

THE BUTTERFLIES' BREAKFAST.

The dew was sparkling in the sun,
Like diamonds sprinkled far and near,
As forth to early breakfast went
The gayest host of all the year.

They shimmered in the morning light,
This host of butterflies all white;
As, quickly darting here and there,
They sipped from cups all golden bright.

Set on a mat of grass so green,
With dandelions dotted o'er,
The cups were filled with many sweets,
As pure as any cups of yore.

O butterflies, so sweetly gay,
So full of joy without a fear,
Are you so happy and so free
Because you only sip "good cheer"?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON XI. [Sept. 12.]

CHRISTIAN LIVING.

Rom. 12. 9-21. Memory verses, 16-18

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—Rom. 12. 21.

OUTLINE.

1. Loving Those that Love Us, v. 9-16.
2. Loving Our Enemies, v. 17-21.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul wrote a long letter to the Christians at Rome, from which our lesson is taken. It is thought that he wrote this letter in the year of our Lord 56, at Corinth, where he stopped a short time on his way to Jerusalem. This part of the letter tells how Christians should behave to one another.

One sweet word tells our whole duty to others, and that word is Love. Paul says it must be real, not in words only, but in deeds. It must be a love that does not seek the best for self, but puts others first. It must be a love that is ready to help the poor and to welcome the stranger. True love rejoices with the glad and weeps with the sorrowful. It seeks peace and is a lowly love, such as Jesus had, not putting riches and honour above goodness and truth. True love will not do evil to others because they have done evil to us. If some one is angry with us love says, "Be quiet." God will repay any wrong done to his child. If an enemy is in trouble love says, "Help him," even though he has harmed us. In that way we may conquer his evil spirit. Love will not be overcome by evil, but will try to overcome evil by good. Have we love? God has it to give to us!

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY

- Mon.* Read the beautiful lesson verses.
Rom 12. 9-21
Tues. Learn the secret of all good. 1
John 4. 16.
Wed. Learn how to treat enemies Matt.
5. 43-48
Thur. Read a story about self-seeking
Luke 12. 16-21
Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
Sat. Learn how to do our work. Verse 11.
Sun. Learn what David said about peace.
Psalm 34. 14.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY

To whom did Paul write a long letter?
When did he probably write this letter?
From what city? What does this part of
the lesson teach? What one word tells all
our duty to others? What kind of love
must it be? How does real love show
itself? How does it show sympathy?
What is a lowly love? How does true
love treat enemies? What does love seek
to do by evil? What is the secret of
love? [See Helps for Tuesday.]

LESSONS FOR ME

If I want real love I may have it.
My love is weak, but God's love is
strong.
Love from God is offered to every child
of his.

LESSON XII. [Sept. 19]

PAUL'S ADDRESS TO THE EPHESIAN ELDERS.

Acts 20. 22-35. Memory verses, 22-24.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus,
how he said, It is more blessed to give
than to receive.—Acts 20. 35.

OUTLINE.

1. A Faithful Ministry, v. 22-27.
2. A Watchful Ministry, v. 28-31.
3. A Self-denying Ministry, v. 32-35.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul was now sailing in a ship, on his way to Jerusalem, with several other Christians. The ship stopped at Troas, and Paul saw his friends there and preached to them, and performed a miracle, which you may read about in Acts 20. 7-10. The ship stopped again at Miletus, about thirty miles from Ephesus. When Paul found that he could stay there some time he sent word to Ephesus for the chief ministers to come and see him. They came gladly, for they loved Paul very much, and it was a great joy to see his face and hear his voice once more. Paul spoke very lovingly to them. He said that he was going to Jerusalem, not knowing what sufferings he should endure, but he said that he was ready to give up his life for Jesus. He begged them to remember how earnestly he had tried to teach them the way to heaven, and he asked them to watch carefully that the young Christians were not led away by false teachers. He prayed that God would keep

them and make them useful here, and at last give them a home in heaven. They all wept, and kissed Paul, and went away very sad because they should see him no more.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY

- Mon.* Find who went to Jerusalem with Paul? Acts 20. 4.
Tues. Read of the visit to Troas. Acts 20. 6-12.
Wed. Trace the journey on the map as far as Ephesus.
Thur. Read the lesson verses. Acts 20. 22-35
Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
Sat. Learn how a Christian gives. Luke 14. 12-14.
Sun. Learn a good rule for giving. Rom 15. 1.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

Where was Paul going now? Who went with him? [See Helps for Monday] Who went with him besides those mentioned? Luke, who wrote the Acts. Where did Paul and his friends stop? What miracle did Paul do there? Where did the ship stop after this? What word did Paul send to Ephesus? Who came to see him? Why did they come? What did Paul say about going to Jerusalem? What was he willing to do? What did he warn against? Had Paul lived a selfish life among them? Whose words did he ask them to remember? May we, too, be givers?

WHAT I MAY DO.

I may give God my voice, and speak for him.
I may give him my hands, and work for him.
I may give him my heart, and live for him.

A PURE HEART.

A lady picked up a ring in the street, and took it to a jeweller to know if it were of any value. He decided that it was gold, but to make sure for her, said: "I will put it in acid, if real, there will be no change; if imitation, the acid will corrode and destroy it." The ring was dropped in, the lady watched anxiously, and received back her treasure uninjured, only purer and brighter for the testing.

In this way our hearts are sometimes tested in this sinful world. Pure hearts will stand the test and come out bright and clear. We ought to often examine our hearts to see if they are the pure metal that can go through this world without being corrupted. A pure heart is an invaluable jewel.

A little girl had a kitten. She was very fond of it, and it was a great delight to her to hear it purr. One night she was restless, and her mother said: "Cynthia, why don't you lie still and go to sleep?" "I can't," answered the little one, "papa purrs so loud."