

THE WAY TO GROWN UP LAND.

Good morrow, fair maid, with the lashes brown;
Can you tell me the way to Womanhood Town?

"O, this way and that way, never a stop:
'Tis picking up stitches grandma will drop,
'Tis kissing the baby's troubles away,
'Tis learning that cross words never will pay,
'Tis helping mother, 'tis sewing up rents,
'Tis reading and playing, 'tis saving the cents;
'Tis loving and smiling, forgetting to frown—
O, that is the way to Womanhood Town."

Just wait, my brave lad, one moment, I pray;
Manhood Town lies where? Can you tell me the way?

"O, by toiling and trying we reach that land,
A bit with the head, a bit with the hand;
'Tis by climbing up the steep hill, Work,
'Tis by keeping out of the wide street, Shirk,
'Tis by always taking the weak one's part,
'Tis by giving the mother a happy heart,
'Tis by keeping bad thoughts and actions down—
O, that is the way to Manhood Town."

And the lad and the maid ran hand in hand
To their fair estates in the Grown Up Land.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON VI. [August 11.]

GOD'S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM.

Gen. 15. 5-18. Memory verses, 5-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.—Gen. 15. 1.

THE LESSON STORY.

Abram was living now in Canaan—the "Promised Land." If you look for Hebron on the map, you will find it about twenty miles south of Jerusalem. This is the city in which he was now living.

In those days, when the world was young, the Lord often spoke to his people. We have his holy word and his Spirit in our hearts now to speak to us. One night in a vision the Lord came and talked with Abram. He told him that he would take care of him, and would be his "exceeding great reward." Then he gave him an object lesson, to show how great should be the family that would look back to him

and call him father. Can you count the stars? No more could Abram, but he believed God, and God was pleased with his faith. Then God gave a sign and a vision to Abram to show him that the beautiful land of Canaan would certainly be his. In those days, when men made a solemn agreement with one another, they went through a ceremony like this described in the lesson. It was called "making a covenant," and that is what God made with Abram. It has a promise of great blessing, which should be to him and his children for ever.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Abram live now? In Hebron.

How far was this from Jerusalem? Twenty miles.

Whom did Abram worship? The true God.

Why was God pleased with him? Because he was faithful.

Who came and talked with Abram? The Lord.

What did he give him? A great promise.

What did he say his children should be like? "The stars for number."

What did Abram believe? Just what God said.

When is God pleased? When we believe him.

What did he make with Abram? A covenant.

What land did he give to him? Canaan.

LESSON VII. [August 18.]

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION.

Gen. 18. 23-32. Memory verses, 23-35.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5. 16.

THE LESSON STORY.

Read in Gen. 18, 1-8 why the Lord changed Abram's name, and to what, and what the new name meant. Find Sodom on the map, and learn all you can about it. Of course you remember that this was the wicked city in which Lot chose to make his home. Read in Gen. 13, 13, how Abraham entertained some heavenly visitors. It is a beautiful story, and will show you how good it is to be in sympathy with pure and holy things. Do you remember what Jesus said about "the pure in heart"?

Can you not almost see the strong, loving-hearted old Abraham pleading with the Lord to spare wicked Sodom? The heavenly visitors had gone away toward that city, and Abraham felt sure in his heart that the Lord had sent them to destroy it. Read the lesson verses very slowly and carefully. It will show you what a wonderful thing it is to know how to pray. Abraham did not pray with his lips only. His whole heart went out to

God with his prayer. "To say my prayers is not to pray, unless I mean the words I say." Can we learn to pray in this way? Yes, for the Lord will be our teacher. "Lord, teach us to pray."

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What was Abram's name now? Abraham.

Who gave him the new name? God.

Who came to visit him? Three strange men.

What did Abraham find? That God sent them.

Where did they go next? To the cities of the plain.

What was one of these wicked cities? Sodom.

Who lived there? Lot.

What did Abraham fear? That Sodom would be destroyed.

What did he ask the Lord to do? To spare Sodom.

For whose sake? The sake of good people there.

What did the Lord promise? To spare it if ten good men were there.

What does this lesson teach us? To love one another.

HOW TED LENT A HAND.

He is such a little boy, this Ted, and his legs are so short and his chubby fists are so very wee that you might think he would have to wait quite a long time before he could lend a hand that would be of any use; but he does not think so. There was a fine shower the other night; and in the morning what should Ted see, right in front of his house, on ~~front~~, ~~precise~~, Cottage Street, but a mud puddle; yes, a dirty, delightful mud puddle. How he hurried through his breakfast so as not to lose a minute! He had a baker's dozen of beautiful mud pies on the curb, and was admiring them for a moment while he rested, when—bump! a big bundle came down upon those lovely pies, flattening them dreadfully. He jumped up, frowning; but when he saw the tired, sad face of the poor old washerwoman, Mrs. Connolly, the frown smoothed itself into a dimple smile; and he picked up that bundle, which had dropped off the tired arms which held several others, and carried it away to the avenue, which was as far as mamma let her little man explore the city on account of the electric cars. There he touched his hat and bowed, just as he had seen big brother Don do on the way to church when he met any of the college girls; and Mrs. Connolly stood and smiled after him as he ran back to rebuild his pies. Such a happy little face! The solemn, slow-pacing professor whom he met brightened up, and stepped off briskly, and began to whistle—actually whistle! Think of it! So you see that Teddy lent not only a hand, but two feet and a happy face, even if he was such a little boy.