

AN OLD, OLD LADY.

Naughty Daisy Dimple duck! I left her just a minute,
Sitting there in grandma's chair as still as any mouse;
Little tousled, curly head, with so much mischief in it!
Now I cannot find her anywhere about the house.

There's a little old, old lady sitting here demurely,

Darning grandpa's stocking and wearing grandma's specs;
But little Daisy Dimple duck is lost; yet surely, surely—

Little old, old lady I do not wish to vex;

But your cheeks are very red, ma'am, and the eyes behind those glasses,

Are very, very bright, and are very, very blue,

And little old, old lady, how very gay your laugh is!

What! naughty Daisy Dimple duck, is it really you?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON VI. [August 10.]

NADAB AND ABIHU—TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Lev. 10. 1-11. Memorize verses 8-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let us watch and be sober.—1 Thess. 5. 6.

THE LESSON STORY.

When the tabernacle was ready for the worship of God it was necessary to have priests, and Moses did as God had told him to do, and set apart Aaron and his four sons to be priests. Aaron was high priest. They were told in the law that God gave to Moses just what the duty of a priest should be, and it was theirs to do it just as he had commanded; but Nadab and Abihu, two of the sons, thought it was just as well to do it in another way. God had told them to light the incense in the censers from the fire that was always burning upon the golden altar, but one day they lighted it with other fire. They were careless about obeying God, and that shows that something was going wrong in their hearts. God could not let them do wrong so easily, as others would soon do the same, so they were themselves consumed by fire. They were carried out of camp, and even their father and brothers were not allowed to follow them.

Then God told Aaron that he must never drink wine or strong drink, nor must his sons, as they made ready to serve in the tabernacle, and that it must be a rule of the priesthood for ever. It may be

that the sons of Aaron had taken wine, and it had taken away their right mind.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did God tell Moses to do? To make a place of worship.

Who was the high priest, or minister? Aaron.

Who were priests also? Aaron's sons.

Who were two of these priests? Nadab and Abihu.

What were they doing one day? Offering incense.

Who had told them how to light it? God.

What did they think? That they would take another way.

What did they use? Strange fire.

How were they punished? A fire destroyed them.

What did God tell Aaron? That they must not drink wine.

What had Nadab and Abihu perhaps done? Disobeyed God in this.

What is always dangerous? To disobey God.

LESSON VII. [August 17.]

JOURNEYING TOWARD CANAAN.

Num. 10. 11-13, 29-36. Mem. ver. 33, 34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.—Psa. 31. 3.

THE LESSON STORY.

The Israelites always walked when they journeyed; and as they had their little children to carry, and their old people to walk with them, and all their goods to carry, they went very slowly, and made long rests. The tabernacle was carried, the ark, with the cloud above it, leading, and when they rested they set up the tabernacle and stayed a long time. When they journeyed from Sinai, where great mountains of rock rose around them, they went on to the wilderness of Paran, and there the cloud rested and they rested also.

As they were about to start on their journey Moses asked his brother-in-law, Hobab, the Midianite, to go with them. "Come thou with us," he said, "and we will do thee good; for the Lord hath spoken good concerning Israel." Hobab wished to go back to his own people, though Moses persuaded him. The ark of the covenant went before them a three days' journey searching out a resting-place. By day the cloud hung just before them and led them on, and it glowed with light by night. When the ark set forward Moses said, "Rise up, Lord, and let thine enemies be scattered," and when it rested he said, "Return, O Lord, unto the many thousands of Israel."

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who were taking a great journey? The Israelites.

Who was their leader? Moses.

Who led Moses? The Lord.

How did they travel? On foot.

What always went ahead of them? The cloud and fire.

What told them when to start? The cloud rose.

When did they stop? When the cloud stopped.

What was the cloud like at night? A fire.

What did the cloud mean? The presence of the Lord.

Where did they go from Sinai? To Paran.

Who wants to be our leader? The Lord.

How does he lead us? By his Spirit and his word.

A QUEER BOY.

He doesn't like study; it "weakens his eyes;"

But the right sort of book will ensure a surprise.

Let it be about Indians, pirates, or bears, And he's lost for the day to all mundane affairs;

By sunlight or gaslight his vision is clear, Now isn't that queer?

At thought of an errand he's "tired as a hound."

Very weary of life, and of "tramping around;"

But if there's a band or a circus in sight, He will follow it gladly from morning till night.

The showman will capture him some day, I fear,

For he is so queer.

If there's work in the garden, his head "aches to split,"

And his back is so lame that he "can't dig a bit;"

But mention baseball, and he's cured very soon,

And he'll dig for a woodchuck the whole afternoon.

Do you think he "plays possum"? he seems quite sincere,

But— isn't he queer?

—St. Nicholas.

Patty had received a doll's trunk at Christmas; and as Prue seemed to wish for one, the grandmamma, who acted as "fairy godmother" to the children, gave her one for her birthday. It happened to be a little smaller than Patty's, and Patty liked nothing better than to call Prue's attention to the fact. Prue bore it very well; but finally, when Patty said with a pitying air, "Prue, I'm so used to my big trunk that when I look at your it looks so small to me." Prue turned in fierce and virtuous indignation: "Well, I don't care, Patty; you're not a bit nice! It isn't the smallness you ought to look at when anybody gives you anything; it's the kindness!"—*Wide Awake.*