

AT THY SIDE

A LITTLE traveller am I
Upon a road that looks
As pleasant as the flowery paths
Beside the summer brooks.

I may have very far to go;
No one can tell, they say:
For some the way is very long,
For some ends in a day.

I've gone a very little way,
And yet I can't go back
To pick up anything I've lost
Or wasted on the track.

And, if I careless pass each stone,
May not my steps retrace;
And so I need a friend all through
To keep me by his grace.

For there are snares I do not see;
I am a foolish child;
Then, Jesus, I will ask thee now
To keep me undefiled.

My feet from falling keep, O Lord!
My feet from wandering wide,
Until, the last stone passed, I dwell
Forever at thy side.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY.

B.C. 1872 (?) LESSON VIII. [Feb 25.

TRIAL OF ABRAHAM'S FAITH.

Gen. 22. 1-13. Memory verses, 11-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

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

OUTLINE

1. God's Command, v. 1, 2.
2. Abraham's Obedience, v. 3-10.
3. Isaac's Salvation, v. 11-13.

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Find God's promise to Abraham
Gen. 17. 15-21.

Tues. Read about its fulfilment—Gen
22. 1-8.

Wed. Read the lesson verses.

Thur. Find out how Abraham could
offer Isaac—Heb. 11. 17-19.

Fri. Learn what has been provided for
Isaac—John 1. 29

Sat. Trace the journey to Moriah on the
journey.

Sun. Learn how you may have faith—
Heb. 2. 8.

DO YOU KNOW—

How old was Abraham when Isaac was
born? Why was he a child of promise?

What did God send to Abraham? What
did God tell him to do with Isaac? Why
did Abraham obey?

Who went with Abraham on the jour-
ney to Moriah? On what day did they
reach the mountain? Who went up into
the mount?

What question did Isaac ask his father?
What was Abraham's reply? Who was
bound upon the altar? What did Abra-
ham raise his hand to do? Who told him
to stop? What did Abraham find ready
to be slain? What uphold Abraham in
trial? Faith in God.

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That real faith obeys God. Verse 3
That God helps in time of need. Verse
13.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Why did God make man? God made
man that he might know him and love him
and serve him, and be happy with him for-
ever.

Where did God put the first man and
woman? God put the first man and
woman in the Garden of Eden.

B.C. 1837 (?)] LESSON IX [March 4.

SELLING THE BIRTHRIGHT.

Gen. 25. 27-34. Memory verses, 31-34.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The life is more than meat, and the body
is more than raiment.—Luke 12 23.

OUTLINE

1. The Hunter, v. 27-30.
2. The Supplanter, v. 31-34

EVERY-DAY HELPS.

Mon. Read about the death of Isaac's
mother. Gen. 23

Tues. Find how Isaac was comforted.
Gen. 24. 63-67.

Wed. Learn how foolish Esau was. Heb.
12. 16, 17.

Thur. Learn Golden Text.

Fri. Learn what to look for first.
Matt. 6. 33.

Sat. Think, why was Esau wrong to sell
his birthright.

Sun. Learn the best inheritance. Psalm
16. 5.

DO YOU KNOW—

Who was Isaac's wife? What were
their sons called? Which was the elder?
To whom did the birthright belong? What
is the birthright?

What did Esau do when he became a
man? What was Jacob's work? What
did Jacob make one day? Why did Esau
want it? What did Jacob tell him? For
what did Esau sell his birthright? Why
was it wrong to do this? Did Jacob do
right to buy it? How may we sell our
birthright?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That I have a rich Father. Rom. 8. 17.
That I must use all that he has given
me.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS

In whose image was man created? Man

was created in the image or likeness of
God.

How was man made like God? His soul
was created like God: immortal, holy, and
happy

YOUR EYE ON THE MARK.

A LIGHT snow had fallen and the boys
of L— desired to make the most of it;
and as it was too dry for snowballing and
not deep enough for coasting, they thought
it would do very well to make tracks in.
Near by there was a large meadow, and it
was proposed that they should go to a tree
which was near the centre of the meadow,
and that each one should start from the
tree to the boundaries of the meadow. The
proposition was assented to, and they were
soon at the tree. They ranged themselves
around the tree with their backs toward it
and started, each one retracing his steps to
the tree. After they had returned they
each looked back to see how straight the
tracks were.

"Whose is the straightest?" said James
Allison to Thomas Sanders, who was first
at the tree.

"Harry Armstrong is the only one that
is straight at all," said Thomas.

"Why," said Jacob Small, "how could
we all contrive to go so crooked when the
meadow is so smooth, and nothing to turn
us out of the way?"

"How happened you to go so straight,
Henry?" said Thomas.

"I fixed my eye on that tall pine-tree on
the hill yonder, and never looked away
from it till I reached the fence," answered
Henry.

"I went as straight as I could without
looking at anything but the ground," said
James.

"So did I," said another.

"So did I," replied several voices at
once.

It appears that no one but Henry had
aimed at any particular object.

They attempted to go straight without
any definite aim, but they failed. Men
cannot succeed in anything good without a
definite aim. General purposes, general
resolutions will not avail. You must do as
Henry did—fix upon something distinct
and definite as any object, and go steadily
toward it.

"GIVE ME JESUS."

A POOR African in the Congo Valley
came to a missionary and said:

"My heart is hungry for something, and
I don't know what it is."

The missionary said to him, "It is Je-
sus that you want."

"Then," said the man, while the tears
streamed down his cheeks, "give me Jesus,
for, oh, it is so hungry in here!"

Dear little workers, are you one and all
striving with all the power that is within
you to "give Jesus" to these poor people
who are "so hungry for him?" Oh how I
trust so!