

primary department. Some of them are the poor little asters with a crook. For no fault of theirs, they have been started wrong. Have charity! Deal tenderly with their peculiarities. Don't make them responsible for every oddity. Behind it all is somebody's blunder, one of life's mishaps.

O Charity! thy mission is on the earth, but thy home is in heaven. Thy field of exercise is among men, but thy living birthplace is the bosom of God. An angel's spirit and a human breast for thy tabernacle and a human life as thy field of effort—how blessed is thy mission!

Poor little aster! Angels weep over it though men may refuse. Somebody above is sorry for the crook from which comes a cripple, and somebody above sheds tears of compassion.

Perhaps you as teachers in the primary department can do nothing for the child with a crook except to give your pity and your charity, and then perhaps you can do something else. If some one's theological perversity may have been inflicted on the child, if it have some wrong idea of God, some mutilated conception of the Saviour, it is your blessed opportunity to rectify the mistake, to lift the prostrate plant, to set it right and straight that it may grow up into the symmetry and the beauty of the heavenly gardens.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON 5. (August 2.)

DAVID'S KINDNESS. 2 Sam. 9. 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love" (Rom. 12. 10).

Primary Notes.

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[Sprinkle a handkerchief with cologne and shake it so that the perfume fills the classroom, then talk a little about the sweet odor; now put the cologne and handkerchief out of sight and speak of the fact that though the cause is gone the perfume still remains and gives pleasure. Show rose or spray of roses, and let the class tell why the rose is such a favorite flower, and how even one will make "a room sweet." Sometimes rose leaves are dried and put up in a particular way, so that the sweet smell is kept for years. I have been in a room where the moment I entered I could smell the rose leaves that had bloomed long months, perhaps years, before, but

whose sweetness had never been lost. [Pin the roses near the center of the board.]

It seems to me as if the perfume left in this room after the cologne was put away and the sweetness that comes from the rose leaves is very much like a kind act. Perhaps there comes a day when you do not feel very happy, and in the midst of your loneliness and unhappiness someone does you a kindness; perhaps a friend gives you a bunch of flowers, or maybe it is only a kind word or smile, but the kindness makes not only that day but many days bright and happy for you.

The Bible tells us of many kind acts, the memory of which has lasted all these years, coming down to us like the perfume of the rose. Good King David did such an act of kindness not very long after he was "king over all Israel," and today we are going to remember and talk about it. I am sure we shall go home with our hearts filled with the sweetness of "David's Kindness."

[Print the title at the side of the roses and tell the story found in 2 Sam. 9. 1-13, making the facts as real as possible and bringing out the point that David's kindness was shown to the son of one who had been his enemy. Print "to M—" after "kindness."]

What made David so kind? I am sure it was because his heart was full of love to God; that love made him want to show kindness to those around him, and that is always what follows from having love to God in our hearts. There are many people in the world now who, like David, are making the places where they live sweeter and better for their affectionate deeds.

I know of a man who was once a poor drunkard; one day he was going along the road so drunk that he soon found he could not walk; he lay down and went to sleep with the hot sun beating down on his face. A lady passing by saw and pitied the man, and pulling out her handkerchief spread it gently over his face. He woke sober, and finding the handkerchief his heart was touched with somebody's kindness, and from that day he became a better man; he is no longer a drunkard, but an earnest Christian man; that kindly act has never been forgotten.

But who has set us the best example of kindness? [Print "Jesus's" under "David's," and tell how he has shown kindness to us. Because we have received such kindness what ought we to be? [Repeat and print the Golden Text.] Let us each resolve "I will be kindly affectioned" to everyone, and if we really are our part of the world will be filled with a sweetness more lovely and lasting than that which comes from the rose. [Print "I will" before the Golden Text.]

[Suggest that each child draw at home a picture of the flower he thinks the sweetest.]

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