CHII DREN.

OME to me, O ye children! For I hear you at your play, Have vanished quite away.

Ye open the eastern windows, That look toward the sun, Where thoughts are singing swallows And the brooks of morning run.

In your hearts are birds and sunshine, In your thoughts the brooklets flow, But in mine is the wind of Autumn, And the first fall of the snow.

Ah! what would the world be to us. If the children were no more? We should dread the desert behind us Worse than the dark before.

What the leaves are to the forest, With light and air for food, Ere their sweet and tender juices, Have been hardened into wood.

That to the world are children; Through them it feels the glow Of a brighter and sunnier climate Than reaches the trunks below.

Come to me, O ye children ! And whisper in my ear What the birds and the winds are singing. In your sunny atmosphere.

For what are all our contrivings, And the wisdom of our books, When compared with your caresses, And the gladness of your looks?

Ye are better than all the ballads That ever were sung or said, For ye are living poems, And all the rest are dead.

PUZZLEDOM.

ANSIVERS FOR LAST NUMBER. I. CHARADE.—Thoughtless. HIDDEN FISHES.—1. Tench. Shad. 3. Herring. 4. Pike. SQUARE,-

> CASE ABET 8 E A T

E T T A DECAPITATIONS.—1. Ruse, uso. Rour, oar. 3. Rape, ape. 4. Stint, tint

NEW PUZZLES. I. DROP-LETTER PUZZLE. J-y->-i-e-e-t-e-s-a; -b-t-o-o-d-

v-n-L-k-q-i-t-i-h-.

II. CHARADE.

My first is a bird of ancient renown, to Who reminds us of daylight's approach; My second and third together were thrown,

To try, upon time, to enroach. My whole is a reptile, of mythic creation,

And is said to proceed from my first, But, friends, if this proves beyond your imagination,

Please throw it aside as the worst. III. DECAPITATIONS AND CURTAILMENTS.

- 1. Behead and curtail a musical instrument, and leave a liquor.
- 2. Behead and curtail a box, and leave a stream.
- 3. Behead and curtail sure, and leave to corrode.
- 4. Beliend and curtail a close embrace, and leave to gain.
- 5. Belieud and curtail to pinch, and leave a pinion.

IV. WORD-SQUARE.

- 1. To catch for breath.
- 2. Dexterous.
- 3. A narrow opening.

4. A nick-name.

ONES, have you heard of the fire that burned were man's house and property !"

"No, Smith; where was it 1"

"Here in this city."

"What a misfortune to him! Was it a good house ?"

"Yes; a nice house—a good home for any family."

"What a pity! How did the fire taka?"

"The man played with fire, and thoughtlessly let it destroy his pro-

"How silly! Did you say the farm was burned too !"

"Yes; all gone."

"That is singular. It must have been a terribly hot fire; and then I don't see how it could have burned the lot."

"No, it was not a very hot fire. Indeed, it was so small that it attracted but little attention; it burned a long time—more than twenty years. And though it seemed to consume very slowly, yet it wore away about one hundred dollars' worth every year till it was all gone."

me where the fire was kindled, and all about it."

"Well, then, it was kindled on the end of a cigar. The cigar cost him, he himself told me, about ten dollars per month. You can reckon up how much that would amount to in twenty years, the money being worth at least six per cent. Don't you pity the family of the man who has slowly burned up their home!"

"Whew! I guess you mean me, for I have smoked more than twenty years. But it doesn't cost so much as that, and I haven't any house of my own. Have always rented—thought I was too poor to own a house. And all because I have been burning it up! What a fool I have been !"

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON X. A.D. 28.1 [June 4. THE TRANSFIOURATION.

Mark 9. 2-13. Commit to memory v. 3, 4, 7, 8. GOLDEN TEXT.

And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Matt. 3. 17.

OUTLINE.

The Three Witnesses, v. 2, 3.
 The Two Saints, v. 4-6.
 The One Saviour, v. 7-13.

TIME.-A. D. 28, a week after the events

the last two lessons.

Place.—Mount Hermon, north of Cosarca

PARALLEL PASSAGES.-Matt. 17. 1, 13;

Luke 9, 28-36.

