

THE TRAVELLING MONKEY.

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My master grinds an organ,
And I pick up his money,
And when you see me doing it,
You call it very funny.

But, though I dance and caper, still
I feel at heart forlorn;
I wish I were in monkey land,
The place where I was born.

There grow the great green cocoanuts
Around the palm tree's crown;
I used to climb and pick them off
And hear them—crack!—come down.

There all day long the purple figs
Are dropping from the bough;
There hang the ripe bananas—O,
I wish I had some now!

I'd feast and feast and feast and feast,
And you should have a share;
How pleasant 'tis in monkey land!
O would that I were there!

On some tall tree top's highest bough,
So high the clouds would sail
Just over me, I wish that I
Were swinging by my tail.

I'd swing and swing and swing and
swing;
How merry that would be!
But—O!—a travelling monkey's life
Is very hard for me.

—*Sacred Heart Review.*

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE LIFE OF JESUS.

LESSON X. [June 9.

JESUS APPEARS TO PAUL.

Acts 22. 6-16. Memory verses, 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.—Acts 26. 19.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Who was Saul? A zealous Jew. Whom did he hate? Christians. What did he try to do? Get rid of them. What did he learn one day? That Jesus was still living. How did he learn it? Jesus spoke to him. Where was he going? What for? What stopped him? Who spoke to him? What did he say? What did Saul reply? What change did this make in Saul's life? He became one of the people whom he had hated and despised. What could he never doubt again? That Jesus rose from the dead. By what name was he called soon after this? Paul.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read a wonderful story. Acts 9. 1-12.

Tues. Read the story in the lesson verses. Acts 22. 6-16.

Wed. Find what Paul was called to do. Acts 26. 16.

Thur. Learn whom Paul saw that day. 1 Cor. 15. 8.

Fri. Learn the Golden Text and make it yours.

Sat. Learn what Paul found was true. 1 Tim. 1-15.

Sun. Tell the story of Paul's conversion to some one.

LESSON XI. [June 16.

JESUS APPEARS TO JOHN.

Rev. 1. 9-20. Memory verses, 17, 18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever.—Heb. 13. 8.

QUESTIONS FOR YOU.

Who was "the Beloved Disciple"? To what island was he sent? By whom? The enemies of Jesus. Why did they want to get rid of John? Because he led people to believe in Jesus. Where is the isle of Patmos? It is said to be in the Aegean Sea. What did John hear on the Lord's day? What is the meaning of "Alpha" and "Omega"? What did the voice tell John to write? To whom was he told to send it? Whom did John see in the midst of the golden candlesticks? "One like unto the Son of man." What did he say to John? "Fear not." What did he give him to do? To write the things which he should see and hear.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Rev. 1. 9-20.

Tues. Find how Paul had a vision. 1 Cor. 12. 2-4.

Wed. Read about a golden candlestick. Zech. 4. 2, 3.

Thur. Find why his vision was given. Rev. 1. 1.

Fri. Learn what should make us glad. Golden Text.

Sat. Find something to give courage. Verse 18.

Sun. Try to describe what John saw.

A WISE ANSWER.

A bright young man of wealth and social position, but with bad habits, recently asked a young woman to be his wife. Many girls would have felt flattered and have accepted him. Her answer was sharp and decided: "You say I have qualities you wish in the woman who is to be your wife. I do not know as to that. But there are habits I do not have, and I cannot accept a husband who has them. I do not smoke, or swear, or indulge in wine. I am not in debt. I do not spend my days in idleness or walking the streets with silly, unthinking girls, nor my nights with questionable associates. As you have most of these habits, I am not willing to become your wife. Nothing but misery could come of such a union." It was wisely thought and bravely spoken.—*California Independent.*

A KINDERGARTEN IN SMYRNA.

Miss Bartlett, our missionary in Smyrna, writes about her kindergarten like this. Does it sound like yours?

We had our kindergarten exhibition on Thursday and Friday, and I wish you could have been here. It was all in Armenian. Do you think you would have known what they were saying?

About one hundred people—fathers and mothers and friends—they came to see the little ones; and on the platform we had some "talks," some "gifts" and "occupations," some gymnastics, songs, and games. The babies' talk was on trees—about the nice shade they made for people, and what pretty homes they were for birds and a few animals. We asked the children what things they could think of that were made of trees. They spoke of houses, tables, chairs, and a good many other things. How many can you think of? Then they told all the fruits they could remember that grew on trees. Among others they spoke of a fruit-tree in the Bible that withered away because Jesus found no fruit on it. Then they recited this verse in concert:

We are vines, and God, our King,
Calls on us our fruit to bring;
This the fruit that we must bear—
Loving thought and loving prayer,
Loving word and loving deed,
Loving aid to all who need.

When they told about the winds blowing the leaves, they repeated the verse in Isaiah, "And all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." You see this is a missionary kindergarten, so they use the Bible a great deal. I think you would be surprised to know how many kindergarten things there are in the Bible, if you should look for them.

The children of the second division were about five years old, and they had a Bible talk about Jairus' daughter, showing how Jesus loved the children. They repeated: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God." "And he took them up in his arms, and put his hands upon them, and blessed them"—the very same lovely verses that you have, you see.

The class next older, zoology. They told about the deer, and recited, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." When they told a story about a busy ant, they said: "The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer;" and "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways and be wise."

There are seventy little boys and girls in the Smyrna kindergarten.

The missionaries want a new house for this kindergarten and for the young ladies who are learning to be kindergarten teachers. We think the children would like to help build it—don't you?—*Mission Day-spring.*