

scolding! One more troublesome question was disposed of, and there was one less possible cause of friction between mother and child.

Now the baked apple method is capable of wide application.

—The Interior

"WHO FIRST LOVED ME"

(FOR FIVE CHILDREN)

Saviour! teach me day by day,
Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

With a childlike heart of love,
At Thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Teach me all Thy steps to trace,
Strong to follow in Thy grace;
Learning how to love from Thee,
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ,
In obedience all her joy;
Ever new that joy will be,
Loving Him—

Who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show
That I feel the love I owe;
Singing, till Thy face I see,
Of His love—

Who first loved me

FULFILLING HIS PROMISES

In the Lessons of the Third Quarter, the central human figure was Moses. The little ones must have learned to understand and admire him more than ever as they have followed the story of his life. But now we come to the time when Moses passes away; and in the Lessons of this Quarter we see men like Joshua and Caleb and Gideon and Samuel, and women like Naomi and Ruth standing out in the sacred story.

But while Moses has gone, the God of Moses remains. He has led His people

across the wilderness, keeping always before them the land promised to their fathers. The time has now come for the Israelites to enter into this land and make their home in it. The entrance of God's people into Canaan, and the blessings and duties of life in Canaan form the topic for the Quarter. The central thought, then, which mothers and teachers may keep before the children as they study these lessons, is: **THE LORD FULFILLING HIS PROMISES.**

We see the Lord fulfilling His promises:

Lesson 1. By encouraging His servant—and thus preparing him and his followers for the toils and dangers that lay before them.

2. By bringing His people through the Jordan—a miracle which impressed on them their need of God's help.

3. By overcoming their enemies in such a way as led them to trust not in their own strength, but in God's.

4. By rewarding a faithful follower—from whose story we learn that God remembers all faithful service.

5. By restraining human wrath—providing shelter for the manslayer in the cities of refuge, which are a picture of Christ.

6. By warning against idolatry—so that the people might learn that God required their individual love.

7. By punishing the rebellious—revealing in this way His hatred of sin, which is as intense now as then.

8. By warning against intemperance—which was bringing misery into the land that He intended to be happy.

9. By giving strength to the trusting—showing by the example of Gideon's three hundred that He will make us strong against temptations.

10. By teaching love to others—not those of their own race only, but also to foreigners such as Ruth.

11. By sending a message of judgment—which the child Samuel was chosen to bear to Eli.

12. By answering His servant's prayer—and granting deliverance to His people.

"If we believe not, yet He abideth faithful: He cannot deny Himself."