

WHAT A BOY CAN DO.

THESE are some of the things that a boy can do;

He can whistle so loud that the air turns blue,

He can make all sounds of beast and bird, And a thousand noises never heard.

He has sounds that are ruffled, striped, and plain;

He can thunder by as a railway train, Stop at the station a breath and then Apply the steam and be off again.

He has all his powers in such command He can turn right into a full brass band With all the instruments ever played, And he makes himself a street parade.

You can tell a boy is very ill If he's wide awake and keeping still, But earth would be—God bless their noise!

A dull old place if there were no boys.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

Review.] **LESSON XII.** [Dec. 18.

GOLDEN TEXTS.

Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

This woman was full of good works and alms deeds which she did.

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.

Through his name whoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

A great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.

To you is the word of this salvation sent.

I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles.

In his name shall the Gentiles trust.

Through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

CHRISTMAS LESSON.

A.D. 1.] **LESSON XIII.** [Dec. 25.

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

Luke 2. 8-20. Memory verses, 11-14

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy.—Luke. 2. 10.

Where did Joseph and his wife, Mary, go from their home in Nazareth? To Bethlehem, in Judea.

Who were in the same country? Some shepherds, "keeping watch over their flocks by night."

Who came to the shepherds? The angel of the Lord.

And what did the angel say? [Repeat the Golden Text.]

What was this "good tidings?" "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

How would they know when they had found the Saviour? "Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Who suddenly began to praise God with the angel? "A multitude of the heavenly host."

What did they say? "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men."

When the angels left them what did the shepherds do? They went to Bethlehem "and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger."

Can you tell who else found the babe and worshipped him? Tell the story of the star.

What did the shepherds do as they returned? They praised God "for all the things that they had heard and seen."

Do you remember to thank God for this Saviour as the shepherds did?

Do you remember to give and receive all your Christmas gifts in Jesus' name, because it is his birthday?

Will you pray this prayer to-day?

"O Holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend on us we pray;
Cast out our sins and enter in,
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!"

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What is it to believe in Jesus Christ? To believe in Jesus Christ is to receive his words, and to trust in him alone for salvation.

Can you do all this of yourself? I cannot repent and believe of myself; but God will help me by his Holy Spirit, if I ask it of him.

MARY'S WISH.

How I do wish I were Maud Johnson! "Why, Mary, would you like to be Maud Johnson?" asked her sister Fanny.

"Because Maud lives in such a beautiful house, and wears silk dresses, and rides in a handsome carriage, and does not have to go to school, but has a teacher for herself alone."

"Would you be willing to leave papa and mamma, Robbie and me, for all these things?"

"No; but I can't help wishing I were Maud."

"Did you know that Maud was lame?" asked Mary's mamma, "and that she is often sick, and sometimes very lonesome? for she has no brother or sister to play with."

"O no; I did not know that she was

lame, I have never seen her walk. Sometimes she sits at the window when we pass to school, and we often see her on our way home, riding in her carriage. Sarah Price told me her father gave her all the money she wanted, and that she could do just as she pleased with it. I thought it would be nice to have all these things. But if I should have to be lame, and to live without any brother or sister, I would rather be myself."

"God knows what is best for us," said mamma, "and he has given us each work to do which no one else can do for us. So it is foolish to wish to change places with any one else. We are where God placed us, and that we may be sure is the best place for us. Let us live to please him and then we shall always be contented and happy."

ADVICE TO LITTLE ONES.

DEAR children, perhaps you wonder what makes me talk about some of the things that I do in my advice to you, so I will tell you that as I go along the streets often about the time the children are going to and from school, I kept my eyes and ears open, too, to see and hear what they do and say that would be better not to do or say, and this is one of them. Many little folks seem to think that anything that they are not used to is "queer." One says, "Oh, my! what a queer hat. I never saw such a funny hat." Then all the girls look, and some say, "Aint it though?" making the little girl that has the hat on feel badly. Or a boy will say, "What a queer velocipede; never saw one like it. Mine aint like that. I wouldn't have yours." It is no sign that things are queer because you never saw anything like them before. There are plenty of things you have never seen. So if you go visiting and there is a cake, pie or pudding on the table, you never have had at your home, don't say, "What a funny pie," perhaps it is queer you never saw one like it before.

A SURPRISE PARTY.

WE were talking about giving a surprise party to a dear little girl, when our little visitor said: "Oh! I was at a surprise party once. Is it going to be a horse's surprise party this time?"

"What do you mean, dear?" I asked.

You know I went way out to Fort Dixy with mamma last winter, to see my papa. He's captain in the army, you know. Well, one day papa took me over to see Major Martin, and there were some more officers there, and they were having a kind of a party. Anyhow, they were in the dining room, and they had lots of good things to eat, and they gave me some. Pretty soon somebody opened the door, 'cause it was too warm, and Major Martin's horse walked right into the house, and up to the table. Everybody laughed except me. Major Martin said it was a surprise party."

We told her that our surprise party wouldn't have any horse in it, at which he seemed very glad.