amen.
—Hymn 168, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—94. **What is prayer?** Prayer is telling God our wants, confessing our sins, and thanking Him for His goodness. 95. **To whom should we pray?** We should pray to God only.

SHORTER CATECHISM—18. *Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell?* A. The sinfulness of that estate whereinto man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called Original Sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

The Question on Missions

21. What is the work done in the Pointeaux-Trembles Schools? Besides a good education, special attention is given to instruction in the truths of Scripture. The average cost to the church of each pupil is \$50 per session. Many Sabbath Schools support a pupil in whole or in part. There is urgent need of the enlargement of the buildings.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You would not let your dog suffer, if you could help it. And the loving Jesus would not leave the poor Syrophœnician woman



in her sorrow, even though the proud Pharisees did look down upon her because she was not a Jew. He came to be the Saviour, not of one nation only, but of the whole world.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT JESUS LOVES US ALL

Lesson XI.

PETER'S GREAT CONFESSION

June 10, 1906

Matthew 16 : 13-28—Memory Verses, 24, 25.

Golden Text—Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.—Matthew 16 : 16.

13 When Je'sus came unto the coasts of Caesare'a Philip'pi, he askeu his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am ?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Bap'tist : some, Eli'as; and others, Jeremi'as, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am ?

16 And Si'mon Pe'ter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Je'sus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Si'mon Bar-jo'na : for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Pe'ter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven : and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven : and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Je'sus the Christ.

21 From that time forth began Je'sus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jeru'salem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day.

22 Then Pe'ter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord : this shall not be unto thee.

23 But he turned, and said unto Pe'ter, Get thee behind me, Sa'tan : thou art an offence unto me : for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

24 Then said Je'sus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it : and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul ? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul ?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Shortly after the last Lesson, as Jesus and His disciples were going into the outskirts of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus, wishing to discover how fully His followers understood and believed in Him, asked them what people were saying about Him. They answered, that some said He was John the Baptist, and others, that He was one of the old prophets risen from the dead. "But," said Jesus, turning to these men, who had been His closest friends and companions, "Who do ye say that I am ?" Peter, speaking for them all, said at once, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus was glad that, in spite of His humble appearance, Peter and the other disciples had found out that He was God's Son, and had come from heaven. Peter's name meant "a rock," and Jesus said to him that His church, which Peter would help to build up, should be so strong, that even

Satan with all his power, should not be able to overcome it.

Jesus then told them of the sufferings and the shameful death awaiting Him. Peter could not bear the thought of such a fate for his beloved Master, and said that it could not be. But Jesus rebuked him, saying that he was only judging as men judged, not as God, who thought it best that He should die to save mankind.

Jesus went on speaking about His kingdom. Faith in Himself, He said, was like a key that would open the way for all into this kingdom. He added that they were not yet to tell others that He was God's Son. For not until after He had died and risen again, and had sent His Holy Spirit to teach them, could they understand all He had come to do for the world.

And so Jesus, talking lovingly to His disciples, went on to tell them, that any who

desired to be followers of His must be willing, at any time, to give up their own desires and plans—even their lives, if need be—in His service. But if they suffered here in doing His will, He would reward them for their faithful work in heaven. But whoever should choose worldly riches and honor as the chief thing in this life, would, by so doing, surely lose his own soul. And Jesus told His disciples plainly, that, though they were to possess the whole world, yet, if they should lose their souls, they would be poor indeed.

But to encourage their saddened hearts, Jesus told them, that though His kingdom was now small and poor, some of them would live to see it appearing in great power and glory.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Into what country did Jesus go with His disciples?
2. What question did He ask them?
3. Who did some people think Jesus was?
4. Others?
5. Who did Peter say He was?
6. What does the name Peter mean?
7. What did Jesus forbid His disciples to tell?
8. What sad news did Jesus now make known?
9. Who found fault?
10. What did Jesus say His followers must be willing to do?
11. Who would reward them?
12. When?
13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Jim and Ned began life together in the same town. "I am going to be rich and great, when I grow up," Jim declared, "and then you will all wish you were me."

"Something like old Mr. Howe," laughed Ned. "He is rich and great, and yet none of us envy him; he is so cold and proud that everyone hates him. I think I'd rather be a minister like Uncle John. Everybody just loves him, and he's the happiest man I know."

The years passed on, the boys' ways lying in different directions, until one day they met again. Ned was a hard-working minister, without wealth or position, but his bright face and cheery laugh told that in spite of that, his life was a happy one. Jim looked at him enviously. "I have spent my life in gathering riches," he said, "thinking that then I would be happy; and now I see that you have gained by forgetting self and living for others."

