

MATTIE.

HASTING to school
On a Sunday morning,
Mattie is bright as the day;
Up with the birds
Was she at the dawning,
Singing her Sabbath lay.

Dressed in her best,
She trips along lightly,
Strong is her footstep and bold;
Clasped in her hand
Is her Bible so tightly,
Her Bible more precious than gold.

She will remember
All that is taught her,
To mother each word will repeat;
For Mattie, be sure,
Is a dutiful daughter,
Loving and gentle and sweet.

"The light of the house,"
Says the proud, happy mother,
And father, he echoes the same.
Why, pray, is she better
Than many another?
"She's a dear Christian child!" they
exclaim.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

B.C. 1060] [Sept. 29

1 Sam. 25. 23-31, and 35-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And b. not drunk with wine, wherein is
excess. Eph. 5. 18.

OUTLINE.

1. Selfishness, v. 23-31.
2. Drunkenness, v. 35-33.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Why did David wander in the wilderness?
For fear of Saul.
Of whom did he ask food at one time?
Nabal, a rich man.
What kind of a man was Nabal? Cruel
and selfish.
How did he treat David? Very rudely.
How did David feel about Nabal's anger?
He became angry too.
Was this right? No; it was wrong.
What did David tell his men to do? To
kill Nabal.
Who was Nabal's wife? Abigail.
What kind of a woman was she? Good
and kind.
What did she take to David? Food.

What did she ask him to do? To forgive
her husband.

Of what did she gently remind him?
That it was wrong to be angry.

How did David receive her words? In
the right spirit.

Who gave a great feast in his house?
Nabal.

Why did not Abigail tell him at first
what she had done? Because he was
drunken.

What did Abigail know? That a drun-
ken man cannot understand.

What happened to Nabal ten days after
this? The Lord smote him, and he died.

What does a drunken man's life show?
That God punishes selfishness.

To what does selfishness often lead?
To habits of drink.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Strong Drink makes foolish.
Strong Drink confuses the mind.
Strong Drink shuts up the heart.
Strong Drink is an enemy to God.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The sin of
selfishness.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

27. *But will he save all mankind?* We
can be saved only by repenting and
believing in the Lord Jesus Christ.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 1048] **LESSON I.** [Oct. 6

THE TRIBES UNITED UNDER DAVID.

2 Sam. 5. 1-12.

Commit to mem. vs. 1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity.
Psa. 133. 1.

OUTLINE.

1. David in Hebron, v. 1-5.
2. David in Jerusalem, v. 5-12.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where was David at the time of Saul's
death? At Ziklag.
How did he know that he was to be king?
The Lord had said so.
Where did David go to live after Saul's
death? To Hebron.
What did the men of Judah do? They
made David their king.
How long did he reign over Judah?
Seven years and a half.
What did all the tribes then do? They
came to David at Hebron.
Who was made king of all Israel?
David.

Where did David go to live? To Jeru-
salem.

Who had possession of Jerusalem? The
Jebusites.

Who were the Jebusites? A heathen
people.

What was David's first work? To drive
them out.

Who helped to build a palace for David?
Hiram, king of Tyre.

Where was David's palace built? On
Mount Zion.

What was Jerusalem called? The city
of David.

Why did David grow great? Because
God was with him.

What did God give to him? Victory,
and strength, and riches.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Once David was a poor shepherd boy;
now he was a great king.

The poorest and weakest child in the
world may become one of God's royal
family, and heir to a kingdom which will
last forever.

"With Jesus, my Saviour, I'm the child
of a King."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—God's care.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

28. *What is it to repent?* To repent is
to be sorry for my sins, to confess and turn
from them, and to seek forgiveness from
God.

WHO DID THE WRONG?

BOBBIE MOORE had a beautiful little pet
rabbit. It had soft, white fur and bright,
pink eyes and pretty, long ears. Bobbie
thought a great deal of it. There were
some little neighbour boys who saw it and
were naughty in that they wanted it for
their own. Bobbie would not give it away,
or sell it, but still the boys wanted it. They
said: "Let us go at night and take it."
They did not think that Bobbie would see it
at their house and know that they had
taken it. But when they talked it over,
they said: "We won't do it ourselves. We
will get somebody else to do it for us, then
we can say we did not do it." So they got
another boy to take it for them, and when
they were asked about it they said they did
not take it.

But, don't you see, they were just as
naughty as if they did? We cannot put
the blame of wrong things on other people
in that way. If we think naughty things
and let other people do them, when we
could stop them, we are the ones to blame.
We must do right ourselves, and we must
not let others do wrong if we can help it.