#### THE GLAD NEW YEAR

ING, ring, ye gladsome bells, From yonder belfries high! king out your joyful strains From earth to aky ! lo, a stranger comes Kingly and proud, Upon the blast He rideth fast,

Poal out your weldome loud!
Ring merrily,
Ring cheerily,
To the great, the coming year,
The glad New Year!

We'll lift with braver heart. We'll lift with braver heart,
Life's burden once again,
We'll act a nobler part
Among our fellow-men;
Hope's flowers again shall bloom
Along life's dusty ways.
And murinurings and sighs
Shall change to prayer and praise.
Faith shall with clearer vision
Lock toward the coming days. Look toward the coming days, When neace shall o'er division Reign with benignant rays; When man to man as brother Shall lond a helping hand, And God a blest benediction Rost on our smiling land !

Ring, ring, ye bells!
Ring loud, ring high!
Peal out your merry cheer
From earth to sky,
To greet the glad New Year!

— American II -American Rural Home.

### TAKE OUT YOUR TAPE STRING.

"I am too big to take an insult. Nobody shall call me a liar," says Tim, as he swells and swaggers and struts, as if he were king of all the Bantams, and flourishes fists about as big as two peanuts.

"Reave fellow!" cries the crowd.

John says, "Somebody called me a liar, and I am too big to notice it by a fight," and he quietly walks away.
"Coward!" cries the crowd.

Now, who is the bigger of the two! Take out your tape-string to them. The best test of size is to see what will be done when the cry is raised, "Fire! Fire! Baby up stairs, left in its cradle!"

Who will go upstairs the quicker of the two, the king of the Bantams, or the other boy?

Watch when a shriek comes from the wharf, "Boy overboard!" Who will take a cold bath first, Tim or John!

#### HOW A HOG FOUNDED A CITY.

A traveller says: "I have just returned from the shores of Lake Superior, where I spent some time visiting the copper regions, said to be the greatest in the world. Throughout the rocky, barren Kewcenaw Peninsula, good for nothing as farming land, the immense copper deposits have caused large towns to spring up, and they now give employment to tens of thousands of men.

"About eighteen years ago a pig strayed from the drove to which it belonged, and fell into a pit on 2 spot where the city of Calamut nov stands. In rooting about it uncovered a mass of native copper, and thus revealed to the world the scene of the greatest copper mine ever known. As the result of the pig's rooting, humanity is now \$50 000 000 richer in the use of the copper there discovered, and the stockholders, who, aided by the pig, have helped the world to this wealth, have received \$30,000,000 for their trouble."

### LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 640-622.] LESSON I. [Jan. 3. OBIAH AND THE BOOK OF THE LAW.

Commit to mem. v 1 2 Kings 28. 1-13. GOLDEN TEXT.

He did that which was right in the sight of the Lord. 2 Kings 22. 2.

OUTLINE.

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1. The Righteous King, v. 1, 2.
2. The House of the Lord, v. 3-7.
3. The Book of the Law, v. 8-13.
Time.—Josiah's accession, c40 is C. Main incident, 622 is C. In Greek history, 39th Olympiad. Year of Rome, 131.

Place —Jorusalem, capital of Judah.
Explanations.—The way of Dacid his father.—"Father" is often used meaning "ancestor." The way means the example. He followed the example of his ancestor, King David. Shaphan the scribe—Shaphan the writer or secretary. He was the king's private secretary. Bock of the law—Some portion of what now forms our Old Testament. It was a roll or parchment which had been covered up and lost in the decay of the temple. Rent his cooling.—The approved and formal way of expressing grief, augor, or sorrow. The act is frequently mentioned in the Scriptures. the Scriptures.

TRACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. To be careful of God's house?

2. To be faithful in his service?

3. To be careful of his word?

THE LESSON CATEORISM.

1. Who was Josiah? The best of all the kings of Judah. 2. What is said of Josiah in the GOLDEN TEXT? He did, etc. 3 What good work did he do? He destroyed the idols in Judah. 4. What lost book was found during his reign? The book of God's law. 5. What did Josiah do with the law?

He read and obeyed it.
DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION. The Word of God. CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

1 What do you mean by religion? Our whole duty to God our Creator.
2. How may you divide that duty? Into two parts: What we have to believe; and what we have to do.

B.C. 610-599.] LESSON II. [Jan. 10. JEREMIAH PREDICTING THE CAPTIVITY.

Jer. S. 20-22, d 9, 1-16. Commit to memory verses S. 20.22.

GOLDEN TRXT.

The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. Jer. S. 20. OUTLINE.

 A Weeping Prophet, v. 20-22, and 1, 2.
 A Guilty People, v. 3-8.
 A Desolate Land, v. 9-16.
 TIME —Reign of Jeholakim, perhaps 609
 B.O. In Greece, the 42nd Olympiad. Year B.O. In Gree of Rome, 144.

of Rome, 144.

Place.—Same as Lesson I, Jerusalem.

ENPLANATIONS.—The daughter of my reople—A poetic way of speaking of the nation. Wayfaring men—Men, taring, or going along the way; travollers. Utterly suppliant—To underplant; to forcibly crown another up out of his rightful place. Den of dragons—An abode of venomous serpents. Wormwood—A bitter herb. Gal. to drink—A bitter fluid secreted by the liver. The two bitterest things to which the speaker could allude, and hence used to signify the bitter punishment which God would send.

Trackings of the Lesson

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—
1. That neglect of opportunity endangers the soul ?

That the sins of the wicked are an

affliction to God's people?

3. That the path of obedience is the path

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. When did the prophet Jeremiah live? In the last days of Judah. 2. What did he foretell? The fall of the kingdom. 3. By what name is he often called? The weeping prophet. 4. Over what did he weep? His people's sins and God's wrath. 5. What words of Jeremiah concerning his people are given in the Golden Text? The harvest is past, etc. Doctrinal Suggestion. Outpersons.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

3. Who is the great Teacher of religion?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Redeemer.

4. What do you call his religion? Chris-

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