21. And the son said unto him. Father, I have sinned gainst heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy

24. For this my son was dead, and is allve again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.

Golden Text. '"Iam poor and needy,

yet the Lord thinketh upon me."-

1. How much can you remember of the beautiful story which Jesus tells in this lesson?

Ans. To show how God loves his sinning

3. How does the story, or parable, commenced Vers. 4. Why did the younger son wish to go away from his father's house ?

Ans. He thought he should be happier to

Ans. A want of love to his father, and a

6. What sins did he probably fall into, while in that far

7. When he had spent all his money, what happened vers. 14-18.

9. What did he say when he came to himself?" Vers.

10. What is meant by the expression "when he came to himself?"

to himself?"

11. Do people think more of God, when they are "in wate" and sorrow than when everything is pleasant and joyful?

12. Do you suppose it lwas oney for this wicked boy to readire to go back to his father?

13. What would be have to give up?

Ans. His evil habits and his bad com-

Ans. To confess that he had done wrong

:15. Washe sure his father still loved him; and would let him come home again ?

Ans. Yes, or he would not have dared to

17. Is this the way our Heavenly Father meets us when e come back to him 1 17. 12. 12. 14. 14. 14.

19. When the prodigal son contessed his sins, how did his tather treat him? Yers. 21-24.

20. What is meant by his saying, "My son was dead, and is alive again?"

Ans. He had been dead to all that was

good dead in sin; but, now that he was sorry

21. If he had not repented and come back to his father what would have become of him?

22. Then, what is necessary, if we would have the love and blessing of our Father, and be received in the heaven

Ans. We must "come" to him, and say, Futher, I have sinned," and ask his forgive-

28. Where only shall we be safe from all evil?

Ans. Love and truth and obedience.

My prayer for this week, "GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME A

SINNER."

25. What words of David may we use for our own Golden Text.

TOM'S VICTORY.

Then Tom broke down and fairly burst into tears. His mother, who had heard his angry

caused them. She, too, was indignant at what she saw. There was Tom's pet doggie Fawn

stretched out stiff and cold on the grass.

Around his neok a string was tied, from which dangled a card. On it these words were

Hell never chase my chickens no more.-

Napillane." oried Tom, "look at poor,

poor Fawn! See what that cruel Ned has 

family, and in spite of the fact that he would

pursue chickens and tear the dresses of passing ladies, or catch and hide away stockings

and handkerchiefs when they were laid upon the grass to bleach, Mrs. Bixby had borne with him. She had hoped that his youthful faults would be oured in time. She knew that

Ned Line had been made very augry because of the loss of two rare fowls which Fawn, had

written, in a scraggly, blotted hand: ...

came out to the garden to see what h

"That Ned Lane," said Tom Bixby, doubling up his fist and stamping his feet, "is a mean, spiteful, wicked boy." I hate him. I wish he

Ans. He would have perished miserably in

for it, it was as if he had come to life again.

that far country.

Ans. Near to God.

was dead, I do!'?

24. What will bring us near to him !..

panions. The of the course had are

14. What would be the hardest thing of all to do?

And given phis will in a rear viriginal.

18. Howdid his father receive him? (Ver. 20.

18. How much does he love his earthly children

Ass. More than our parents love us.

8. What were the "husks that the swine did eat?"

Ans. Probably a coarse kind of bean.

go away and do as he pleased.

5. What was there wrong in his heart?

children, property tests and that have

Ps. Ix. 17. (B. c.)

2. Why does he tell it?

spirit of disobedience.

#### SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON II.—Oor: 13

THE GOSPEL FEAST. Luke xiv. 15-24. 15. And when one of them that sat at most with him heard these things, he said unto him. Blessed is he that shall out bread in the Kingdom of God.

13. Then said he unto him, a certain man made a great supper, and bade many:

17. And sont his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden. Come; for all things are now ready.

18. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee; have me excused.

O. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. 20. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore, I cannot come.

21. So that servant came and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house boing angry said to his servant. Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in lither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind.

22. And the servent said. Lord, it is done as thou hast permanded and yet there is room.

23. And the lord said unto the servant. Go out into the highways and hodges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.

24. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper. GOLDEN TEXT .- "Blessed is he that

shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God."-Ver. 15.

1. In this lesson, how does Jesus try to teach the people Ans. By a parable.

2. How does this parable, or story, commence? Vers. 16, 17.

3. Who is meant by the person making the suppor 1ANS. God our Father.

4. Who are invited !

Ans. All the world.

5. What is meant by the feast, or support

Ans. The provision made for our salvation.

6. Who has made "all things ready" for us ? Ans. Our Saviour.

7. What does he ask us to do for him in return !

Ans. Only to "como" to him; that is, to love him, and keep his commandments.

8. When everything was ready, what did the invited guests say? Vors. 18-20.

9. What kind of excuses were those 1 10. If people would make such excuses when invited to visit us, what should we think?

Ans. That they did not wish to come.

11. What did Jesus wish to show by the conduct of

Ans. The foolish excuses which people

make for not serving God. 12. What kept these three men from the feast? Ans. Their worldly riches, and cares, and

joys. 13. Do people make the same excuses now?

