

A BOYS SUGGESTION.

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PEOPLE talk about the bounty
Of the lad that never smokes,
And never plays a game of cards,
And always minds his folks:

What a manly-looking fellow
He will make in manhood's years!
With a healthy constitution
And a heart that has no fears.

This kind of talk is good enough
For any one to teach,
If folks would only bring to mind
To "practice what they preach."

I've had the deacon lecture me
On things like this enough,
While with the other hand he'd take
Another pinch of snuff

And then he'd tell me solemnly,
With a face as long again,
To remember while at play,
That the boys will make the men.

Now to those who're always talking,
With an everlasting noise,
I'd say, to make us good or bad,
'Tis the men that make the boys.

If the people round about us
Set examples good enough,
Boys who now are closely watching
Will not drink nor chew nor snuff

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

AD. 44] LESSON VI. [Nov. 6

PETER DELIVERED FROM PRISON.

Acts 12. 1-17. Memory verses, 5-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear him, and delivereth them.—Psa. 34. 7.

Who did all he could to hurt the Christians at Jerusalem? A wicked king named Herod.

Whom did he kill with the sword? James, one of the apostles

Who were glad of it? The Jews, who hated all Jesus' disciples.

When Herod saw they were pleased, what else did he do? He put Peter in prison, meaning to kill him.

How was Peter guarded? He was chained to two soldiers, and watched by others.

What happened the night before Peter was to be put to death? An angel spoke to him while he was asleep.

What did the angel tell him to do? To rise up quickly and follow him.

How could Peter go when he was chained? His chains fell off, and the doors opened of themselves.

What did Peter think at first? He thought that he was dreaming.

When Peter knew that God had delivered him, where did he go? To his friends, who were together praying for him.

When Peter knocked at the door what did the maid do? She left him standing at the door while she ran and told all the people that Peter was there.

Did the people believe her? No they could not believe it was true until they saw Peter themselves.

Can you repeat the Golden Text? Is it just as true for us to-day as it was for Peter?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What command did God give to our first parents in the garden of Eden? He commanded them not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Did they keep this command? No: they did eat of the tree.

A.D. 45.] LESSON VII [Nov. 13.

THE FIRST CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES

Acts 13. 1-12. Memory verses, 2-4.

GOLDEN TEXT.

That repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.—Luke 24. 47

What did the Holy Spirit tell the Christians in Antioch to do? "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them."

What was this work? Preaching to the Gentiles.

Do you suppose everybody in Antioch had believed on Jesus? O, no; there were thousands of people there who had not believed.

Does God want us then to wait till every one in our country is a Christian before we send missionaries to other nations? No, for the more we work for other nations the more we shall do for our own.

What had Jesus told his disciples to do? To "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Is this command for us, too?

Where did Saul and Barnabas go first? To Cyprus, an island in the Mediterranean Sea.

While they were there who asked to hear them preach? The governor of the island.

Who tried to keep him from believing what they said? A wicked man, named Elymas.

How did Saul say he would be punished? He said that God would make him blind.

Did he become blind at once? Yes, he had to get some one to lead him home.

Could he keep the governor from believing in Jesus? No, he was astonished at what was done, and believed at once.

What did Saul and his company do? They went away to preach to other people.

What did Saul begin now to be called? Paul.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

What evil did they bring upon themselves thereby? They lost the favour of God, were condemned to pain and death, and were driven out of the garden.

Did their sin hurt any beside themselves? Yes, their sin hurt all mankind

THE EMPEROR BORROWS A BOOK.

KWANG-SEU, Emperor of China, is about twenty years old. He is the ruler of nobody knows how many people, at least six or seven times as many as there are in the United States. He has palaces, servants, fine clothes, every thing he wants, but there is one thing that is as hard for a king as for an American boy or girl. Some wise old fellow truly said "There is no royal road to learning." He meant that when it comes to learning letters or geography or grammar or anything else, you have to do your own studying, and you can't do it any better if you sit on a gold throne with diamonds on your crown and an ivory sceptre in your hand.

Last year the Emperor Kwang-seu took it into his head to learn English, and he summoned two educated Chinese to teach him. One comes one day, the other the next—a queer way, but it suits the Chinese. The first thing these teachers wanted for their grown-up primary scholar was a primer. So the call went out. "A primer for the Emperor" Who has an English picture-primer for the lord of the Celestial Empire? For good English primers are almost as scarce in that country as good Chinese primers would be in New York or Chicago. But they found one at last; it was a "Model First Reader," and it belonged to Frances Taft, a little American girl, whose father and mother are Methodist missionaries at Peking. The Emperor ought to be satisfied with it, for of course what is good enough for an American girl is good enough for anybody, but shouldn't you like a peep at his celestial majesty in study hours when he is learning to spell c-a-t—cat, and b-a-t—bat, out of Miss Frances' book?—*Sunday-school Advocate.*

"LET JESUS IN."

A WEE little girl was playing Sabbath school. She sang and talked as if she were a teacher with a class. She told the scholars they must read the Bible and mind what papa and mamma say. After a while she looked toward the door and quickly said, "Let Jesus in." She thought Jesus was standing there waiting to come in. Jesus does stand at the door of our hearts, and wants us to let him come in. To love Jesus with all our hearts is to let him come in.