EXPLANATIONS.—Sis days—Meaning a week. High mountain—Probably Mount Hermon, the highest mountain in Paletine.

Transfigured—Changed to a glorious appeara-Transfigured—Changed to a glorious appearance. Shining—All the more wonderful, since the event took place at night. Fuller—One who washes garments. Elias with Mosco—Elijah, who had gone to heaven without death, and Mosco, whom the Lordhad buried. Talking with Jesus—About his approaching death, (See Luke 8. 31.) Taberracles—Huts or tents for worship, as if to remain there forever. A cloud—The c'oud of God's presence, such as once had hung over the mercy-seat in the tabernacle. A over the mercy-seat in the tabernacle. A voice—The voice of God the Father. Tell no man—For the reason that people were no man—for the reason that people were not ready to receive such news. Rising from the dead—Though Christ had warned them before, yet they did not even yet understand that he was to die and rise again. Blias—Malachi had prophesied that Elijah should appear before the coming of Christ.

Indeed come-In the person of John the

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How are we here shown—

1. The glory of Christ's appearance?

2. The joy of Christ's presence?

3. The authority of Christ's words?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

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1. Whom did Jesus take with him to a high mountain apart? Poter, James, and John. 2 What there took place with Jesus? He was transfigured. 3. Who speared talking with Christ? Moses and Elijab. 4. What did Peter say? "It is good to be here." 5. What did a voice from heaven say? This is my beloved Son: hear him. 6 What did Christ command concerning the vision? To tell it to no man. man.
Doctrinal Suggration—The divine na

ture of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

In what manner was this moral law,

or Ten Commandments, given them?
The moral law, contained in the Ten Commandments, was spoken to the children of Israel from Mount Sinal by God himself, with thunder and lightning, and then written for them by him in two tables of them.

A. D. 28.] LESSON XI. THE APPLICTED CHILD.

Mark 9. 14-32 Commit to memory v. 21-24. GOLDEN TEXT.

All things are possible to him that be lieveth. v. 23.

OUTLINE.

The Suffering Child, v. 14.20.
 The Believing Father, v. 21-24.
 The Mighty Saviour, v. 25-32.

Time.—A. D. 28, immediately following the events of the last lesson. PLACE—Near Cesarea Philippi. Ver. 30-

32 In Galilee.

PABALLEL PASSAGES.—Mark. 17. 14-23; Luke 9, 37-45.

Luke 9, 37-45.

EXPLANATIONS.—Questioning—Talking in a spirit of opposition. Dumb spirit—An evil spirit living in the child's body, and causing him to suffer greatly. Tearth him—Causing spasms or convulsions. Pineth away—Becoming weak and wested. They could not—Because the evil spirit had an unsually firm hold and because they were could not—Because the evil spirit had an unusually firm hold, and because they were lacking in faith. Faithless generation—People unwilling to believe. If thou canst do—He had hope, but not strong faith in Christ's power to help. All things are possible—All things which God is willing to grant may be obtained by faith, and true faith saks for no other. Said with tears—Shawing his agreement desire for the rough faith. faith sake for no other. Said with tears—
Showing his earnest desire for stronger faith.
As one dead—Being left faint and breathless.
This kind—Showing that some evil spirits
are stronger in power than others. Prayer and fasting—Prayer so earnest that it causes the needs of the body to be forgotten. Not have u—He wished to be alone with his disciples, to give them instructions which were not suited to be heard by the multitude. Taught his disciples—Giving them a third warning of his coming death. Afraid to ask him—Hesitating from reverence from asking if he were really about to die.

TRACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How are we here shown—

1. The terrible results of Satan's power?

2. The power of faith in Christ?

3. The need of prayer?

THE LESON-CATECHISM.

1. Who was brought to Jesus as he came down the mountain? A child having an evil apirit. 2. What were the disciples unable to do! To east it out. 3. What did Jesus tell the father was the condition of healing? "If thou canst believe." 4.

ing.
Doctrinal Succession. — Evil spiritual

CATEGRAN QUESTION.

What were the special laws which God gave them, relating to their religion as a church? The special laws which God gave to the

childreniof Israel, relating to their religion as a church, consisted of many rules about the worship of God, about their Priests and secrifices, about aprinkling of blood, and washing with water, and about hely water and holy places.

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