Lesson Hymn

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died and is now gone above.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Hallelujah! Amen.

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.

Revive us again. Amen.

—Hymn 549, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—96. **May we pray to Jesus Christ?** Yes; because Jesus Christ is God. 97. **May we pray to the Holy Spirit?** Yes; because the Holy Spirit is God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—19. *What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?* A. All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

The Question on Missions

22. How do the people receive the colporteur and missionary? On the whole, respectfully, and often sympathetically. But sometimes they meet with much opposition, and in some cases colporteurs are driven away, and even threatened with being beaten.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Five years ago last January the crown was placed on King Edward's head, and he became our earthly king. We are glad to have



him rule over us; but it is a far greater reason for joy, that Jesus is our heavenly King, and will reign forever and ever.

I Have Learned To-day That

I SHOULD WORK FOR THE CHURCH

Luke 9 : 28-36—Memory Verses, 30, 31.

Golden Text—This is my beloved Son : hear him.—Luke 9 : 35.



28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Pe'ter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.

29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistering.

30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Mo'ses and Eli'as :

31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jeru'salem.

32 But Pe'ter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep : and when they were awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him.

33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Pe'ter said unto Je'sus, Master, it is good for us to be here : and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Mo'ses, and one for Eli'as : not knowing what he said.

34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them : and they feared as they entered into the cloud.

35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son : hear him.

36 And when the voice was past, Je'sus was found alone. And they kept *it* close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

THE LESSON RETOLD

The time was drawing very near, when Jesus was to go up to Jerusalem to suffer and be put to death; and about eight days after He first told His disciples the sorrowful news, He took Peter and John and James, His three closest friends among the disciples, up into the quietness and stillness of a mountain to pray. Down in the world His days were long and wearisome ones, spent in doing good to others, teaching and preaching the gospel, and healing hundreds of poor sick and maimed people; and Jesus felt the need of coming to His Father to receive strength and courage for the trials before Him.

But while Jesus prayed, the disciples, who were also weary and worn, fell asleep. When they awakened, they beheld a wonderful vision. Jesus, their Master, stood before them; but His appearance was quite changed. His face was bright and shining like the sun, and even His clothes were white and dazzling. And He was not alone. With Him were two other men, who also shone with the same

strange glory : they were Moses, the giver of the Law, and Elias, the greatest of the prophets. They had been sent down from heaven to cheer and sustain by their presence the Son of God, who was so near the hour of His death, and to testify to His disciples His divine power; and they talked with Jesus, and He with them.

Then, when the shining visitors were going away, Peter, who wished to keep them, asked why they could not build three tabernacles, or booths made of branches, that so they might remain on the mountain, not knowing, so excited was he, how foolish was his request. But as he spoke, a bright cloud spread itself over them all, and the disciples, knowing that God was near, fell upon their faces. And as they lay there, they heard a voice from the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son : hear Him." Before all others, even Moses and Elias, they were to honor and obey Jesus; and no longer could they ever doubt that He was truly the Son of God.

Then the cloud passed, and they found themselves alone with their Master; and from all this glory they went down the mountain again to their work in the world below. But they kept the story of the vision to themselves until after Jesus' death, when the time had come to make it known.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Whither did Jesus go? 2. For what purpose? 3. Which of the disciples did He take with Him? 4. How was His appearance changed while He prayed? 5. Who came to talk with Jesus? 6. What was the conversation about? 7. What had the disciples been doing? 8. What did they see when they awoke? 9. What did Peter wish to do? 10. Who spoke to the disciples? 11. What did He call Jesus? 12. Whom were the disciples to obey? 13. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

A wicked duke once had as a chaplain a brave good man named Hedding. He loved his master, but did not hesitate to reprove him for his wicked ways.

Once the duke committed some specially wicked deed, and the chaplain in private begged him to undo the wrong he had done.

But the duke would not listen to him. The brave chaplain then repeated the rebuke in public, and the duke was so angry, that he cast him into prison, and there he remained for some time, until one day he was sent for to be still further punished.

But in the prison Hedding had not been alone. He had God's Word to comfort him, and Christ's presence to cheer and sustain him. So, when he went forth to meet the duke, his heart was not afraid. As he entered the audience chamber, his face wore such a look of shining peace and security, that the duke cried out in fear. "Why did you not come alone?" he said, and sent him away unharmed. The light in his chaplain's face had made the duke feel that Jesus was with him.

Lesson Hymn

Clearer still and clearer
Dawns the light from heaven,
In our sadness bringing
News of sin forgiven;

Life has lost its shadows,
Pure the light within;
Thou hast shed Thy radiance
On a world of sin. Amen.

