

LITTLE THINGS.

If little falling drops of rain
The lakes and rivers fill;
If little grains of earth and sand
Make mountain, plain, and hill;

If little moments as they pass,
Make hours and days and years—
Then little sins of every kind
Should fill our hearts with fears.

For little sins, if once allowed,
To greater sins will grow;
And, if not stopped by grace divine,
Will lead to endless woe.

Great God, then fill each of our hearts
With love and fear of thee;
And to us all thy Spirit give,
That we may holy be.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON XI. [June 16.]

JESUS APPEARS TO JOHN.

Rev. 1. 9-20. Memory verses, 17, 18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and
to-day, and forever.—Heb. 13. 8.

THE LESSON STORY.

You remember John, "the Beloved Disciple." When he was old, God gave him a vision of things which would come to pass, and in our lesson John tells us the beginning of the vision. It is all told in the last book of the Bible, which is called "The Revelation of St. John the Divine."

John had been sent to an island named Patmos. The enemies of Jesus did not want John preaching about him, and getting people to believe in his love and power, so they made him a prisoner and sent him to Patmos.

Read what happened on the Lord's day in verses 10 and 11. Do you wonder that John "fell at his feet as dead" when he heard the voice once more of his dear Lord? How sweet and comforting were the words Jesus spoke! Find some other time when Jesus said to the disciples, "Fear not." You will see that Jesus here bears witness to his own death and resurrection. (Learn the 18th verse.) Then see that he had something for John to do, even if he was shut away from teaching and preaching, and learn that if we are true lovers and servers of Jesus he will always and everywhere find work for us to do for him.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What is John sometimes called?
"The Beloved Disciple."

What did he do as long as he lived?
Tell about Jesus.

Who did not want him to do this?
Bad men.

Where was he sent? To the isle of
Patmos.

Who found him there? Jesus.

When did he appear to John? On the
Lord's day.

What did John see? A glorious sight.

Who was in the midst of the glory?
Jesus.

What did John do? Fell down like a
dead man.

What did Jesus say? "Fear not."

What did he tell John? That he was
alive.

Is he still living? Yes, he is alive for
evermore.

LESSON XII. [June 23.]

A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH.

Rev. 21. 1-7, 22-27. Mem. ver., 3, 4, 27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He that overcometh shall inherit all
things; and I will be his God, and he
shall be my son.—Rev. 21. 7.

THE LESSON STORY.

John saw many beautiful and wonder-
ful things in his vision. But perhaps
nothing is so beautiful as the sight of the
holy city, which was given to him. You
should read it carefully, beginning with
the tenth verse of the lesson chapter, and
going on to the sixth verse of the next
chapter. Do not forget that the holy
city comes "down from God out of
heaven." All that is good and pure
comes from God.

Have you ever thought that each one of
us has a part to do in helping to bring the
holy city down to this earth? The third
verse of this chapter tells an easy way
to do our part—to let God dwell with us
and be our God. When we do not drive
his Spirit away by our naughty, selfish
thoughts and ways he will build a holy
place in our hearts, and those who see it
will want him to come and dwell in them
perhaps. How beautiful this world
would be if there were no sin! Remem-
ber, where God is there can be no sin. If
we let the holy One come to live in us,
then we shall know what this lesson
means.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What did John have one Lord's day?
A vision.

Who sent it to him? God.

What did he see? A holy city.

Whence did it come? Out of heaven.

What did John hear? A heavenly
voice.

What did the voice say? That God is
here.

What does God give? Peace and joy.

What cannot stay where he is? Sin.

Who may enter the holy city? The
good and true.

Who is Alpha? The beginning of all
things.

Who is Omega? The end of all things.

Who calls himself by these names?
Jesus.

WHY FELIX AND MARY ANN
WENT HUNGRY.

BY ARIANA HERMAN.

"Meow!" said Felix, "I want my sup-
per."

"Meow, meow," said Mary Ann more
softly, "I want my supper."

"Meow!" said Felix again; "where
can the little mistress be? The white
folks are done eating, and I hear Sarah
washing the cups and saucers in the
kitchen."

"She has forgotten how hungry we
are," sobbed Mary Ann; "let's go to
sleep and then we'll not mind."

So Lucia's two kittens cuddled down
together into one furry mass, and went to
sleep hungry. Poor little kittens!

But where was Lucia? Ah, this little
girl was tired of doing her own work, and
had undertaken to do somebody's else!
When supper was over, it was always
Lucia's duty to carry a little tin pail out
to the pantry, and fill it with milk for
Felix and Mary Ann; but to-night the
little girl's head was full of doing some-
thing very clever, "s'prising" mother.

There was to be company in the par-
lour presently, and out in a little cool
back room there was a box of roses and
smilax waiting to adorn the mirrored
mantel. Lucia slipped down from her
place at the supper table, and stole away
without being noticed.

"I know I can fix 'em jes' booful,"
Lucia was saying to herself, as she lugged
the big box along, stepping very softly
past the dining-room door, well knowing
that mother and Auntie would not agree
with her about this.

Mother and auntie, chatting over their
fruit, did not hear the slippered feet pass
the door, but they did hear, presently—
oh my! my! such a crash, and cry, and
wail; and when they flew to the parlour,
there, on the tiled hearth, and the fur
rug, was a heap of broken china, crushed
roses, and a bruised and bleeding little
girl!

I suppose the "company" came that
evening—companies are hard to stop—
but there was a large wet spot on the
floor, and a chipped place on the tiles,
and a bare place on the mantel, and a
little tied-up and court-plastered girl in
the nursery bed, and a very unhappy
mother, and a flustered auntie, and two
hungry kittens!

Do you see how many wrong things
would not have happened if one little girl
had done her own nice little duty, instead
of reaching out after mother's and auntie's
grown-up duty?

But Felix and Mary Ann never knew
why they had no supper that night.