

## OLD RATTLEBONES!

**O**LD RATTLEBONES! Look at old Rattlebones!" shouted a boy to his playmates one day as a crippled old gentleman alighted with much difficulty from a stage coach.

Just at that moment the boy saw his father step up to the tottering stranger, greet him most cordially, and then taking his arm, guide him toward his own home.

When the boy reached home he was introduced to the crippled man, and told that his lameness was caused by a cold he had taken through leaping into a river to save a drowning child. That child was now the lusty boy who had so unthinkingly called his deliverer. "Old Rattlebones."

That boy is now a man, and he often says, "I would give a great deal to have the memory of that event taken away."

Alas! that cannot be done. The scar of that deed remains and will remain for ever in his memory. God has forgiven him, but he cannot forgive himself.

Children, never mock the afflicted. Their deformities should command your pity, not your scorn. Moreover, within an ill-shaped body there may live a greatness, a nobility, a beauty of soul, which makes the cripple an object of love in the sight of Heaven.

## EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

**S**UPPOSE a little child should say,  
"Because I'm not a man,  
I will not try, in work or play,  
To do what good I can?"

Dear child, each star some light can give,  
Though faintly gleaming there;  
Each rose-leaf helps the plant to live,  
Each dew-drop keeps it fair.

And the great Father, who is near,  
And doth all creatures view,  
To every little child has given  
Some needful work to do;  
Kind deeds to those with whom you live,  
Kind words and actions right,  
Shall, 'midst the world's deep darkness, give  
A sparkling little light.

## LESSON NOTES.

A. D. 60.] **LESSON I.** [July 6.]

PEACE WITH GOD; OR, A PRESENT SALVATION.

**Romans 5. 1-10. Commit to memory verses 6-10.**

## OUTLINE.

1. Peace through Christ. v. 1-3.
2. Hope in Christ. v. 4, 5.
3. Saved by Christ. v. 6-10.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5. 1.

1. Find Peace with God.
2. Be rejoicing Christians.
3. Love Christ for what he has done for you.

Find the account in the Bible of how trouble proved a blessing to Joseph.... To David.... To Daniel.... To Peter.

A. D. 60.] **LESSON II.** [July 13.]

THE SECURITY OF BELIEVERS; OR, A SURE SALVATION.

**Romans 8. 23-39. Commit to memory verses 35-39.**

## OUTLINE.

1. The believer called. v. 28-30.
2. The believer justified. v. 31-34.
3. The believer kept. v. 35-39.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8. 31.

1. At all times trust in God.
2. Try to copy the character of Christ.
3. Remember that the Saviour intercedes for you.

Find a command in Deuteronomy to "love the Lord thy God".... Find Christ's summary of the ten commandments.... Find the mention of Christ's intercession in Hebrews.

## GOD IN HIS WORKS.

A poor woman kept a strawberry plant in a broken pot in her window. It grew and flourished finely, and when a friend congratulated her on the promise of fruit, she replied, "Ah, it is not for the fruit I keep it. I am too poor to keep any living creature, but it is a great comfort to me to have that plant, for I know it can live only by the power of God, and to see it live and grow from day to day, it tells me that God is near."