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Any Mother's Child

Do you know this lady?
Radiant eyes of blue
Soft, but understanding,
Look you through and through.
When she seems to choose you,
Calls you to her side,
Honored by her favor,
You are filled with pride.

Men who have grown weary
In the day's hard fight
Soon forget their troubles
In her sweet delight.
Gloom, and hate, and anger
Vanish when she comes,
For she makes a dwelling
Happiest of homes.

Let no evil touch her,
Even unawares,
Shield her by your loving,
Guard her by your prayers.
Do you know this lady,
Sweet and undefiled?
She is Little Winsome,
Any mother's child.

—Marianne Farningham

Some Bible Homes

By Mary Isobel Houston

TIMOTHY'S HOME

It is only from Paul's letters to his young friend and helper, that we learn anything about this home, which was in Derbe or Lystra. We know that it was a good home, for such a young man as Timothy could only come from a home where everything had been pure and good.

Timothy's father had been a Greek, but his mother, who was still living when Timothy was preaching with Paul, was a Jewess, and the boy had been brought up in the Jewish religion.

Timothy's parents were not rich people, but the home was a comfortable one. His grandmother, Lois, seems to have made her home with Timothy and his mother, and of her Paul made special mention in his letters.

Both the mother and grandmother were much interested in all that the young preacher had been doing when away from them, and did their share in the work in the church at home. With what pleasure Paul, so long cut off from his own people, must have visited the home of his young friend, and what it must have meant to the little family circle to hear these letters read out, to be kept in touch with the great preacher of whom every one was talking at the time.

The Quarter's Stories

By Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.

Our Lesson stories for the year will be about the judges and kings and prophets who lived before Jesus came into the world.

The story in the first Lesson of this Quarter is a sad one. It tells how God's people, Israel, sinned against Him, and God was very angry at the sin of His people, and they were sorely punished. But when they were sorry for their sin, He was, oh, so ready to forgive them.

In the second Lesson the story tells us of a wonderful woman, through whom God spoke to His people Israel and who helped the leader of Israel's armies to gain a great victory over some fierce, strong enemies of theirs.