

MOTHER'S GOOD NIGHT.

MAMMA loosens the baby's frock,
 And takes off each little shoe and sock;
 She softly brushes the golden hair
 And pats the shoulders dimpled and bare.
 She puts on the night-gown white and
 long,
 Humming the while an evening song:
 "Daylight is over,
 Playtime is closing;
 Even the clover
 Is nodding and dozing,
 Baby's bed shall be soft and white,
 Dear little boy, good-night! good-night!"

Mamma kisses the little pink feet,
 And the tiny hands so dimpled and sweet,
 The rosy cheeks and the forehead white,
 And the lips that prattle from morn till
 night;
 With a last fond kiss for the golden
 crown;
 Gently and softly she lays him down,
 And in the hush that twilight brings
 She sits by her darling's bed and sings:
 "Over the billow
 Soft winds are sighing,
 Round baby's pillow
 Bright dreams are flying;
 Here comes a pretty one sure to alight!
 Dear little boy, good-night! good-night!"

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON XIII. [Sept. 25.]

THE FOUR PILLARS OF TEMPERANCE.

GOLDEN TEXT.

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.—Rom. 14. 21.

What are "intoxicating liquors?" Wine, beer, rum, whiskey, and all drinks that have alcohol in them.

Does the Bible tell us that it is always wicked to drink wine? No; but it tells us that we ought not to eat or drink anything which will lead any one else to do wrong.

Can you repeat the Golden Text?

How could our drinking wine make any one else do wrong? Some one else might begin to drink because we did, and then keep drinking more and more till he became a drunkard.

Does the Bible call drunkenness a great sin? Yes, and it often speaks of the woe and sorrow that it causes.

What other reason is there that we should let strong drink alone? It is not safe for us to touch it. Every drunkard began by only taking a little.

Does even a little alcohol hurt our bodies? Yes; it makes the heart beat too fast, it hurts the brain so we cannot think so well, and it poisons the blood.

What does the Bible call our bodies? The temple of God.

Have we any right, then, to do anything that will hurt the body? No, God wants us to take good care of our bodies.

What is some of the harm that drunkenness does in the world? It makes people poor, and it often makes them do very wicked things.

What is the only thing for us to do with intoxicating drinks? Let them alone.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Does God know all things? Yes, God knows all things; every thought in man's heart, every word and every action.

Will he call us to account for all we think and do? At the last day God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 37.] LESSON I. [Oct. 2.]

SAUL OF TARSUS CONVERTED.

Acts 9. 1-20. Memory verses, 15-18

GOLDEN TEXTS.

Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.—John 3. 3.

Who was Saul? A Jew who was very learned and upright, but who hated Jesus.

What had he done to the disciples of Jesus at Jerusalem? He had driven them from their homes and put many of them in prison.

Why did he do this? He thought he was pleasing God.

Why was he going to Damascus? To punish the Christians there.

What for? For loving and serving Jesus.

What happened on the way? A bright light shone from heaven, and Jesus himself spoke to Saul.

What did Jesus say? 'Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?'

When Saul rose from the earth, where he had fallen, what had happened to him? He had become blind.

How long did he stay in the city without eating or drinking? Three days.

What do you suppose he was thinking of all this time? He must have been learning to love and believe in that Jesus whom he had treated so badly.

What did the Lord tell one of his disciples, named Ananias? To go and see Saul, for "behold he prayeth."

When Ananias put his hands on him, what happened to Saul? He received his sight, and was filled with the Holy Spirit.

What did Saul do right away? He began to preach about Jesus.

What did Saul become? One of the greatest of the apostles.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Does God love you? Yes, God loves everything which he has made.

What has God made? God made everything in heaven and earth, and last of all he made man.

MRS. DOASYOUWOULDBEDONEBY.

THERE is a beautiful fairy story by Charles Kingsley, called "The Water Babies," in which we are introduced to a very delightful fairy with the long name which you see above.

You can very well imagine how she looks! Her face is as clear as the sun, and bright like the sun, too. Her voice is kind and sweet, and her touch is like a caress. You know her when you see her, no doubt!

But, do you know that she has been growing beautiful all her life! She began to do as she would be done by when very young. It was not always easy, just at first, but as she went on and on in this way, it grew more and more easy, until at last she would have found it hard to do any other way than as she would be done by!

So you see, the way to become a charming Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby is to begin when you are young!

Mr. Kingsley tells of another fairy, not so charming, known as "Mrs. Bedoneby-asyoudid." The Water Babies feared her as much as they loved Mrs. Doasyouwouldbedoneby. You can imagine that she was not nearly so pleasant a fairy to know as the other! And the strange thing is that she, too, began to make her face and voice when young!

Think of these two young fairies, little people, the next time you are on the playground!