

HER ONLY ONE.

"GOD alone, how many children have you?"
Then, with a loving and troubled face,
Sadly she looked at an empty place.

"Friend, I have two."
"Nay, mother," the father gravely said,
"We have only one, and so long ago
He left his home, I am sure we know
He must be dead."

"Yes, I have two; one, a little child,
Comes to me often at evening light;
His pure, sweet face and garments white,
All undefiled.

With clear, bright eyes and soft, fair hair,
He climbs up on his mother's knee,
Folds baby hands and whispers to me
His evening prayer.

"The other he took a wilful way,
Went far out West, and they link his name
With deeds of cruelty and shame.

I can but pray,
And a mother's prayers are never cold,
So, in my heart the innocent child,
And the reckless man, by sin defiled,
The same I hold.

"But yet I keep them ever apart;
For I will not stain the memory
Of the boy who once prayed at my knee,
Close to my heart.

The man he grew to will come again;
No matter how far away he roam,
Father and mother will bring him home—
Prayers are not in vain."

The stranger stood in the broader light,
"Oh, mother! oh, father!" he weeping
said,

"I have come back to your side, to tread
The path that's right."

And so the answer to prayer was won;
And the father wept glad tears of joy,
And the mother kissed and blessed her boy,
Her only one.

—Mary B. Burnett, in *Independent*.

PUZZLEDOM.

ANSWERS FOR LAST NUMBER.

1. The tongue.
- 2.

The tear down childhood's cheek that flows,
Is like the dew-drop on the rose.

- 4.— E I M S
M O R E
B O U T
O B I T
D A R E
Y E A R

NEW PUZZLES.

HIDDEN ANIMALS.

1. She has worn that suit of buff a long time.
2. Mention to Mr. J——, a guardian has been appointed.
3. I thought the poor animal would pant her life away.

ENIGMA.

I am composed of 54 letters.
My 17, 14, 18, 11, 27, 45, 37, 6,
26, 31, 44, 47, are words of comfort
from Christ.

My 8, 44, 47, 46, 43, 2, 4, 25, is
what John heard repeated thrice.

My 47, 8, 13, 1, John saw on
Mount Zion.

My 6, 39, 4, 9, 43, 40, 13, 18, 44,
47, 28, 16, 4, 11, 14, shows us God's
silent way.

My 12, 36, 32, 48, 17, 16, 24, 37,
30, 15, applies to God's unlimited
power.

My 1, 9, 14, 20, 19, 13, 27, 29, 28,
37, 32, 36, 46, 8, 43, 40, 12, is what
Esau pleads.

My 23, 30, 33, 27, 9, 6, ministered
to Christ after His temptation.

My 12, 36, 32, 38, 11, 31, 37, 32,

31, describes God's knowledge of things.

My 18, 13, 27, 30 is a word often repeated in the Bible.

My 4, 8, 13, 3, 7, 18, 51, 31, 42, 36, is one of God's sayings to Moses.

My 25, 1, 16, 28, 37, is where we are told to set our affections.

My 41, 2, 20, 50, 23, 48, was a friend of David.

My 19, 8, 10, 28, 25, 5, 4, 16, 30, is what God says belongs to Him.

My 6, 22, 35, 30, 4, 32, 49, 9, 31, 49, 7, 21, describes the path of the just.

My 6, 4, 30, 49, the Psalmist says we should do unto God.

My whole may be found among the prophecies.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

1. Elsewhere.
2. Name of an Indian tribe.
3. Position.
4. Destruction.
5. Within.
6. To roll.
7. Listened to.
8. To enrich.
9. The first.
10. A fish.
11. To disturb.
12. A city where Samson once visited.

Initials, an ancient place of combat.
Finals, a refreshing drink in summer.

As some lady visitors were going through a penitentiary, under the escort of a superintendent, they came to a room in which three women were sewing. "Dear me!" one of the visitors whispered. "What vicious looking creatures! Pray, what are they here for?" "Because they have no other home. This is my sitting-room, and they are my wife and two daughters," blandly answered the superintendent.