—Hymn 210, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—98. For whose sake do we ask God to hear and answer our prayers? We ask God to hear and answer our prayers only for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Son. 99. For whom should we pray besides ourselves? God's Word teaches us that we should pray for all men.

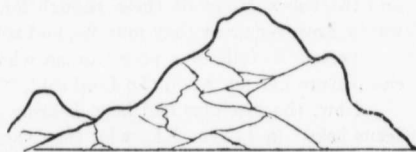
SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 18, 19.

The Question on Missions

23. What are some of the results of French Evangelization? Last year 186 communicants were added to the church in the 43 mission fields, the total number of communicants now being 1,220. There are 917 scholars in the Sabbath Schools, and, including Pointe-aux-Trembles, 558 in the mission schools.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Peter wished to stay on the mountain where Jesus was transfigured, to enjoy His company and that of Moses and Elias. But



it is not by seeking to enjoy ourselves, that we please Jesus; it is by being busy, as He Himself was, in making others happy.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT JESUS IS THE KING OF GLORY

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW

June 24, 1906

Lesson 2d. Golden Text—Never man spake like this man.—John 7 : 46.

REPEAT—Golden Texts for Quarter. SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS, VIZ :—BIBLE WORK ; SCRIPTURE MEMORY PASSAGES ; PRIMARY CATECHISM—Questions 80-99 ; SHORTER CATECHISM—Questions 11-19 ; SUPPLEMENTAL HYMN ; THE QUESTION ON MISSIONS—Questions 12-23.

 The Words of Jesus

In almost every Lesson of the Quarter we have words which fell from the lips of the blessed Lord Jesus Himself.

In Lesson I. there are some words which tell us how it may be known whether or not we are His followers. He says of people, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

"The Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day," said Jesus in Lesson II. The Sabbath belongs specially to Him, and He wants us to fill it with true worship and loving deeds.

We find in Lesson III. some very sweet words of comfort. Jesus said to the widow of Nain, "Weep not." And He is just as able and willing to give us comfort and cheer.

Lesson IV. contains the story of a very sinful woman. To her Jesus said, "Thy sins are forgiven," and she went away with a great peace in her heart.

In Lesson V. Jesus tells us how we should treat His words. We should "hear" and "receive" them, and "bring forth fruit," that is, obey His teaching.

What a blessed promise Jesus gives at the close of Lesson VI. ! "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." If we do God's will here, we shall by and by have a home in that bright and happy place, where Jesus now is.

Jesus wants every one to know about His kindness and power. So He says to us, as He said in Lesson VII. to the demoniac whom He had healed, "Go. .and tell."

Lesson VIII. has no words which Jesus spoke, but it tells us how the fame of His teaching and miracles spread, until at last it reached even to the palace of the king.

"Give ye them to eat !" This was Jesus' bidding in Lesson IX. to His disciples, when He saw about them the hungry multitudes. And although the disciples had only five loaves and two fishes, He made these enough for the great crowd. So, He has enough for all our wants, however great they may be, and will freely supply what we need.

Lesson X. tells of a poor woman who came to Jesus for healing for her daughter. We can picture her joy when the Lord said, "The devil is gone out of thy daughter."

Now, the disciples had been hearing Jesus' words and seeing His miracles. And when Jesus asked in Lesson XI., who they thought He was, Peter at once replied for them all, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"

The Golden Text for the Quarter says, "Never man spake like this Man." And in Lesson XII. God says, "This is My beloved Son : hear Him."

Lesson Hymn

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
 Wonderful words of life;
 Sinner, list to the loving call,
 Wonderful words of life;
 All so freely given,
 Wooing us to heaven.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
 Wonderful words of life—
 Beautiful words, wonderful words,
 Wonderful words of life. Amen.*

—Hymn 559, Book of Praise



I HAVE LEARNED
 TO-DAY

That I Should Hear and Obey Jesus

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

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

<p>LESSON I. The Two Foundations.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. A Fierce Demoniac Healed.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Jesus and The Sabbath.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. Death of John the Baptist.</p>
<p>LESSON III. Jesus' Power over Disease and Death.</p>	<p>LESSON IX. Feeding the Five Thousand.</p>
<p>LESSON IV. Jesus the Sinner's Friend.</p>	<p>LESSON X. The Gentile Woman's Faith.</p>
<p>LESSON V. The Parable of the Sower.</p>	<p>LESSON XI. Peter's Great Confession.</p>
<p>LESSON VI. The Parable of the Tares.</p>	<p>LESSON XII. The Transfiguration.</p>

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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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