

THE CLEAN FACE.

O why must my face be washed so clean,
And scrubbed and drenched for Sunday,
When you very well know, as you've
always seen,
'Twill be dirty again on Monday?

My hair is stiff with the lathery soap
That behind my ears is dripping;
And my smarting eyes I'm afraid to ope,
And my lip the suds is sipping.

They're down my throat and up my nose,
And to choke me seem to be trying;
That I'll shut my mouth you needn't sup-
pose,
For how can I keep from crying?

And you rub as hard as ever you can;
And your hands are hard, to my sor-
row,
No woman shall wash me when I'm a
man,
And I wish I was one to-morrow.

—Selected.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON VIII. [May 25.]

PAUL AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA.

Acts 13. 43-52. Memorize verses 46, 47.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Through this man is preached unto you
the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13. 38.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Where did Paul and Barnabas go from Cyprus. To Perga, and then to Antioch in Pisidia. Where was this Antioch? On Mount Taurus. What day was it? The Sabbath day. What did they do? They went into a synagogue. Who were there? Jews and Gentiles. What were they asked to do? To preach. Who preached? Paul. What did he preach about? The Lord Jesus Christ. What did the Gentiles do? Many believed. Did the Jews believe? No; they were angry with the apostles. What did the apostles say? That they would turn to the Gentiles. What did the Jews then do? Made the apostles leave their city. Where did they go? To Iconium. Did this make the apostles sad? No, for they were doing right. Who are the happiest people in the world? Real Christians. What does God say to a Christian? "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about Paul's sermon in Antioch. Acts 13. 13-12.

Tues. Read the lesson verses. Acts 13. 43-52.

Wed. Find Pisidia and Antioch on the map.

Thur. Learn Golden Text. Acts 13. 38.

Fri. Find what Christ said about those who are persecuted. Matt. 5. 10.

Sat. Read what Paul said about Antioch. 2 Tim. 3. 10, 11.

Sun. Read a missionary hymn.

LESSON IX. [June 1.]

PAUL AT LYSIRA.

Acts 14. 8-19. Memorize verses 8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Then therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Tim. 2. 3.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Did Paul and Barnabas stay at Iconium? No. Why? The people tried to stone them. Where did they go? To Lystra. What did Paul do there? He cured a man who was a cripple. What did the people cry? "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men." What was their chief God? Jupiter. Where did they worship him? In a beautiful temple. What did the priest of Jupiter try to do? To offer sacrifices to the apostles. What did they bring to them? Oxen wearing wreaths of flowers. What did they call Paul? Jupiter. And Barnabas? Mercurius. Would the apostles let them do this? No. What did they try to have them do? Worship the true God. Who came to make trouble? Jews from Antioch and Iconium. What was done? They stoned Paul and left him for dead. Did he die? No; he rose and went to Derbe with Barnabas.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read about a lame man healed. Acts 3. 1-16.

Tues. Read about another in the lesson verses. Acts 14. 8-22.

Wed. Find how Paul was following God's plan for him. Golden Text.

Thur. Find another time when Paul was cured a god. Acts 28. 6.

Fri. Find whom an angel said should be worshipped. Rev. 19. 10.

Sat. Read a to whom all honour belongs. Rev. 7. 9-12.

Sun. Read what Paul bore for Jesus' sake. 2 Cor. 11. 24-28.

Never speak to papa or mamma unkindly; never be naughty or cruel to brother or sister; never contradict anyone who is telling a story; never tell anything that is not strictly true; never say "I can't," when told to do a thing that seems hard; never think about what you would not like to have papa and mamma know.

TEDDY AND THE GOLDEN RULE.

"Now, then! There is room for one more!" cried Uncle George. "Pack him in, and we're off."

Room in the great big crowded sleight for only one more, and, alas! there were two eager little boys left standing on the curbstone, longing with all their little hearts to take a ride.

"Which of you shall it be?" said Uncle George.

There was a moment's pause; then Teddy stepped back. "Let it be Harry," he said; "I can stay behind."

So Harry was swung up into the open place. The whip cracked, the bells jingled, and away they went, leaving Teddy alone, winking with all his might to keep the tears out of his eyes. Pretty soon he ran upstairs to visit grandma. Grandma was sitting by the window. She laid down her sewing and gathered Teddy up in her arm. "My dear little boy," she said, "has been trying to follow the Golden Rule, hasn't he?"

Teddy nodded. Presently he said: "Grandma, does God up in heaven notice when a little boy tries to mind his rules?"

"Yes, indeed, he does, and it makes him feel very glad."

Teddy's round face grew solemn. "Can just a little boy like me make God feel glad?"

"Yes, dear."
"Isn't that queer," said Teddy, "and—and splendid?"

"And isn't it queer," said grandma, gently, "that when little boys like you and old ladies like me can make God glad we sometimes forget and make him sorry?"—Sunbeam.

RIGHT SIDE UP.

A foolish dame once lived, 'tis said,
In Topsy Turvey Town;
Whene'er it rained the guineas bright,
Her dish was upside down.

Now let us use this legend, dear,
To illustrate a truth
That should be learned most thoroughly
By every thoughtful youth.

The dish, forsooth, may represent
Your ever-active brain,
And golden opportunities
May represent the rain.

At home, abroad, in school or out,
When drops of knowledge fall,
Just hold your brain in readiness
To catch them one and all.

For gems of truth more highly prized
Than shining guineas are,
Their brilliancy, my dear, outshines
The most resplendent star.

—The Myrtle.