

A LITTLE BROWN PENNY.

A little brown penny, worn and old,
Dropped in the box by a dimpled hand;
A little brown penny, a childish prayer,
Sent far away to a heathen land.

A little brown penny, a generous thought,
A little less candy just for one day;
A young heart awakened for life, mayhap,
To the needs of the heathen far away.

The penny flew off with the prayer's
swift wings;
It carried the message by Jesus sent;
And the gloom was pierced by a radiant
light.
Wherever the prayer and the message
went.

And who can tell the joy it brought
To the souls of the heathen far away,
When the darkness fled like the wavering
mists
From the beautiful dawn of the gospel
day?

And who can tell of the blessings that came
To the little child when Christ looked
down;
Or how the penny, worn and o'd,
In heaven will change to a golden
crown?

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS IN THE LIVES OF THE
PATRIARCHS.

LESSON VII [August 18.

ABRAHAM'S INTERCESSION.

Gen. 18. 23-32. Memory verses, 23-25.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The effectual fervent prayer of a right-
eous man availeth much.—James 5. 16.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

To what did the Lord change Abram's
name? To "Abraham." What did this
name mean? "The father of a great
multitude." Who came to visit Abraham
one day? Three strangers. How did he
receive them? With great kindness.
What did he soon see? That they were
sent by God. Where were they going?
To the cities of the plain. What did
Abraham fear? That Lot would be de-
stroyed in wicked Sodom. What was the
only thing Abraham could do? Pray.
What did he ask the Lord to do? To
spare Sodom if fifty good people were
there. What did he keep on asking?
What did the Lord promise at last?
Whose prayers will the Lord always hear?
The prayers of a sincere soul.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read of the angels' visit. Gen. 18. 1-8.
- Tues. Find why it was not safe to live in Sodom. Gen. 13. 13.
- Wed. Read the lesson verses slowly. Gen. 18. 23-32.
- Thur. Learn a good thing to know. Golden Text.
- Fri. Learn who pleads with God for us. 1 John 2. 1.
- Sat. Find an important question. Gen. 18. 25.
- Sun. See what will follow if we love God. 1 John 4. 21.

LESSON VIII. [August 25.

ABRAHAM AND ISAAC.

Gen. 22. 1-12. Memory verses, 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

By faith Abraham, when he was tried,
offered up Isaac.—Heb. 11. 17.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Who promised Abraham a son? How
old was he when Isaac was born? A hun-
dred years old. Why do we call Isaac a
child of promise? What did Abraham
have? Great faith? What did God send
to him? A trial of his faith. What was it?
He told him to offer Isaac as a burnt offer-
ing. What did Abraham know? That God
would do just right. What did he do?
He took Isaac and went to Mount Moriah.
Who went with them? How long a jour-
ney was it? What did Isaac ask his
father? "Where is the lamb for a burnt
offering?" What did Abraham get ready
to do? To offer Isaac upon the altar.
Who stopped him? What did the Lord
see? That Abraham's faith was perfect.
What will real faith always do? Obey
God.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read again God's promise to Abra-
ham. Gen. 17. 15-21.
- Tues. Find how he kept it. Gen. 21. 1-8.
- Wed. Read of the trial of Abraham's
faith. Gen. 22. 1-12.
- Thur. Read the beautiful lesson hymn.
- Fri. Learn the Golden Text and more.
Heb. 11. 17-19.
- Sat. Read of the lamb provided for us.
John 1. 29.
- Sun. Learn how we may have faith.
Eph. 2. 8.

ADVICE OF A MILLIONAIRE.

The following story is told of a Phila-
delphia millionaire, who has been dead
some years:

A young man came to him one day and
asked pecuniary aid to start him in busi-
ness.

"Do you drink?" asked the millionaire.
"Once in a while."

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then
come and see me."

The young man broke off the habit at

once, and at the end of the year came to
see the millionaire again.

"Do you smoke?" asked the successful
man.

"Now and then."

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then
come and see me again."

The young man went home and broke
away from the habit. It took him some
time, but finally he worried through the
year, and presented himself again.

"Do you chew?" asked the philanthro-
pist.

"Yes, I do," was the desperate reply.

"Stop it! Stop it for a year, and then
come and see me again."

The young man stopped chewing, but he
never came back again. When asked by
his anxious friends why he never called on
the millionaire again, he replied that he
knew exactly what the man was driving at.
"He'd have told me that now that I had
stopped drinking and smoking and chew-
ing I must have saved enough to start my-
self in business, and I have."

A QUEER PET.

In the early part of this century a well-
known nobleman, whose hospitality was
famous, kept a tame lion as a household
pet, rather to the discomfiture of his
friends.

On a certain occasion, when a special
supper was being given, just before the
arrival of the guests, the lion, who had his
accustomed quarters in the library, strolled
into the dining-room, and, unperceived by
the servants, curled himself under the mas-
sive table. At the appointed hour the host
and his friends seated themselves at the
festive board. As the wine circulated
freely, and the dainty dishes began to dis-
appear, the company became hilarious, and
the mirth evolved from wine-cups awoke
the sleeping king of the forest.

He endeavoured to stand up, but in rising
found the table in his way. With a growl
he exerted his strength, and in a moment
the well-spread board rose in the air and
toppled over with a great crash. Amid
breaking of chinaware and glass arose an
indignant roar from the lion, which was
echoed by the cries of the revellers. The
silver candelabra had tumbled over with
the other things, and, the lights having
gone out, chaos reigned for some minutes,
while a lion and a dozen fine gentlemen
were indiscriminately mixed with table
linen and broken dishes and eatables, in a
mad struggle to escape with their lives.

Fortunately, the lion harmed no one, but
it took some time for the guests to recover
from the shock they had received.

Kindness to dumb animals is a credit-
able expression in any boy. He who is
kind to a brute may be relied on, as a rule,
for kindness towards his boy or girl com-
panions.