

**SELFISH HARRY.**

BY MARY D. BRINE.

There now, Master Harry Brown,  
Serves you right to tumble down!  
We know what you tried to do—  
And your conscience knows it, too!  
Thought you'd run away with all  
Those nice toys! guess you feel small,  
Now we've caught you! Other boys  
Wish to share with you those toys—  
Benny, Johnny, little Joe—  
Each one coaxed you hard, we know—  
Just to let them play with you.  
But—for shame! what did you do?  
Tried to take your things away  
So no one with you could play!

Selfish Harry! we are glad  
That you're caught in plight so sad—  
Yet, we're sorry for you too!  
Now get up, and don't "boohoo,"  
But try to be a generous boy,  
And after this—just share your joy—  
And you'll be happier day by day;  
There's solid truth in what I say.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FOURTH QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON VIII. Nov. 19.

PUBLIC READING OF THE SCRIPTURES.

Neh. 8. 1-12. Memory verses, 1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law.—Neh. 8. 3.

A LESSON TALK.

The Bible of Nehemiah's time was a parchment scroll, and there were only a few of them in the whole land. It was called "The Book of the Law," and there were none of the sweet New Testament stories in it. The lesson verses tell how all the people came together after the wall was finished to hear Ezra, the priest and scribe, read from the scroll. It was new to many of them, and it is no wonder they wept when they heard the law of God and thought how they had broken it. Exod. 20. 1-17 will show you how the law was given at first, and in Matt. 5. 17-20 you will see what Jesus said about it. Neh. 8. 13-18 shows that that the people did not go away from this great meeting and forget what they had heard, but that they began at once to do the things God had told them to do. This lesson teaches us that when we do really see how good the Lord has been to us, then we want to please him, and then, too, we think how we can please and help others.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

How long were the people building the great wall? Fifty-two days.

What did they hold then? A great meeting.

What did they feel like doing? Praising God.

Who read God's word to them? Ezra. Who was Ezra? A scribe and a priest. Did people have Bibles then as we do? No; very few had one.

What was a Bible then like? A scroll. How long did Ezra read? From morning till night.

How did the people listen? With reverence.

Why did they weep? Because they had broken God's law.

Who told them to be glad and not sorry? Nehemiah.

For what may we always be glad? For the love and mercy of God.

LESSON IX. [Nov. 26.]

WOES OF INTEMPERANCE.

Prov. 23. 29-35. Memory verses 29-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 20. 1.

A LESSON TALK.

You have heard of Solomon the wise man. He lived about a thousand years before Christ came. The book of Proverbs in the Bible was written by him. A proverb is a wise saying, and it is said that Solomon wrote three thousand proverbs, besides a great many beautiful songs.

There is one thing that we may be very sure Solomon was wise about, and that is wine and strong drink. Read very thoughtfully what he says in the lesson verses. Psalm 1 will tell you of the two ways, in one of which we must each one go, and Psalm 141 will tell you where to get help to go in the right way. In 2 Cor. 6. 14-17 you learn the only really safe way for any one to do about wine and strong drink. How many have begun to take just a little sip of the beautiful red wine without thinking that some day it would become their master! God's word tells the truth about it. Beware! The time to choose temperance and truth and purity is now.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was Solomon? A wise man. What more was he? A king of Israel. What book of the Bible did he write? The Book of Proverbs.

What is a proverb? A wise saying. What did Solomon try to teach people? To do right.

What did he want them not to touch? Wine and strong drink.

What is the best way to do? Not even to look at them.

What is a mocker? Wine.

What does it promise to give? Pleasure.

What does it really give? Trouble and sorrow.

What is the safe guide in all these things? The Bible.

What shall we be if we follow the Bible? Temperance people.

**HOW JOHNNY HELPED.**

BY SYDNEY DAYRE.

"Oh, oh! such a dreadful thing has happened!" said Johnny, running home to his mother.

"What is it, Johnny!"

"Old Mrs. Lane has fallen down and broken her ankle."

"That is too bad."

"And she is crying because she can't go out to feed her chickens and her pigs."

"Poor old woman! What will she do?"

"I will feed the chickens," said Johnny's sister Susy. "I would like to, they are such pretty things."

"That will be very nice," said her mother.

"I will give you all the table scraps to feed them with, Susy."

Johnny sat silent for a while. Then he said to his mother:

"Do you think I ought to feed the pigs?"

"I shall leave you to decide that, my boy," she said. "You know we are told that whatever we do for those who are helpless is a serving of Jesus himself."

Johnny did not like to feed pigs, but he bravely took it as a duty. And before long he was pleased at seeing how the little grunners learned to know when he came.

Almost before he poured the food into the trough, they would be half-way inside, eating so fast that they nearly choked.

When Mrs. Lane got well she said the pigs were fatter than if she had taken care of them herself.

Don't you think Johnny was glad that he had given help to one of the Lord's poor?

**TO VICTORY.**

War, grim war, has been declared;  
The army's in the field;  
And if the foe knows what is best,  
I think 'twill surely yield.

The clash of arms, the neigh of horse,  
The drum's wild tat-tat-too,  
Together mingle with the tread  
Of these two boys in blue.

They may not storm Manila's forts,  
Nor fight as Dewey did,  
Yet their brave deeds the neighbours know;  
Their valour can't be hid.

They'll charge upon the chicken coops,  
And put the hens to flight;  
They'll battle 'gainst the bushes tall,  
And beat all weeds in sight.

And many other things they'll do  
That history will tell,  
While future generations praise  
The day they fought so well.