

SUPPOSE.

SUPPOSE, my little lady,
 Your doll should break her head
 Could you make it whole by crying
 Till your eyes and nose are red?
 And wouldn't it be pleasanter
 To treat it as a joke,
 And say you're glad 'twas Dolly's
 And not your head that broke?

Suppose that you're dressed for walking,
 And the rain comes pouring down,
 Will it clear off any sooner
 Because you scold and frown?
 And wouldn't it be nicer
 For you to smile than pout,
 And so make sunshine in the house,
 When there is none without?

Suppose your task, my little man,
 Is very hard to get,
 Will it make it any easier
 For you to sit and fret?
 And wouldn't it be wiser,
 Than waiting like a dunce,
 To go to work in earnest
 And learn the thing at once?

Suppose that some boys have a horse,
 And some a coach and pair,
 Will it tire you less while walking
 To say, "It isn't fair?"
 And wouldn't it be nobler
 To keep your temper sweet,
 And in your heart be thankful
 You can walk upon your feet?

And suppose the world don't please you,
 Nor the way some people do,
 Do you think the whole creation
 Will be altered just for you?
 And isn't it, my boy or girl,
 The wisest, bravest plan,
 Whatever comes or doesn't come,
 To do the best you can?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

B.C. 1451.] LESSON XII. [Sept. 16

THE SMITTEN ROCK.

Num. 20. 1-15. Commit to memory vs. 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10. 4.

OUTLINE.

1. The Rock of Kadesh: Rebellion.
2. The Water of Meribah: Rebuke.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Why did not the children of Israel enter Canaan? Because they were afraid.

What punishment did the Lord send upon them? They were sent back to the wilderness?

To what desert had they now come? To the desert of Zin.

Who died there? Miriam, the sister of Moses.

What could not be found here? Water to drink.

What did the people do? They found fault with Moses and Aaron.

Who had always supplied their wants? The Lord.

What did their complaint show? That they did not trust his care.

Who came and spoke to Moses and Aaron? The Lord.

What did he tell them to do? To bring water out of the rock.

Had they power to do this? No; but the Lord could do it by them.

With whom were Moses and Aaron angry? With the people.

What did they call them? Rebels.

What did they say to them? "Must we fetch you water out of this rock?"

To whom should they have given the glory? To God.

What did God tell them? That they should not enter Canaan.

Why did he say this? Because they had not honoured him.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Are you sometimes tempted to doubt God's care?

"He careth for you."

Are you sometimes tempted to be impatient?

"Be ye also patient."

Are you sometimes tempted to take honour to yourself?

"Them that honour me, I will honour."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Perversity of human nature.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Aaron? The brother of Moses, and the first high priest of Israel.

Who were the priests? Those who were set apart to offer sacrifices to God, and who taught His laws to men.

B.C. 1451.] LESSON XIII. [Sept. 23

DEATH AND BURIAL OF MOSES.

Deut. 32. 1-12. Commit to memory vs. 5, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Prov. 4. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. The Prophet's Vision.
2. The Prophet's Death.
3. The Prophet's Memorial.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY

How long were the Israelites in reaching Canaan? Forty years.

What made it so long and hard a journey? The unbelief of the people.

To what place had they now come? To the border of Canaan.

How old was Moses at this time? One hundred and twenty years.

What had the Lord said? That Moses could not enter Canaan.

Why not? He had sinned when he smote the rock.

What did the Lord show him? The promised land.

Where did he then take him? To the heavenly Canaan.

Where did Moses die? On Mount Nebo.

Who buried him? The Lord.

Where is his tomb? No man knows his burial place.

How long did the Israelites weep for Moses? Thirty days.

What was now the leader of Israel? Joshua.

With what was he filled? With the spirit of wisdom.

By whom was Joshua chosen to lead Israel? By the Lord.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

What will make our earthly life a hard journey?

Unbelief.

What will make the way easy and pleasant?

Faith in Jesus.

"There is no friend like Jesus,
 So faithful wise, and true:
 Come danger, or come darkness,
 He'll guide us safely through."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The power of rectitude.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Joshua? The leader of the children of Israel, who brought them into the Promised Land after the death of Moses.

Who were the prophets? Holy men whom God taught to foretell things to come, and to make known his mind to the world.

THE GREATER KING.

DID you ever hear of Jenny Lind? She was a sweet singer, who used to sing to great crowds in Europe and America. Once the King of Sweden, her native land, asked her to give a concert in his palace on the Sabbath-day. He even commanded her to do it. But she answered, "There is a higher King than you, and we ought always to obey God rather than man."