

**A LITTLE WORD LOST.**

For a very little word  
 Only the other day;  
 A very naughty little word  
 Had not meant to say,  
 Only it were really lost,  
 Should not mind a bit;  
 Think I should deserve a prize  
 For really losing it.

If no one could ever find  
 Again that little word,  
 That no more from any lips  
 Could it be ever heard,  
 I assure we all of us should say  
 That it was something fine  
 With such completeness to have lost  
 That naughty word of mine.

Then it wasn't really lost  
 When from my lips it flew;  
 My little brother picked it up,  
 And now he says it too.  
 My mamma said that the worst would be  
 Could not get it back;  
 The worst of it now seems to me  
 Is always on its track.

Mamma is sad; papa looks grieved;  
 Johnny has said it twice;  
 Of course it is no use for me  
 To tell him it's not nice.  
 When you lose other things, they're lost;  
 But lose a naughty word,  
 And for every time 'twas heard before  
 Now twenty times 'tis heard.

It were only really lost,  
 Then I should be glad  
 That it fall so carelessly  
 The day that I got mad.  
 For other things, you never seem  
 To come upon their track;  
 To lose a naughty little word,  
 It's always coming back.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FIRST QUARTER.**

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

B.C. 700.] **LESSON III.** [Jan. 17.]

**OVERCOME WITH WINE.**

Isa. 28 1-13. **Memory verses, 5-7.**

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is  
 raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby  
 is not wise."

Who was marching against the king-  
 dom of Israel? The king of Syria, with a  
 great army.

What did the people do? They paid no  
 attention to the danger, but kept right  
 on with their feasting and drinking.

What did Isaiah say would come to  
 them? "Woe;" that is, sorrow and  
 trouble.

What would become of their beautiful  
 city? It would be all destroyed.

Did this really happen? Yes; in about  
 three years Samaria was destroyed, and  
 the people were carried off as slaves.

What is one of the great enemies of our  
 country? Intemperance.

What will it do if it is not conquered?  
 It will destroy our homes and ruin us.

How can we fight against it? By sign-  
 ing the pledge and keeping it.

What else can we do? We can try to  
 get others to sign it.

Does every one who drinks a little be-  
 come a drunkard? No, but every drunkard  
 begins by drinking only a little.

What is the only safe way? "Touch  
 not, taste not, handle not."

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

By what sign is it shown that the Lord  
 is the Saviour of children? Children  
 are baptized into the name of the Father,  
 and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

What is "the Name of the Father, and  
 of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost?" The  
 name of One God in Three Persons, blessed  
 for evermore.

B.C. 700.] **LESSON IV.** [Jan. 24.]

**HEZEKIAH'S PRAYER AND DELIVERANCE.**

Isa. 37. 14-21; 33-38. **Memory vs., 15-17.**

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

"The righteous cry and the Lord hear-  
 eth, and delivereth them."—Psa. 34. 17.

Who was Hezekiah? The King of  
 Judah.

Who sent him a letter? Sennacherib,  
 the king of Assyria.

What did Sennacherib say in his letter?  
 He said that Hezekiah might as well give  
 up to him, for God could not save him.

What did he say he had done to the  
 gods of other nations? Overthrown them  
 and cast them into the fire.

What did Hezekiah do? He went up  
 to God's house, and told God all about it.

Should we take "everything to God in  
 prayer?"

What did Hezekiah ask God? To save  
 his people from Sennacherib.

Why did he especially want God to save  
 them? So that every one might know  
 that the God of Israel was the only God.

Did God answer him? Yes, he sent his  
 prophet Isaiah with a message to him.

Does God always hear his children when  
 they pray to him? [Repeat the Golden  
 Text.]

What did God promise Hezekiah? "The  
 king of Assyria . . . shall not come into  
 this city."

How did God keep his promise? He  
 sent his angel that night, and destroyed  
 almost 200,000 of the Assyrian army.

What did king Sennacherib do? He  
 went back to his own country, and never  
 made war against Judah again.

What became of him at last? He was  
 killed by his own sons.

Did the children of Israel ever forget  
 God again? Yes, but not for a long time.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

How must you remember your baptism?  
 By seeking grace that I may become a  
 true Christian and serve God and my  
 Saviour all the days of my life.

Let me hear you repeat the Lord's  
 Prayer? Our father which art in heaven,  
 hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom  
 come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in  
 heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses, as we for-  
 give them that trespass against us. And  
 lead us not into temptation; but deliver  
 us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory, for ever and  
 ever. Amen.

**PERSIAN BOYS AND GIRLS.**

In Persia boys and girls never play to-  
 gether; even at home the inferiority of  
 the girls is insisted on just as much by  
 the mother as by the father. The little  
 girls have to invite playmates of their  
 own sex, but their games are never lively  
 ones. They generally prefer to sit by  
 themselves under the shade of mulberry  
 or pomegranate trees in the garden, which  
 is usually laid out in the court yard, sur-  
 rounded on all sides by houses or high  
 walls, and listen to fairy-tales which their  
 mothers and nurses can tell very interest-  
 ingly indeed. While there is very little  
 companionship or love between brothers  
 and sisters, there is no quarrelling and no  
 fighting, either, between them; and the  
 boys, while thinking themselves above the  
 girls, show them many little kindnesses.  
 But with all this, how much better it is to  
 be an Canadian boy or girl like our  
 readers, so free and happy in their home  
 life, than even the most favoured child of  
 Persia.