GRATITUDE is a means of grace. Many a mortal would be consoled in his mere annoyances could he get a glimpse of the real trouble from which God saves him. Others, in comparatively light affliction, would cease murmuring could they realize the heart-break that abides with some one else. There is always firm ground for thanksgiving to God for deliverance from that always possible greater trouble.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

A. D. 29.] LESSON IV. [Oct. 29]
THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

Mark 14. 33-42. Commit to memory v. 33-36.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows. Isa. 53. 4.

OUTLINE.

1. The Sorrowing Saviour, v. 32-36.
2. The Sleeping Disciples, 37-42.

TIME.—A. D. 29, about midnight before the crucifixion.

PLACE.—The Garden of Gethsemane.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 26. 36-46; Luke 22. 40-46; John 18. 1.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Sit ye here*—This was said to eight of the disciples. *I shall pray*—Christ felt the need of communion with the Father, though he was perfect. *Take ye with him*—The three leading spirits among the disciples, and those who had witnessed his transfiguration. *Sore amazed*—In an agony of spirit, caused by the shrinking of his human soul from the sufferings of body and mind, and the wrongs he was to endure; and, in some mysterious way, the weight of the world's sin pressing upon him. *Watch*—Watch against surprise from enemies, and

give sympathy in his sorrow. *Abba*—A Syriac word of endearment. *This cup*—The cross with all the wrongs connected with it. *What thou wilt*—This prayer was in complete submission to God. *Sleeping*—They had been with him all day, and it was now after midnight. *Simon*—He spoke especially to Peter, because Peter had been the most forward in promising faithfulness. *Spirit . . . willing*—He gives this as some excuse for his sleeping disciples. *Sleep on now*—Meaning, "You may as well sleep, since it is too late for you to help me by watching."

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

How are we here taught—

1. To pray in trouble?
2. To pray persistently?
3. To pray submissively?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. To what place did Jesus go with his disciples? To the Garden of Gethsemane.
2. What there came upon Christ? An agony of sorrow.
3. Whom did he command to watch with him? Peter, James, and John.
4. What was his prayer to the Father? "Let this cup pass from me."
5. What words showed his submission? "Not what I will, but what thou wilt."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The human nature of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

59 What did Solomon do for God and for the people?

Solomon built a very splendid temple for the worship of God at Jerusalem.

A. D. 29.] LESSON V. [Oct. 29.]

JESUS BETRAYED AND TAKEN.

Mark 14. 43-54. Commit to memory v. 43-46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Mark 14. 41.

OUTLINE.

1. Betrayed, v. 43-45.
2. Defended, v. 46-49.
3. Forsaken, v. 50-54.

TIME.—A. D. 29, before daylight on the morning of the crucifixion.

PLACE.—The Garden of Gethsemane.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 26. 47-58; Luke 22. 47-54; John 18. 2-15.

EXPLANATIONS.—*One of the twelve*—This is mentioned to show his wickedness the more fully. *A great multitude*—Priests, scribes, soldiers, and a crowd of followers made up the multitude. *Token*—So that they might know Jesus in the dim light of the moon. *Took him*—John 21. 1-11 relates some events not here given. *One of them*—This was Peter. *Servant of the high-priest*—His name was Malchus. *As against a thief*—Treating an innocent man like a criminal. *Staves—Clubs*. *In the temple*—They had not dared to seize him there on account of the people, many of whom were his friends. *Scriptures*—Which had predicted the sufferings and death of Jesus. *A certain young man*—Supposed by many to have been Mark himself, the writer of this gospel. *Naked*—This may mean, without outer garments. *Chief priests, etc.*—These together formed the great council called the Sanhedrin. *Afar off*—Anxious to see what would become of Jesus, whom he loved deeply. *At the fire*—Fires in

the temple were generally made in a brazier, or standing on feet, not in a fire-place or

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where are we here shown—

1. The wickedness of Christ's enemies?
2. The weakness of Christ's friends?
3. The meekness of Christ?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. To whom did Judas betray Christ? To a band of enemies.
2. What did Judas do when he came to Jesus? He kissed him.
3. What did the disciples do? They forsake him, and fled.
4. Where did the enemies take Jesus? To the high-priest.
5. What did Peter do? He followed afar off.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The fulfilment of Scripture.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

60. What became of the people of Israel in the following ages?

In the following ages after David and Solomon the people of Israel were divided into two kingdoms, which were called the kingdom of Judah, and the kingdom of Israel.

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