

When the enemy's army marched up through the street  
 And their own brave soldiers were forced to retreat,  
 Such running, and hiding, and trembling with fear,  
 When who in the midst of it all should appear  
 But Grandmother Gregory, feeble and old,  
 Coming out of her cottage, courageous and bold,  
 She faced the intruders, who marched through the  
 land,  
 Shaking at them the poker she held in her hand.

It has been used before, but those who remember it do not object to an old story. This story is worth learning by heart. It will always be helpful in your work.

Note.—If you have a child who can recite this story acceptably, and the disposition of the child is such that it will not hurt her to do so, (for often it is a harmful exercise, and develops self-consciousness in the child,) have it recited. As the story is told draw a line down the middle of the blackboard as suggested in the cut, and bring out the thought "which side am I on?"

2. Elijah was on God's side. The king was on the side of Baal. Elijah knew the king was wrong, and that he was leading the people away from God. God had told him to bring the king and the people back to himself, but they would not listen to the prophet. The famine was severe, and the people were suffering, and Elijah prepared the test on Carmel.

Tell the story to the children, and draw the two altars as suggested in the cut. With red chalk, draw the line showing the fire coming down from heaven, and burning up the sacrifice.

3. When people go away from God, they need some one with the great fire of love in their hearts to lead them back to God. This love was burning in the heart of Elijah, and God honored him. If it is burning in our hearts God will honor us. If we will give our hearts to God as Elijah did, God will send the Spirit of love like a warm fire, and when people see the fire burning, when they see kind actions, gentleness, and patience, as a result of the fire of love that is burning in our hearts, they will cry out in the words of our Golden Text, "The Lord, he is God, the Lord, he is God."

4. As this thought is emphasized, make another red line from heaven, and show that God will send this burning love into our hearts if we will allow him. It is one of God's good gifts to his own children.

5. Now review the Golden Text for the Quarter. God gives us happy homes, food, clothes, and loving hearts. "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

## LESSON IV.—July 24th, 1898.

### ELIJAH'S FLIGHT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. I Kings 19: 1-16.

I. GOLDEN TEXT. "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37: 7.

II. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR THE QUARTER: God's good gifts.

III. PREVIEW THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY'S LESSON: Friends seen, and unseen.

#### IV. REVIEW:

1. What idol did the people worship?
2. Whom should they have worshipped?
3. What did Elijah do on Mount Carmel?
4. What made Elijah's sacrifice burn?

V. SYNOPSIS: Elijah had power. Constant communion with God made him to know the Father's will. His work had been successful, the famine was over. There was every opportunity for a real and lasting reformation taking place, but just now, Elijah fails. Perhaps the prosperity was too much for him, we know

the body must have been overtaxed. Be that as it may, fearful of the wicked Jezebel, "he arose and went for his life." Instead of standing firm, with the same old courage that he had always shown, he fled away to the distant wilderness, and under the juniper tree prayed that he might die. In our lesson we have the most touching picture of the shepherd care of God. When one of the flock is missing, the shepherd goes after him; so God went after Elijah, and he fed him, and gave him water to drink.

Like Moses, he spent forty days in the mountain alone with God. He found his Father whom he sought, not in the strong wind, not in the earthquake, not in the fire, but in the still, small voice. Now he is back again into the Father's heart, acting under his instruc-