

BAD TO-BACK-ER.

ONE day at school
I told the boys
'Twas wrong to chew tobacco;
A six-year old,
Grown very bold,
Presumed to give his veto.
Says he: "I saw
A fellow chaw
Because he had the toothache,"
"Taint never wrong
For anyone
To chaw that has the toothache,
The school agreed
With him; indeed,
His logic charmed the urchins.
Quite puzzled, I
Could scarce reply
At first to his assertions.
A happy thought,
However brought
Relief from Greeley's namesake:
"Horace," I said,
"If a girl instead!
Should chance to have the toothache,
And want to chew,
What should she do?"
Like older ones by time unschooled.
He scratched his head,
And then he said:
"She'd orter have the tooth pulled."

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 52.] LESSON VI. [Feb. 10.]

THE CONVERSION OF LYDIA.

Acts 16 11-24. Commit to memory verses 13-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. Acts 16. 14.

OUTLINE.

1. Mission Work, v. 11-13.
2. Success, v. 14, 15.
3. Opposition, v. 16-24.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What city in Macedonia did Paul and his friends visit? Philippi.

Where did they go on the Sabbath day? Down by the river-side.

Who was there? A few women gathered together to pray.

What did Paul do? He talked to them.

Who was converted by Paul's preaching? Lydia, a seller of purple.

What is it to be converted? To be changed from a self-life to a Christ-life.

Whose power can destroy the self-life? The power of God.

What did Lydia ask Paul to do? To baptise her and her household.

What invitation did she give to Paul and his friends? To come and stay in her house.

Who followed Paul and Silas about the city? A slave girl possessed of an evil spirit.

What did she call them? Servants of God.

What miracle did Paul do in Christ's name? He cast out the evil spirit.

Who were angry with Paul and Silas? The owners of the slave-girl.

What did they do? They caused Paul and Silas to be scourged and cast into prison.

Why were they angry? Because the doings of the evil spirit brought them money.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

How long is it since you first heard about Christ?

Did you begin then to *love and obey* him?

Did you begin then to *work* for him?

Have you been willing to *suffer* for him?

"Be ye therefore followers of God as dear children."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Evil spiritual agencies.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is your duty to God? My duty to God is to worship Him, to love Him, and to keep his commandments.

What is your duty to man? My duty to man is to honour and obey my parents, to show respect to those above me, to speak the truth always, and to be just and loving to all.

A.D. 52.] LESSON VII. [Feb. 17.]

THE CONVERSION OF THE JAILER.

Acts 16. 25-40. Commit to memory verses 29-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16. 31.

OUTLINE.

1. Songs in the Night, v. 25-28.
2. The Joy of Salvation, v. 29-34.
3. Out of Prison, v. 35-40.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Paul and Silas do at midnight? They sang praises unto God.

What suddenly shook the prison? A great earthquake.

What did it do? Opened the doors and loosed the bonds of the apostles.

Who was terrified and tried to kill himself? The keeper of the prison.

What did Paul say to him? "Do thyself no harm, for we are all here."

What did the jailer do? Came in and fell down before Paul and Silas.

What question did he ask? "What must I do to be saved?"

What was their reply? "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ."

What great change followed? The jailer with all his house believed.

What message came from the judges in the morning? "Let those men go."

What reply did Paul send back to the judges? "Let the judges come themselves and let us out."

Why did Paul send such a message? Because they had been unjustly condemned.

What did the judges do? They came and begged them to leave the city.

Who are honoured and protected above all others? God's servants.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

The jailer unconverted was—

An unbelieving heathen,

A rough, wicked man.

A cruel persecutor.

The jailer converted was—

A repentant sinner.

A true friend.

A humble believer.

"Ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Salvation by faith.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How can you do this? I can do my duty to God and man only by the grace of God.

What is this grace? The grace of God is the power of the Holy Ghost, felt in our hearts, enabling us to do what otherwise we could not do.

PLAYING LIKE A CHRISTIAN.

I HEARD of two little children—a boy and a girl—who used to play a great deal together. They both became converted. One day the boy came to his mother and said, "Mother, I know Emma is a Christian."

"What makes you think so, my child?"

"Because, mother, she plays like a Christian."

"Plays like a Christian?" said the mother; the expression sounded odd.

"Yes," replied the child! "if you take everything she's got, she don't get angry. Before she was selfish; and if she didn't have everything her own way, she would say, 'I won't play with you; you are an ugly little boy.'"—*Food for the Lamb.*