

THE FAR COUNTRY.

You stand at the brim o' the hill, little girl,  
And look with a sweet despair  
At the melting hilltops of purple red,  
With the fleecy bars of the blue o'erhead,  
And you want to be running still, little girl,  
To the country of Over There.

Oh, a brave, brave country it shows, little girl,  
With colours and trappings rare,  
A bustle of happy sounds and sights,  
A glistening current of sweet delights,  
Where everyone's known and knows, little girl,  
In the country of Over There.

There are strains of a sweeter song, little girl,  
Than hearts of this land can bear;  
There are delicate whispers and flitting feet,  
And gay, bright, laughing pleasures fleet,  
Where nothing but sorrow's wrong, little girl,  
In that country of Over There.

But no one can tell you the way, little girl,  
To that land so dear and fair;  
It glows in the sunset pools of light,  
It shines in the starry clouds at night,  
And only your heart can stray, little girl,  
To the country of Over There.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIVES OF THE PATRIARCHS.

LESSON II. [Oct. 13.]

JOSEPH IN PRISON.

Gen. 39. 20-40. 8. Memory verses, 21-23.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But the Lord was with Joseph, and showed him mercy.—Gen. 39. 21.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

To whom was Joseph sold by the merchants? To Potiphar. What did Potiphar soon see? That the Lord was with Joseph. How may people tell if the Lord is with a man? By the way he acts. How far did Potiphar trust Joseph? With all he had. Who turned his heart against this good servant? Potiphar's wicked wife. Where did Potiphar send Joseph? Was he unhappy there? No; "for the Lord was with him." Who learned to trust him? The keeper of the prison. Who were sent into the same prison? Who found them sad one day? Why? What did the Lord make Joseph able to do? Interpret their dreams.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read about Joseph in Egypt. Gen. 39. 1-6.
- Tues. Read of Joseph in prison. Gen. 39. 20-23.
- Wed. Find what Joseph proved. Prov. 16. 7.
- Thur. Read more of the lesson verses. Gen. 40. 1-8.
- Fri. Learn how Joseph could tell dreams. James 1. 5.
- Sat. Find how Joseph made a friend. Gen. 40. 9-15.
- Sun. Read a song of thanksgiving. Isa. 12.

LESSON III. [Oct. 20.]

JOSEPH EXALTED.

Gen. 41. 38-49. Memory verses, 39-41.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Them that honour me I will honour.—1 Sam. 2. 30.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Who was king in Egypt? Pharaoh. What kind of dreams did he begin to have? Strange dreams, which troubled him. What did he try to find? Some one to tell him what they meant. Who could not do this? His wise men. What did he hear about Joseph? That he was wise and good. What was Joseph able to do? Interpret the king's dreams. Who helped him to do this? God. What did Pharaoh do then? He made Joseph a ruler in Egypt. How old was Joseph now? Why did all this honour and power come to Joseph? Because he was a faithful servant of God.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Find why Joseph was happy in prison. Gen. 39. 21.
- Tues. Learn how Joseph helped Pharaoh. Gen. 41. 25-36.
- Wed. Learn how Pharaoh helped Joseph. Gen. 41. 38-49.
- Thur. Learn what is true to-day. Golden Text.
- Fri. Find what Joseph proved true. Psa. 37. 5.
- Sat. Learn that God never forgets his children. Psa. 9. 12.
- Sun. Read a song of thanksgiving. Isa. thus far.

Many a boy plans out his education, and prepares himself for his chosen business, and shows himself both thoughtful and wise so far; and yet foolishly neglects the one most important point of his whole future, his soul's livelihood. The immortal part of life must be the important part always to a boy or man; and if this foundation truth is forgotten, the whole career, however outwardly successful, is but a foolish failure.—*Sabbath School Visitor.*

NOBODY.

BY ANNA F. BURNHAM.

"Nobody broke it! It cracked itself,  
It was clear away on the topmost shelf.  
I—p'raps the kitty-cat knows!"  
Says poor little Ned,  
With his eyes as red  
As the heart of a damask rose.

"Nobody lost it! I carefully  
Put my cap just where it ought to be.  
(No, 'tishn't ahand the door.)  
And it went and hid,  
Why, of course, it did,  
For I've hunted an hour or more."

"Nobody tore it! You know things will  
Tear if you're sitting just stock-stone  
still!

I was just jumping over the fence—  
There's some spikes on top,  
And you have to drop  
Before you half commence."

Nobody! Wicked Sir Nobody!  
Playing such tricks on my children three!  
If I but set eyes on you,  
You should find what you've lost!  
But that, to my cost,  
I never am like to do!

UNCLE TALKS.

WONDERFUL TREE OF MADAGASCAR.

There are trees on three sides of the homestead—a row of cherry-trees in the wide lane, some noble, towering maples in the rear, with a half-dozen fruit trees, and right before the door, and half-way between it and the gate, a grand old apple-tree, whose wide-spreading limbs make a favourite seat for the boys in summer, and whose sea of blossoms in spring is a marvel of beauty to all who live in the neighbourhood. Its apples are the biggest, reddest and sweetest on any tree for miles around. But some of its limbs are showing signs of decay, and ere many more summers elapse the old tree must be brought under the axe.

"Dear old tree!" said the boys, when Uncle John, after inspecting it, the other day, told them of this decision. "It seems like a friend to us," added Tom.

"The young folks will miss it very much," said mamma, sadly.

"Yes," said Uncle John. "There is no plant in the whole world so deserving of man's affection as a tree; yet there is none that exacts less care and trouble at his hands. In our climate we think less of trees than people do in some other parts of the world."

"Oh, yes," said Ellie; "I remember reading the Bible, a little while ago, in Deuteronomy 22. 19, where it says 'the tree of the field is man's life,' but I never could make out just what it meant."

"It means," replied uncle, "that the trees are necessary to his comfort and, in some parts of our earth, to his very existence. There are trees in some coun-