

What Boys Should Aim At.

Why seek ye to be great, boys?
 Seek rather to be good
 Be noble, kind, and brave, boys;
 Scorn the part of a slave, boys,
 And fear not man, but God.

Hate falsehood and deceit, boys,
 They cannot bring but ill,
 Keep a tender heart within, boys,
 And a conscience free from sin, boys,
 And a self-controlled will.

Bear with you into life, boys,
 Through all the coming years,
 The innocence of youth, boys,
 Its frankness and its truth, boys,
 Its joys and hopes and fears

At times it may be hard, boys,
 To keep the rule of right,
 But he who gave the word, boys,
 Your Saviour and your Lord, boys,
 Will help you in the fight.

Thus on your side shall be, boys,
 Almighty strength and love,
 Your life be bright and fair, boys,
 Your death without despair, boys,
 And after, rest above.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

A. D. 60.] (Sept 25.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Rom. 13. 8-14. Commit to mem. vs. 12-14
GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness. Luke 21, 34.

OUTLINE.

1. The Law of Love.
2. The Law of Life.

TIME.—60 A. D.

PLACE.—The place from which this epistle is thought to have been written is Corinth.

EXPLANATIONS.—*One no man*—This does not mean, contract no debt in the regular course of honest business, but may mean, hold no feeling as a grudge against another, only cherish the feeling of love. *Worketh no ill*—Does no harm of any sort whatever. *The night is far spent*—Paul, perhaps, looked for the coming of the Lord soon, as was common in the early Church. *Rioting and drunkenness*—Common sins among the people of the day.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The duty of self-denial for the sake of others?
2. The duty of earnestness in every good work?
3. The duty of setting a good example to all?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Who fulfils the law of Christ? "He that loveth another hath fulfilled the law."
2. What will such love make men do? It will make men "walk honestly as in the day."
3. What does that man do who indulges himself at the risk of injuring his neighbour? Breaks the law of love: for "love worketh no ill to his neighbour."
4. How may one show that he is awake to the duty of the present hour? By avoiding "rioting and drunkenness, . . . strife and envying."
5. What is the only sure safeguard against the dangers of intemperance? By putting "on the Lord Jesus Christ."

FOURTH QUARTER.

A. D. 28.] LESSON I. [Oct. 2.

THE CENTURION'S FAITH.

Matt. 8. 5-13. Commit to mem. vs. 5-10.
GOLDEN TEXT.

I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. Matt. 8. 10.

OUTLINE.

1. The Centurion.
2. His great Faith.

TIME.—28 A. D.

PLACE.—Capernaum.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Came . . . a centurion*—A soldier in the service of Herod Antipas, in command of one hundred men. *My*

servant Not a soldier, but a personal attendant. One to whom, he was greatly attached. Luke 7. 2. *Sick of the palsy*—Sick with a kind of paralysis. *Gravely tormented*—Very ill. *Man under authority*—He was only a subordinate officer, being himself obliged to yield instant obedience to those who were his superiors. *My shall come from the east and west*—The broad announcement is here made that the most distant Gentile peoples should have abundant representation in God's kingdom. *Sit down with Abraham*—Or rather, recline at table with Abraham; that is, all classes of men shall partake of the choicest blessings of God's kingdom in company with the righteousness of God's chosen people. *The children of the kingdom*—The Jews; they considered themselves to be heirs of God to the exclusion of all others.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That our faith may prove a blessing to others?
2. That great faith may exist in spite of great handicaps?
3. That great reward awaits those of great faith?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Who came to Jesus asking him to work a miracle? A Roman centurion.
2. What did he ask? That his servant might be healed.
3. What did Jesus say of his faith, in the GOLDEN TEXT? "I have," etc.
4. What did he tell the people? That people of all nations should be saved.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTIONS.—The power of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

1. Was this humiliation unto death necessary? Yes; to fulfil the purpose of God, which was declared in the predictions of Scripture.

Luke xxiv. 46. And he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer.

THE TWO PURSES.

ONE for the Lord and one for myself. Let every one provide two purses, or boxes, or banks, made of no matter what, and no matter where. Only be sure to have two places for money—one of which shall be consecrated to the Lord, and the other for personal or business purposes.

A young lady said to her father, "I would like to put something into the box as it is passed around on the Sabbath."

Her father willingly gave her part of his donation, and thus she added the influence of her example to the custom, but nothing to the increase of the collection. This did not satisfy her, for she wanted to give something of her own. She had positively of her own only about six or eight dollars yearly of interest money on a small invested capital. This she had been accustomed to use for Christmas and birthday gifts among her friends. She resolved to have two purses, and to put into one for the Lord at least one-tenth of her income. Although it made but a small sum, she had more satisfaction in giving than ever before. But the delightful part came when from one cause and another, wholly unexpected, she received the next year a far greater sum for her own disposal than she had ever had before, and a good portion of it went into the Lord's purse.

"I never think of touching what is in the Lord's purse for any but religious purposes," said she, "and never borrow from it for my own use. It is sacred to the Lord. It is his purse, and I

never enjoyed my money before as I do now."

Another young lady who was listening said: "I also keep two purses, and conscientiously put one-tenth of all I receive into the Lord's purse. It is not much, but I am glad to do it, and in consequence always have a little money ready for every good cause."

Ah! it is a good way—it is a right way. If you have not tried it, begin now, and learn its blessedness by your own experience.—*Christian Givee.*

NELLIE'S FUCHSIA.

WALKING along one of the crowded thoroughfares of London one day in early summer, I stumbled against a donkey-cart, bearing a load of flowers in pots, which the vendor was doing his best to dispose of. Some of the flowers were really very pretty, and the one he at the moment held up in his hand would have graced any conservatory in the land. It was a fuchsia, and its flower bells presented a charming mixture of colours. I did not care to have it for myself, but the thought struck me, how delighted poor little Nellie would be with it. Nellie was a lame, beghidden girl, living in one of the back streets of Lambeth, a dingy, dirty street in which the sun seldom shed its beams, and where flowers were like angels' visits. I at once bought the fuchsia (it only cost eight-pence) and carried it to Nellie's home. I wish you had seen her face when I gave her the flower. It was a perfect study. It seemed lit up all over with a joy that came from the land

"Where everlasting spring abides,
 And never-withering flowers."

It was with some difficulty I could persuade her the flower was intended to be her property. She thought I had brought it in just for her to look at as I carried it home, and nothing more. When the conviction grew upon her that she had to have it with her as her own, she could not contain herself, and fairly wept for joy. As I came away from Nellie's room I could not help thinking how easily, and at what a trifling expense, we might assuage the sorrows and contribute to the joy of our suffering fellow-creatures.

"NUMBER ONE FOOL."

"Do you like whiskey?" said a white man one day to an Indian.

"No, sir," replied the Indian.

"Why not?"

"Whiskey not good. Whiskey make Indian number one fool," replied the dusky son of the forest.

The Indian was right. Strong drink drives sound sense out of the brain and good feeling out of the heart. It changes all its slaves into hard-hearted fools. Do not touch it, boys. Do not smile on any young man who drinks it, girls.

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