

ACROSS THE WALL.

A story is told that an English lady of rank who felt a deep interest in the welfare of all her dependants, had a coachman who, notwithstanding all her efforts to reform him, would get intoxicated. She endeavored most earnestly to convince him that in prayer alone would he find strength to overcome the habit that was ruining him in body and soul.

Finding at last her efforts were unavailing, she discharged him and engaged another servant. After he had been in his place a few days, the lady went to speak with him, and among her first questions was, "Are you a Christian?"

"O, yes, madam," he replied, "thank God I am, and you were the cause of my conversion."

"How can that be," she said, "for I do not remember ever seeing you?"

"I was at work on the other side of the wall and heard you talking to the man whose place I fill, and what you said to him about his soul's salvation made me think and pray. O, thank God I heard you across the wall."

What a lesson is taught by this simple, yet true, story.

If only we might learn to know

As we upon life's journey go,
How words, and acts, of ours may fall
On others, just across the wall.

How earnest words, may aid to rise
And lift souls upward to the skies,
While thoughtless ones, may lead astray
Those on the other side the way.

We cannot tell what listening ear
May catch our tones, who may be near
And life's too short to e'er recall
The words that pass across the wall.

Onward, and onward with the tide
Of life, we surely swiftly glide,
What are we doing day by day
To point into the narrow way?

Most pitiful the cry we hear,
'Tis fraught with pain, doubt, and fear
"There's no man careth for my soul"
While pressing forward to his goal.

"O, Father! Heavenly Father! now
Hear us record the solemn vow,
"From this day forward, one and all,
To speak for those across the wall."

And with no weak, uncertain sound,
But trusting God may love abound,
And words and acts in life a'l prove
We follow Him whose name is love.—*Sec.*

International S. S. Lessons.

DAVID KING OVER ALL ISRAEL.

12 July.

Les. 2 Sam. 5: 1-12. Gol. Text, 2 Sam. 5: 10.
Mem. vs. 10-12. Catechism, Q. 66.

Time.—B. C. 1048. Places.—Hebron; Jerusalem.

QUESTIONS.

How long did David reign over Judah in Hebron?

Who was made king of the other tribes?
Where and how long did Ishbosheth reign?
What happened after the death of Ishbosheth?

What city did David make his capital?
How did he get possession of it?
What was the secret of David's success? v. 10.

Who became David's ally?
What did Hiram do for David?

How did David regard his own success? v. 12.

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. God blesses those who are faithful and wait patiently for him.
2. We should make Christ our King, and covenant with him.
3. Christ desires to capture our strongholds and occupy them himself.
4. Every unconquered hill in sin's heart we should surrender to Christ.
5. When Christ becomes King he makes all things new.

THE ARK BROUGHT TO JERUSALEM.

9 July.

Les. 2 Sam. 6: 1-12. Gol. Text, Ps. 84: 12.
Mem. vs. 11-12. Catechism, Q. 67, 68.

Time.—B. C. 1042. About six years after David became king over all Israel.

Place.—Kirjath-jearim, or Baalah; here called Baale of Judah.

QUESTIONS.

Where had the ark been since the Philistines returned it after its capture?

What did David now determine to do?
What preparation did he make?
How did they carry the ark?
What did this cause David to do?
In whose house was the ark left?
How long was it there?
What did David finally do?

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

1. If we would have God's blessing we must maintain God's worship.
2. We should serve God with gladness and praise.