

TWO PENNIES.

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Two beautiful shining pennies,
Bright and yellow and now!
Don't tell me about the heathen;
I want them myself, I do.

I want a top and some marbles,
A sword, and a gun that shoots;
A candy cane and a trumpet,
A knife, and a pair of boots.

But then, what if I were a heathen,
With no precious Bible to tell
The story of Jesus, our Saviour,
Who loved little children so well!

For Jesus, you know, may be asking
This question of you and me;
"Did you carry my love to your brothers
And sisters 'way over the sea?"

I guess you may send my pennies:
Perhaps in some way they will grow;
For little brooks grow to be rivers,
And pennies make dollars, you know.

I'm not very wise, but there's one thing,
I think, must be certainly true:
If little boys ought to give pennies,
Big men should give dollars, don't you?

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON VIII. [Nov. 21.]

THE CHRISTIAN ARMOUR.

Eph. 6. 10-20. Memory verses, 13-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be strong in the Lord, and in the power
of his might.—Eph. 6 10.

OUTLINE.

1. The Christian's Foe, v. 10-12.
2. The Christian's Armour, v. 13-18.
3. The Christian's Duty, v. 19, 20.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul wrote a letter to the Christians at Ephesus while he was in Rome. How happy they must have been to receive a letter from their dear friend teaching them how to grow more and more like Christ! Christians have a great enemy, Satan. They have a great captain, Jesus; and so Paul speaks to them as soldiers, and tells them some rules of war. All that he says to them he says to us, and we must remember that it is God who speaks through Paul to us.

A good soldier must be "strong in the Lord," and therefore he must take all the grace the Lord has for him. Paul says, "Put on the whole armour of God." We need the "whole armour" because we have such a strong, cunning enemy, and he will

surely conquer us if we are not well armed. Paul names the pieces of armour we must wear, the girdle, the breastplate, the shoes, the shield, the helmet, and the sword. The girdle is Truth, and the breastplate Righteousness, not ours, but Christ's. The shoes are Peace, and the shield Faith. The helmet is Hope, and the sword is the Word of God. All this armour is ready for us if we will put it on.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. Eph. 6. 10-20.
Tues. What is the armour called? Rom. 13. 12.
Wed. Find how we may speak well of Jesus. 2 Cor. 6 6-8.
Thur. Learn something good about our shield. 1 John 5. 4.
Fri. Learn something about our sword. Hob. 4. 12.
Sat. Learn why we need to wear this armour. Golden Text.
Sun. Learn Hymn 581 in the Methodist Hymnal.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

To whom was this letter written? By whom? Why did Paul write it? Who is our great enemy? Who is our great Captain? Why are Christians like soldiers? Why do we need an armour? Who has provided an armour for us? What are the pieces of armour which Paul names? What does the girdle stand for? What is the breastplate? How must the Christian soldier be shod? What is the shield he carries? What kind of a helmet does he wear? What is his sword? What have we to do with this armour? Put it on and wear it.

WHAT A LITTLE SOLDIER CAN DO.

Fight for King Jesus.
Carry the banner of a good life.
Show his colours everywhere.

LESSON IX. [Nov. 28.]

SALUTARY WARNINGS.

1 Peter 4. 1-8. Memory verses, 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.—1 Peter 4. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. The Past, v. 1-4.
2. The Future, v. 5, 6.
3. The Present, v. 7, 8.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul was not the only apostle who wrote letters to Christians. Peter wrote two letters which are in the Bible. Our lesson is taken from one of these. It was written to strangers scattered abroad in different countries. These strangers were mostly Jews, and they were poor and in trouble. It is very likely that Peter had been among them and taught them the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But they needed to be taught many things still, for though they

were Jews and had learned about Jesus, yet they lived among heathen people and were in danger of being led into the sin that was all about them.

Jesus, our Saviour, had a human body, as we have, and suffered many temptations, as we do, yet he did not sin. If we keep from sin we shall need to have his mind—a mind to deny ourselves, to turn away from many things which promise pleasure, and to refuse to follow those who are not leading good lives. We shall have to answer to God for all the good teaching we have had, and so we should lead sober lives, watching against sin, and praying God to keep us from it. More than all else, we must love one another earnestly, for love covers many sins.

LESSON HELPS FOR EVERY DAY.

- Mon.* Read the lesson verses. 1 Peter 4. 1-8.
Tues. Learn why Christ died for us. 2 Cor. 5. 15.
Wed. Learn a good thing for a Christian to know. 2 Cor. 5. 17.
Thur. Learn what mind we may have. Phil. 2. 5.
Fri. Find that Christ had a lowly mind. John 13. 3-15.
Sat. Find who cannot enter heaven. 1 Cor. 6. 9, 10.
Sun. Learn what we all need to do. Golden Text.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON STORY.

What apostle besides Paul wrote letters to Christians? How many of his letters are in the Bible? To whom was this one written? Who were these "strangers"? Where were they? 1 Peter 1. 1. What had Peter probably taught them? Why did they still need to be taught? Were they in greater danger than we are? Who suffered temptations for our sakes? What do we need to resist temptations? The mind of Christ. What will this mind lead us to do? Why should we be sober and watchful? What covers many sins? Where may we get love?

I MAY HAVE—

The mind of Christ,
The sober, watching spirit,
The mantle of love,
If I want them.

TWO TO SEE.

"Why did you not pocket some of those pears?" said one boy to another; "nobody was there to see." "Yes, there was: I was there to see myself, and I don't mean ever to see myself do such things." I looked at the boy who made this noble answer. He was poorly clad, but he had a noble face; and I thought how there were always two to see your sins, yourself and your God: one accuses, and the other judges. How, then, can we ever escape from the consequences of our sins? We have a friend in Jesus Christ, who says: "Trust in me, and I will plead for you and befriend you." Will you not prize such a friend?