14. When the servant returned to his master will, these excuses what took place? Vers. 21.23.

15. Why would the poor and the needy be more likely to accept Christ's call than the righ?

Ans. They feel the need of help and comfort, and they are not so occupied with the things of this world.

16. What is meant by the command, "Compel ham to

ANS. Urge them, beg them earnestly, to come.

17. What does this show us 1.

ANS. God's love for his children, and his desire to have them safe and happy in his

18. What does Jesus say of those who slight his invitation? Ver. 24. 19. Have you ever received any invitation to the gospel feast

20. Have you accepted the invitation, or have you made excuses?

21. If you have not accepted, of what is there danger? Ans. That we may not have another op-

22. Who are called," blessed" in the Golden Text !
23. What does it mean " to eat bread in the Kingdom of God?"

Ans. To be God's dear children, and wel-

comed to his heavenly home. Remember this week,

"NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

LESSON III.—Oor. 20.

THE PRODICAL SON.-Luke xv. 11-24.

11. And he said, A certain man had two sons: 13. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto him his living.

13. And not many days after the younger son gathered all logelier, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance, with rictous living.

14. And when he had spent all, there arese a mighty famine in that land: and he began to be in want.

15. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

10. And he would fain have filled his bolly with the husks that the swine did cat: and no man gave unto him.

17. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hirod servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hinger!

18. I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Pather, I have shaued against heaven, and before thee,

19. And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

20. And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was reth frent way off, his father saw him, and had compussion, and rad compussion, and rad, and tell on his neck, and kissed hum.

heart was almost broken.
"Tom," she said, "you say you hate Ned.
Do you wish what I heard you say just now to be really revenged?

"Yes, mother; I want to see him suffer. I wish all his chickens were gone."

against fouver, and in thy-sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son:

122. But the father said to his servants. Bring forth the best robe, and puttle on him; and puttle ring on his hand, and shoes on his teet:

23. And bring hither the fatted oalt, and kill it; and let us eat; and be merry: "Ned has done a cruel deed, and I do not wonder that you are very deeply grieved; but my son, he that hateth his brother is a murderers' has a pass

He's not my brother."

"He's not my brother."

"In one sense he is; yet I am sure you do not mean that you would really like to see him dead and cold like your dog." If you think of the meaning of your words, I am sure you wish him no such ill.a I think there is a way by which you can make him very sorry for this, and yet keep your own self-respect."

The gentle tones won their way to Tom's heart. He sat down by his mother, and she passed her soft hand over his hot brow and soothed him tenderly. Then she gave him her plan for being "quits," as he called it, with Ned, and for getting the victory.

The next day, when Ned Lane met Tom Pixby on his way to school, he was rather mortified to hear nothing about Fawn. He was prepared to defend himself if attacked, but Tom passed on in silence. He tried to say, "Hallo, Ned!" but failed in the attempt. All the morning, however, when the boys were in their classes together. Tom looked and noted as usual, and at recess he engaged heartily in games with the other boys.

When Ned, feeling more and more uncomfortable; went home to dinner, a surprise awaited him. A supero pair of Brahmapootra fowls had arrived, with a string and oard attached:

"For those my poor, Fawn chased.—Tom

"For those my poor rawn charts."

BISTY:

I cannot say truly that the two from this time became fast friends; but this I know—that Ned Law was thoroughly ashamed of his mean and unworthy action, and never after was guilty of the like cruelty, while Tom felt, even at Fawn's grave, that forgiveness is sweeter than revenge.—Angel of Peace.

## ORIGIN OF THE SPINNING JENNY

James Hargreaves dropped upon his knee and rolled on the floor at length. He lay with his face toward the floor, and made lines and circles with the end of a burnt stick. He rose and went to the fire to burn his stick. Then he sat upon a chair and placed his head be-tween his hands, elbows on his knees, and gazed intently at the floor. Then he sprang to his feet, and replied to some feeble question of his wife, who had not risen since the day she gave birth to a little stranger, by a loud assurance that he had it; and taking her in his sturdy arms in the blanket, the baby, in her arms, he lifted her out and held her over the black drawings on the floor. These he ex-plained, and she joined in a small, hopeful, happy laugh with his high-toned assurance that she should never again toil at the spin-ning wheel, that he should never again "play," and have his loom standing for want of weft. "Our fortune is made when that is made,"

said he, speaking of his drawings on the

floor. "What will you call it ?" asked his wife "What will you call it! asseq, ma wire.
"Call it? What, and if we call it after thyself, Jenny? They called thee, Spinning Jenny afore I had thee, because thou heat every lass in Stangchill moor at the wheel. What if we call it Spinning Jenny?"

The Spinning Jenny could spin twelve threads, instead of one, as, by hand-spinning. The populace broke the machine to pieces, and poor Hargieave's heart at the same time.

Richard Arkwright, a common barber, caught the idea of hargreaves, improved upon it, realized half a million sterling, and became Sir Richard, Arkwright, whose son, in 1843, died the richest commoner in England .-N. Y. Observer. Section Care di

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