

TRAINING SHIP "CANADA," PLYMOUTH.

An Eastern Legend.

BY GRACE DUFFIELD GOODWIN.

There's a tender Eastern legend,
In a volume old and rare,
Of the Christ-child in his garden
Walking with the children there

And it tells—this strange, sweet story—
(True or false, ah, who shall say?)
How a bird with a broken pinion
Dying, in the garden lay

And the children, cruel children,
Lifted it by shattered wing,
Shouting, "Make us merry music,
Sing, you lazy fellow, sing!"

But the Christ-child bent above it,
Took it in his gentle hand,
Full of pity for the suffering
He alone could understand.

Whispered to it—oh, so softly,
Laid his lips upon its throat,
And the song-life, swift returning,
Sounded out in one glad note.

Then away on wings unwearied,
Joyously it sang and soared,
And the little children kneeling
Called the Christ-child "Master—Lord."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON X.—JUNE 3

THE TWELVE SENT FORTH.

Matt. 9. 35 to 10. 8. Memory verses, 36-38.

GOLDEN TEXT.

It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit
of your Father which speaketh in you
Matt. 10. 20.

OUTLINE.

1. The Needs of the Common People, v. 35-38.
 2. Power Given to the Twelve Apostles, v. 1-4.
 3. Our Lord's Directions to Them, v. 5-8.
- Time—Late in A.D. 28, or early in A.D. 29.
Place—Somewhere in Galilee.

LESSON HELPS.

35. "Jesus went about"—Journeyed on foot, making the last tour of his loved province. Teaching . . . preaching . . . and healing"—His work was of use to some one wherever he went.

36. "Moved with compassion"—Filled with compassion, loving pity, since he knew so well their needs. "They fainted"—They were fated and worn, physically and spiritually. "Sheep having no shepherd"—Without national independence, without religious teachers, without the salvation which he would so gladly have given.

37. "The harvest"—The spiritual harvest; the multitudes were ready if only they could be reached; he could not reach them, for his work was to die.

2. "The names of the twelve"—The choosing of these disciples was some time before this. We have here merely their names and their mission. "The first"—Peter was not first in following Jesus, he was not first in being called to the apostleship, though he seems to have been one of the first two, but he stood easily foremost among the followers of our Lord, and heads the list of the apostles each time it is given.

5. "Any city of the Samaritans"—Our work for Christ should begin with those nearest us, we are to preach the Gospel to our neighbours and friends, and so test our capacity before reaching out with religious ambition for a larger field or personal work among the heathen, at home or abroad.

6. "Lost sheep of the house of Israel"—(See Jer. 50. 6.) The nation had for

six centuries been called a nation of lost sheep.

7. "Kingdom of heaven"—The rule of the Messiah. The disciples were not directed to explain in what the kingdom of heaven consisted; they were simply to proclaim that it was near.

8. The wise apostle needs to exercise sometimes gentleness and long-suffering, sometimes the purifying power of loving-kindness, sometimes spiritual vehemence, sometimes courage in combat with opposing evil.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The twelve sent forth.—Matt. 9. 35 to 10. 8.
Tu. Forewarned.—Matt. 10. 9-20.
W. Promise of deliverance.—Matt. 10. 21-33.
Th. All for Christ.—Matt. 10. 24-42.
F. The Lord's touch.—Jer. 1. 7-19.
S. Into all the world.—Mark 16. 14-20.
Su. The Spirit given.—Acts 2. 1-12.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

- The Needs of the Common People, v. 35-38.
What Teacher went about the cities and villages of Galilee?
In what labours did he engage?
What was the theme of his preaching?
What miracles did he perform?
What stirred his compassion?
What were the people like?
What contrast was there between the harvest and the labourers?
For what were the disciples commanded to pray?
2 Power Given to the Twelve Apostles, v. 1-4.
Whom did Jesus call to him?
What power and authority did he give them?
By what general title were the twelve known?
What two pairs of brothers were chosen?

this early stage to preach the Gospel to every creature?

After what great events did Jesus give that command?

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God's work needs human helpers?
2. That power to do good is God's gift?
3. That the Gospel is God's best news to man?

THE LITTLE CARPENTER.

BY HELEN KENT.

"I want one with pictures of carpenters in it," and Micky O'Brien tossed the pretty Sunday-school paper across the seat to his teacher, Miss Barnes.

"I am afraid I haven't any to-day," she answered kindly.

"Don't them make 'um?"
"Perhaps. I will try to find one for next Sunday."

Miss Barnes did not forget her promise, but searched until she found one which she thought would answer her purpose, and kindly invited her scholar to spend the following Sunday evening with her, that she might read the stories to him.

The pretty sitting-room into which he was shown seemed like a fairy palace to the poor little Irish boy, used only to the most humble surroundings.

"Who made that?" was his first question, stopping before a pretty flower-stand.

"I do not know; it was bought at a furniture store."

"And that, and that," pointing to several articles in turn, receiving the same answer each time.

"Did you get this at the store?" halting before a beautiful ebony piano.

For answer, Miss Barnes seated herself upon the music stool and played an accompaniment to a sweet little hymn, so simple that even Micky understood.

