

ONE PENNY.

"One!" and the penny dropped into the bank,
The very first penny of all.
"I shall soon be rich," little Johnnie said,
"And my bank will be much too small
For all the pennies that I shall save.
Indeed, it will be too small!"

"A penny is not very much to save.
How it rattles around alone!
It seems to say, 'Please take me out,'
In a deep and hollow tone.
When I think of all the things I want,
I wish that I could, I own."

"I really believe, if the bank was tipped,
I could shake the penny out.
Why, sure enough! Well, if I made
banks
I should know what I was about;
And, whenever a boy put a penny in,
It would stay without a doubt."

"Well, I might as well go and buy that
top,
Or the marbles, or, let me see!
I just love taffy. Oh! dear, oh dear!
I wish this penny was three!
But it isn't, and may as well go back
And wait for two more, you see."

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FROM
ELIJAH TO ISAIAH.

LESSON VIII.—NOVEMBER 20.
ISAIAH'S MESSAGE TO JUDAH.

Isa. 1.1-9, 16-20. Memorize verses 18-20.
GOLDEN TEXT.

Cease to do evil; learn to do well.—Isa.
1. 16, 17.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was Isaiah? How many kings of Judah did he see? What vision did Isaiah have? Where was he? What did an angel do? What call did he hear? What did he reply? What troubled him? What had the people lost? What did he see in the temple? Why could he not bear evil? What word of the Lord does he bring in our lesson? Is the Lord still a tender father to us all? He is the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. What was the sickness of Judah? What kept them from the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah? What does he tell them to do?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about the reign of Uzziah. 2 Chron. 26.

Tues. Read the lesson verses. Isa. 1. 1-9, 16-20.

Wed. Find how Isaiah helped to save his people. 2 Chron. 32. 1-22.

Thur. Find also how he helped to save his king. 2 Kings 20. 1-11.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text.

Sat. Find how the Lord calls his prophets. Num. 12. 6.

Sun. Read Isaiah's prophecy of the Christ. Isa. 53.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. There is a disease—sin.
2. There is a cure—salvation.
3. God will receive those who cease to do evil and return to him.

LESSON IX.—NOVEMBER 27.

WORLD'S TEMPERANCE SUNDAY.

Isa. 28. 1-13. Memorize verses 3, 4.
GOLDEN TEXT.

They also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way.—Isa. 28. 7.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where was the land of Ephraim? What country lay next to it? Who was the father of the two tribes? Who blessed Joseph and his children? Did Ephraim keep Jacob's blessing? What kind of a country did the tribe of Ephraim have? How did Isaiah see the people? Whom did he warn? What kind of priests and prophets had they? Could they lead the people? How did the men of Jerusalem receive Isaiah's warning? How did they answer him? How will God answer them? What punishment will God send upon them? Does God always punish sin? Is Ephraim alone meant here? No, it is for all.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about the blessing of Ephraim. Gen. 48.

Tues. Find why Ephraim had a large country. Josh. 17. 17, 18.

Wed. Read the lesson verses. Isa. 28. 1-13.

Thur. Learn the Golden Text.

Fri. Learn a temperance life-motto. Prov. 4. 15.

Sat. Find what is written about drunkards. 1 Cor. 6. 10.

Sun. Learn what is better than wine.—Eph. 5. 18.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. All sin begins with the love of self.
2. It is the same in every age and nation.
3. The Lord is always and everywhere the cure.

God never fails to reward those who do their duty faithfully, nor to punish those who neglect it.

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

BIRD SONGS.

BY SYDNEY DAYRE.

"I don't want to go to school to-day," said Susy. "I want to play out of doors and hear the birds sing."

On the one side of the house no doors opened, and there was a place where a corner jutted out. By standing close to the wall here Susie could keep out of sight, and there she hid herself.

"Susy, Susy!" called mother. Susy held herself closer against the wall.

"Susy!" again mother called. But the naughty little girl did not answer.

The trees were waving in the bright summer sunshine. And birds, plenty of them, were flying in the branches over her head.

"Sweet, sweet, sweet!" that was what one of them said, as plainly as Susy could have said it herself.

"Sweet, sweet, sweet!" came again. "I wonder if he means me," said Susy.

"All-white—all-white—all-white!" It came in a quick little note. Susy looked down at the clean white dress mother had put on her. A pink color came to her face.

"Sweet, sweet, sweet!" right over her head.

"Pretty pretty, pretty!" — "sweet, sweet, sweet!" what could those birds be singing about? The air was full of their chirping.

"Oh, dear," said Susy. "I wonder if they do think I'm sweet and pretty. I guess they wouldn't if they knew I was hiding away from mother."

"All-white—all-white—all-white!" two little bright eyes blinked down at her through the leaves.

"Oh—I'm ashamed to have those little birdies think I'm good and sweet when I'm not."

Two or three little flowers near her feet seemed to be looking straight up in her face.

"They think I'm good, too. They are smiling at me. Oh—I'm going in to mother." And she marched up to the door and rang the bell bravely.

Fifteen minutes later a dear little lassie kissed mother and set out for school. As she again passed under the trees a perfect chorus arose.

"All-white — pretty pretty — sweet, sweet, white—all pretty—pretty—sweet—sweet—sweet!" it ran together so there was nothing left but music.

And Susy went on with a happy smile.

King John of Abyssinia was opposed to smoking, and ordered that the lips of his subjects who should be found smoking should be cut off.