

FAIRY FINGERS.

HARK! I hear soft music stealing
Through the balmy evening air.
Can you guess whose fairy fingers
On the keys so lightly bear?

Listen closely: hear the mellow
Strains that a'most die away,
Then come flutt'ring back like zephyrs
Playing in the moon's bright ray.

Listen again: now loftier tones
Forth are sounding loud and clear—
Ringing, swelling, soft'ning, dwelling
With delight upon the ear.

Who is it so soul-inspiring—
Touching gently, deep or grand,
Blending sweet chords of harmony?
'Tis a slender childish hand.

I will tell you, though you'll doubt me;
For to me 'tis strange indeed
That an infant can the science
Of such music plainly read.

'Tis my daughter: have you seen her?
Scarce eight years have passed away
Since the little dimpled darling
On my breast a baby lay.

Hear you now how soft and solemn
O'er the heart that hymn doth roll,
While her childish voice is singing
"Jesus, lover of my soul."

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 30] LESSON XI. [March 17

CHRIST'S LOVE TO THE YOUNG

Mark 10. 13-22. Commit to mem. vs. 21, 22.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10. 14.

OUTLINE.

1. The Young Children, v. 13-16.
2. The Young Man, v. 17-22.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who were brought to Jesus by their friends? Some little children.

Where was Jesus? In Perea.

Why did the disciples try to send them away? They did not want Jesus to be troubled.

How did Jesus feel? He was displeased with the disciples.

What did he say? "Suffer the little children to come unto me."

What did he do? He took the little ones in his arms and blessed them.

Who only can enter the kingdom of God? Those who have child-like hearts.

Who came running to meet Jesus? A rich young ruler.

What did he ask him? What he should do to get eternal life.

What did Jesus then tell him? To keep the commandments.

What did the young man say? That he had done so.

Why did Jesus then tell him to give away all his goods? Because he saw that he loved money.

Why did the young man go away grieved? Because he loved money more than God.

What can we never do? Buy eternal life.

What will true love do? Give up all things for Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Our Jesus

Loves to have little children with him,
Loves to lay his hands in blessing upon them,
Loves to see them trying to please him.

But

He is grieved to see a heart that loves money or pleasure better than it loves God.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—Regeneration.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

24. *Who was Dorcas?* A good woman who made clothes for the poor, and who was raised from death.

A.D. 30] LESSON XII. [March 24

BLIND BARTIMEUS

Mark 10. 46-52. Commit to mem. vs. 51, 52.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou Son of David, have mercy on me. Mark 10. 48.

OUTLINE.

1. A Beggar, v. 46.
2. A Believer, v. 47-50.
3. A Blessing, v. 51, 52.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Toward what city was Jesus travelling? Toward Jerusalem.

Who were with him? His disciples, and many other people.

Who sat by the road-side at Jericho? The beggar Bartimeus.

What did he hear? That Jesus was passing.

Why did he need help? He was blind.

What did he say to Jesus? "Have mercy on me."

What was he told? To be still.

What did he do? He cried the louder.

What did Jesus do? He stopped and waited.

What was said to the blind man? "He calleth thee."

What did the beggar do? He hurried to Jesus.

What did Jesus ask? "What wilt thou?"

What did the blind man ask? To have his sight.

What did Jesus say? "Thy faith hath made thee whole."

What followed? His blind eyes were opened.

What can Jesus cure now? Spiritual blindness.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

What does this lesson teach?

That Jesus hears a real cry for help.

* That he is quick to answer it.

That he can open the eyes of the soul.

That all we need is faith in Jesus.

"Be of good comfort: he calleth thee."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Son of David.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

25. *Who was Cornelius?* A devout Gentile soldier, to whom St. Peter was sent to preach the gospel.

BEAUTIFUL FAITH.

BIRDIE was only four years old, but she had already been taught that God loved her, and always took care of her. One day there was a very heavy thunder-storm, and Birdie's sisters and mamma even laid by their sewing, and drew their chairs to the middle of the room, pale and trembling with fear. But Birdie stood close by the window, watching the storm with bright eyes.

"O mamma! ain't that bu'ful!" she cried, clapping her hands with delight, as a vivid flash of lightning burst from the black clouds, and the thunder pealed and rattled over their heads.

"It is God's voice, Birdie," said mamma, and her own voice trembled.

"He talks velly loud, don't he, mamma? S'pose it's so as deaf Betsy can hear, and the uver deaf folks."

"O Birdie! dear, come straight away from that window," said one of her sisters, whose cheeks were blanched with fear.

"What for?" asked Birdie.

"Oh! because the lightning is so sharp, and it thunders so loud."

But Birdie shook her head, and looking over her shoulder with a happy smile on her face, lisped out:

"If it funder, let it funder! 'Tis God makes it funder, and he'll take care of me. I ain't a bit afraid to hear God talk, Maizy."

Was not Birdie's faith beautiful? Mamma and sisters did not soon forget the lesson.