

arms and legs bandaged, some very pale and weak. Nurses moved about giving medicine to one, fixing the bandages on another, giving a glass of water to another. Poor sick men! How sorry the children felt for them! They gave their fruit, etc., to the matron to be given to the sick ones. Then they asked if they might sing for the men, and their sweet voices rang out, "Jesus loves me." The eyes of all the sick ones turned to watch the little ones, and ears were strained to catch every sound. Then they visited some more wards and sang again. Was not this a nice way to visit the hospital?

*Lesson*—Our Lesson tells us about a very strange hospital, and a very strange cure, and a wonderful Visitor.

*The Hospital*—Picture the Pool of Bethesda, near one of the gates of Jerusalem, surrounded by five porches, perhaps like the small summer-houses we see in parks or gardens. Possibly you have seen a mineral spring under the shelter of such a place. This pool is open like a pond. Steps go down from the porches to the pond. The porches are full of people. Let us look at them! See! they are all sick people! All have something the matter with them! Here is a blind man. Here is a lame girl. Here is a sick woman. There is a sick baby in its

mother's arms, etc. They are all people who have come or been brought to this strange hospital to be cured of the diseases from which they were suffering.

*The Cure*—Watch the water in the pool! Once in a while it bubbles up in the centre. See! the sick ones all try to hurry down to step into the water while it is moving! Friends are helping the sick ones down the steps! It is said that sick ones will be cured if they get in while the water is bubbling up.

*The Great Cure*—There comes a Visitor! Yes, it is Jesus! He stops to look with pity on the sick ones. He sees one man very weak and ill—alone. He cannot get down to the water—no friend to help him. While he is trying to get down, others push him aside and get down before him, so there is no room for him. There he has waited day after day, oh, so long, thirty-eight years. Jesus knows all about him and his sickness. Jesus says, v. 6. Tell the rest of the story.

*Our Helper*—Jesus wants to help us. He knows our weakness, knows our sorrows, knows just what help we all need.

*Golden Text*—Repeat Golden Text.

*Something to Draw at Home*—Draw a picture of a pool of water.

*Something to Remember at Home*—I should let Jesus help me.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S BLACKBOARD REVIEW

A HOPELESS  
HEALED  
HAPPY  
HOLY MAN

Picture the sad sight that met the Saviour's gaze at Bethesda—a great company of poor sick people. One of these He singles out. Print A—MAN. How long had this man been a cripple? Had he any hope left of being healed? He was HOPELESS (Print). What was the question of Jesus? Bring out the thought that it was intended to awaken hope and faith in the man's heart. The man's answer? How friendless he was, as well as sick! Now, the threefold command of Jesus? Did the man obey? What did this prove? Yes, he was HEALED (Print). Whither did the healed man go? Yes, to the temple. Wherefore? Probably to give thanks. How did he feel? Of course he would be HAPPY (Print). Who found the man in the temple? What did Jesus say to him? How would he feel towards sin? How would he act? Feeling and acting this, what would he be? He would be HOLY (Print).