

## THE SICK DOLL.

I'm taking out my Claribel  
This morning for an airing,  
She has been sick so very long,  
We both have found it wearing.

She's had the measles and the mumps,  
And all since last December,  
'Sides several ovver sicknesses  
Whose names I can't wemember.

I've had her vac-ci-na-ted, too,  
And oh' the scar it's leaving'  
But all these fings are nuffin to  
The time when she was teeving.

I sat up all night wis her;  
She grew worse fast and faster,  
I gave her pollygolic, and  
Put on a mustard plaster.

She's been so patient and so sweet,  
I love to kiss and pet her,  
Poor child, she's suffered ev'ryfing'  
But now the darling's better.

I hope the air will do her good;  
"Dear, don't kick off your cover,"  
I've been so anxious; no one knows  
Or feels it like a movver!

## BEAUTIFUL ANGELS.

A LITTLE boy was reading about the angels, that there were two classes, called cherubim and seraphim. He asked his father what was the difference between them.

"A cherub," said his father, "is one who has the most knowledge, a seraph is one who loves most."

"Then when I die," said the little boy, "I hope I shall be a seraph; for I would rather love God than be so very wise."

## A GOOD EXAMPLE.

A LITTLE girl in India was asked by the mission lady if she bowed to the idol of the house. "Yes," she said, "when mother bids me I have to. But then I go right away by myself and fold my hands, and look up and say, 'O God, please to forgive if I have sinned. Thou knowest I cannot help myself, because my mother will beat me.'" What a good lesson this is for a child who is compelled to do any thing wrong.

"WHAT good has the liquor-seller done?" asked a public speaker. "Can anybody think of any one whom the liquor-business benefited? I pause for an answer." The silence was broken by some one crying out, "The gravedigger."

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER

B. C. 1427.] LESSON VIII. [Aug. 19.

## ISRAEL FORSAKING GOD.

*Josh. 2. 6-16. Commit to memory verses 14, 16.*

## GOLDEN TEXT.

And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers. Judg. 2. 12.

## OUTLINE.

1. Good days in Israel. v. 6-10
2. Evil Days in Israel. v. 11-16.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What promise did the people of Israel make? To serve and obey God.

How long did they keep it? As long as Joshua lived.

What did many of the people forget? The great things God had done for them.

Whom did they then begin to serve? The gods of the people about them.

What does this show us? The danger of being in bad company.

Where did the Israelites' sin begin? In not being true to God.

To whom did God leave them? To their enemies.

Why did he do this? To show them their sin. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

What did they soon suffer? Great trouble?

Whom did they seek in their trouble? The Lord.

What did he give them? Leaders, called judges.

Why were they so called? They judged the people in God's name.

Did the people deserve God's help? No; for they wilfully forsook him.

When do we forsake God? When we do not obey him.

To what should his goodness lead us? To sorrow for our sin.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Little people sometimes forget—

That God sees all their acts.

That God knows all their thoughts.

That God hears all their promises to him.

That if they forget him he will let them suffer.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The evil results of sin.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Will He call us to account for all we think and do? At the last day God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

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## GIDEON'S ARMY.

*Josh. 7. 1-8. Commit to memory verses 14, 15.*

## GOLDEN TEXT.

The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon. Judg. 7. 20.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Many. v. 1-3.
2. The Few. v. 4-3.

## QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who was one of the greatest of Israel judges? Gideon.

What made him great? His faith in God.

Who now ruled the Israelites? The Midianites.

Why did God permit this? Because his people had forsaken him.

Who will rule us if God does not? Our enemies.

What did Gideon call the people to do? To fight the Midianites.

How many came at his call? Thirty thousand.

Why was this too many? They would trust their own strength.

Who were told to go home? All who were afraid.

How many were then left? Ten thousand.

What did God say? That there were still too many.

What did Gideon tell them to do? To drink of the brook.

Whom did he then choose to fight? Those who caught only a little water as they passed.

What did this show? Their eagerness to serve God.

Whom does God choose for his service? Those who are whole-hearted.

## WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Our enemies—

Hearts that do not believe God.

Hands that do Satan's work.

Feet that run on Satan's errands.

Our friends—

Trials that make us think of God.

Weakness that makes us trust God's strength.

Ignorance that sends us to God for wisdom.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The sovereignty of God.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Does God love you? Yes, God loves everything which He has made.

What has God made? God made every thing in heaven and earth, and, last of all, He made man.