

HOW TO BE HAPPY.

Are you almost disgusted

With life, little man?

I will tell you a wonderful trick
That will bring you contentment,

If anything can—

Do something for somebody, quick;

Do something for somebody, quick!

Are you awfully tired

With play, little girl?

Weary, discouraged and sick?

I'll tell you the loveliest

Game in the world—

Do something for somebody, quick;

Do something for somebody, quick!

Though it rains like the rain

Of the flood, little man,

And the clouds are forbidding and thick,

You can make the sun shine

In your soul, little man—

Do something for somebody, quick;

Do something for somebody, quick!

Though the skies are like brass,

Overhead, little girl,

And the walk like a well-heated brick,

And are earthly affairs

In a terrible whirl?

Do something for somebody, quick;

Do something for somebody, quick!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

LESSON VII. [May 17.]

PAUL BEFORE FELIX.

Acts 24. 10-16, 24-26. Mem. vs. 14-16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will fear no evil; for thou art with me.—Psa. 23. 4.

THE LESSON STORY.

When Paul was being hurried away through the night from Jerusalem to Casarea, protected by hundreds of armed soldiers, he must have been resting in his soul, for had not the Lord stood by him in the night, promising that he should yet be a witness for him at Rome? He knew that he would be protected by his best Friend, and so when, after five days, his accusers came from Jerusalem—the high priest and the elders and an orator to speak for them—and they were brought before Felix, the governor, Paul had no fear. After the orator had brought his false charges against Paul, the governor beckoned to him to rise, and answer them, which he did in a simple, manly way, confessing his faith in God and in the resurrection. Then Felix said he would do nothing more until the chief captain should come, and he gave him his liberty, with a centurion to guard him. After

a few days, Felix sent for Paul again to talk with him, and also with his wife Drusilla, about faith in Christ. That was a great opportunity for Paul, and he made the most of it, reasoning of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, until Felix trembled. But he dared not do right. "Go thy way for this time," he said; "when I have a convenient season I will call for thee."

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where was Paul taken? To Casarea.

Who by? A company of soldiers.

To whom was he taken? To Felix, the governor.

Who had sent him? The chief captain.

Who came soon after? The men who accused Paul.

What did they say of Paul? False things.

How did Paul speak. Like a Christian.

Was he sentenced? No.

Whom did he talk with afterward? Felix and Drusilla.

What about? About faith in Christ.

What did Felix do? He trembled.

What did he say? "Go thy way for this time."

LESSON VIII. [May 24.]

PAUL BEFORE AGRIPPA.

Acts 26. 19-29. Memorize vs. 27-29.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Having, therefore, obtained help of God, I continue unto this day.—Acts 26. 22.

THE LESSON STORY.

Paul was a prisoner in Casarea for two years, because Felix did not wish to displease the Jews, but when he went away, and a new governor, called Festus, came, the chief priests tried again to have Paul sent to Jerusalem. Festus would not do this. He said they would have to come to Casarea. When they came he asked Paul if he would go to Jerusalem to be judged, but Paul said he would not be judged by the Jews, but would go to Rome to be judged by the emperor. "I appeal to Caesar," he said, and Festus said he should go to Caesar, for he was a Roman citizen. So the priests went back angry and disappointed. While Paul was waiting for the ship, Herod Agrippa, a proud king, with his sister, Berenice, came to visit Festus, and, hearing about Paul, said that he would like to hear him speak. So he came before the king and the princess and the governor, and chief men of the city, chained to the soldier who kept him, and made one of the most wonderful speeches that has ever been uttered. Festus told Paul that much learning had made him mad, but Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Was he jesting or in earnest? We cannot tell. (Read Paul's beautiful reply to him in verse 29.)

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Who was the new governor? Festus.

What did the Jews try to do? Get Paul to Jerusalem.

Why? That they might kill him on the way.

What did Festus say? He left it to Paul.

What did Paul choose? To be tried at Rome.

Who came about this time. King Agrippa.

What did he wish to hear? To hear Paul speak.

What did Paul speak about? His conversion.

What did the king say to Paul? (Verse 28.)

Did Agrippa ever become a Christian? No.

What did they say of Paul? That he had done no crime.

What did he wait for? A ship going toward Rome.

AN IRON EGG.

In a certain museum in Germany there is to be seen a large iron egg, now very rusty. The story about this egg is that there was once a German prince about to marry, and a little time before the ceremony, the expected present from the prince was delivered to the young lady, who was very eager to see it; but when she opened it, to her astonishment and disgust, she saw a large iron egg. She threw it down in a passion, but when it struck the floor, a secret spring was pressed, the egg flew open, and a silver yolk came out. This pleased her better, so she picked it up, and, touching another secret spring, out of the silver yolk came a golden yolk. This she fingered until another spring was pressed, and then a beautiful jewelled crown came out of the golden yolk. Again there was a secret spring in the crown, and out of that came an engagement ring. Imagine the lady's great joy and delight that the ugly iron egg should have conveyed such a lovely present to her. Some people treat their Bibles like iron eggs, and never find the jewels inside.

A SAILOR'S PLEDGE.

Returning recently from Hong-Kong, an old sailor had an accident, and was badly scalded; he was very ill. When he began to recover, the doctor said: "You must take some port wine." "No," said the old sailor, "I am a teetotaler." "But," said the doctor, "you need it to strengthen you." "Doctor," said the old man, "do you think I will die if I don't take the wine?" "Yes," said the doctor. "Then," said the sailor, "when you get into St. Katherine's docks, go round to the little temperance room and tell them that the old man died sober." But he did not die!