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My Class.

It is simply called the "infant class"
In a country Sabbath-school;
Yet I felt the Master's presence to-day
As I taught the "golden rule."

My little ones are tiny and weak,
And some cannot understand
When I talk to them of Jesus
And the home in the heavenly land.

Each day as I kneel in secret prayer
For strength to do my part,
I find they are twining more and more
Around my inmost heart.

To-day I taught a little hymn,
And it made my heart rejoice
As I thought how the Master's listening ear
Heard each trembling childish voice.

"There is something for even the children to
do:"

They sang it o'er and o'er,
And a soft, sweet echo was wafted back
As the last one passed the door.

"You have the easiest class in school,"
Was told me by a friend.

Is it easy to train the little ones
For the life that has no end?

Is it easy to make God's Word so plain
That the youngest may understand?

Is it easy to make the story clear
How He clasps each tiny hand?

'Tis not easy, it is hard work,
Training infant minds for heaven;

But in all our work for Jesus
His own strength to us is given.

With my Master close beside me
Easy work I do not crave,
For He will show me how to teach
My "infant class," that Christ will save.
—Sallie C. Day, in *Presbyterian Journal*.

Mounts Ebal and Gerizim.

THESE are the mountains, about 800 feet high, which form the sides of the fertile valley in which lies Nablous, the ancient Sychar or Shechem. Here the tribes were assembled after crossing the Jordan, half on the slopes of either mountain, to hear the blessings and the curses pronounced respectively upon those who should keep and those who should forsake God's law. A more sacred interest is given to this spot because here was Jacob's well—beside which Jesus, wearied with His journey, sat and held His wondrous discourse with the woman of Samaria. The whole valley is a garden of delight. The present population of Nablous is about 5000, of whom 150 are Samaritans and a few Jews. The enmity between these two is as intense as it was in the days of our Lord. The well is about nine feet in diameter, hewn in the solid rock. It is almost the only spot that can be actually identified with any mentioned in the life of our Lord.

LET us get as many as we can to cultivate a habit of systematic reading. Think how many good books could be read in five years by reading twenty pages per day. Such a habit will be of incalculable worth to young people in saving them from a life of dissipation.