

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON II.—Oct. 13.

THE GOSPEL FEAST.—Luke xiv. 15-24.

15. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the Kingdom of God.
16. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many...

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 great truths?
Ans. By a parable.
2. How does this parable, or story, commence? Vers. 15, 17.
3. Who is meant by the person making the supper?
Ans. God our Father.

Remember this week,

"NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION."

LESSON III.—Oct. 20.

THE PRODIGAL SON.—Luke xv. 11-24.

11. And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12. 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 together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

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 yet at a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
21. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

GOLDEN TEXT.—"I am poor and needy, yet the Lord thinketh upon me."—Ps. lx. 17.

1. How much can you remember of the beautiful story which Jesus tells in this lesson?
2. Why does he tell it?
Ans. To show how God loves his sinning children.
3. How does the story, or parable, commence? Vers. 11-13.
4. Why did the younger son wish to go away from his father's house?
Ans. He thought he should be happier to go away and do as he pleased.

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

TOM'S VICTORY.

"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 was dead, I do!"
Then Tom broke down and fairly burst into tears. His mother, who had heard his angry words, came out to the garden to see what had 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.

neighbors, a great transgressor. But what to do with Ned was the question, for Tom's 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."
"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 murderer."
"His 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. I think there is a way by which you can make him very sorry for this, and yet keep your own self-respect.

ORIGIN OF THE SPINNING JENNY.

James Hargreaves dropped upon his knees, 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 between 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 explained, and she joined in a small, hopeful, happy laugh with his high-toned assurance that she should never again toil at the spinning-wheel; that he should never again "play" and have his loom standing for want of work.

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