"My, ain't it bootiful? Sing some more, do, Miss Barnes. I'll do anything you want me to, if you will."

For half an hour he sat and listened, with mouth wide open and eyes staring, and then Miss Barnes took up The Pleasant Hours, and pointing to the pictures, asked if she might read to him about them.

"I am sure I do not know. Why do you ask?"

"Cos, if you do, you'll see me one of the best carpenters that ever was. I know a lot about it now, and I shall build a house some time, a great sight better'n this."

"I don't doubt it, Micky."
"You won't mind now if I tell you something, will you?"

"No, what is it?"
"That window ain't right. It would have been much better over here. It's a wonder the door don't bang into it, and it don't look good, now. And that mantel oughter been just six inches lower to agreed with that—what do you call it?"

But Miss Barnes thought best to remind her caller that Sunday evening was not the best time in which to build houses, and not wishing to put it in so many words, she turned again to the piano, and played softly for another half-hour, and when she turned about to face her audience, she was surprised to find it in tears.

"Miss Barnes, will there be sweet singin' in that good place you tell us about sometimes in Sunday-school?"

"There will be everything beautiful, Micky."

"And do you think that a poor feller like me stands any chance a-gettin' there, providin' he works well and minds well, like he did, you know?"

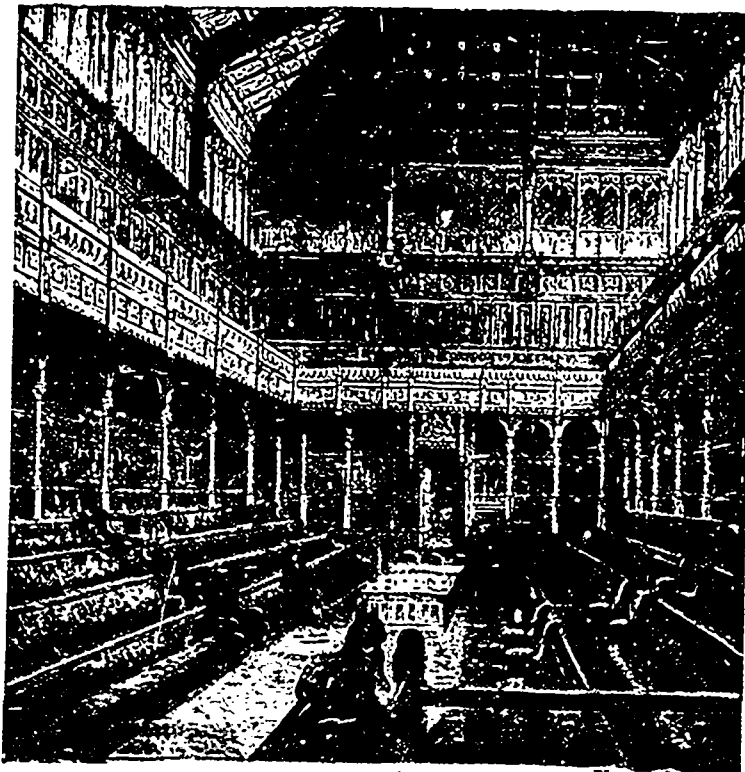
"I certainly do."

"And would you be willin' to look out fer me a little for fear I might forget?"

"My dear boy, I shall be glad to 'look out for you,' as you say, but there is One who is always near you, who is always looking out for you, in a way quite impossible for any human friend?"

"I guess you mean Him."

The latest news from the Congo Free State is to the effect that the natives in the Bunjas region have risen in revolt against the alleged atrocities of the Belgian commercial agents. It is declared that in October and November last many men, women and children were murdered in cold blood for failing to deliver to the agents sufficient quantities of indiarubber. Ex-Major Lothaire is said to have gone to the scene with a force of 200 men to suppress the rebellion.



INTERIOR OF THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Who are the three pairs next named? Why was this second Simon called the "Canaanite"?

Why was Judas called "Iscariot"? From whom were the twelve chosen? Luke 6. 13.

How did Jesus prepare for this appointment? Luke 6. 12.

3. Our Lord's Directions to Them, v. 6-8. Where were the twelve forbidden to go?

To whom were they sent? What good news were they to declare? What is the Golden Text? What good works were the disciples to do?

How were they to bestow their gifts? Did Jesus at this time not desire the salvation of the Gentiles?

Had he any prejudice against the Samaritans? Why would it have been improper at

"I never seen no carpenter shop like that," he said.

"No, there are none like it in this country. It is in Palestine, and this is the boy Jesus."

"Was he a carpenter?"
"Yes, and lived with Joseph and his mother, obeying them as any good little boy would do."

"Well, I guess he didn't work more'n me, but as for being good and—and—'obeying,' if mindin' is what you mean, I'm 'fraid I don't do much of that. But mebbe his father and mother was better'n mine. I don't b'lieve they got drunk and slammed things around. But I'm glad he was a carpenter. He must think it a pretty good business for me to foiler."

"Yes, indeed. He would approve of any work that is honest."

"Say, Miss Barnes, do you expect to live to be very old?"

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