

AN OPINION.

I don't know what my daddy does,
But I've a sort of whim
That when I get to be a man
I'd like to be like him!

For he's the finest chum I have.
It doesn't matter what
He does to me, I think he's best
Of all the friends I've got!

Why, even when he takes his hand
And spans me, and I cry,
I cannot truly help but see
A look in daddy's eye

Which shows me, though he doesn't
spare
My feelings with his hand,
He loves me more than anything
That lives on sea or land.

And so I say, if some time I
Have little boys like his,
I hope that I'll be to them as
To me my daddy is!

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED
IN THE GOSPELS.

LESSON XI.—MARCH 18.

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness.—Matt. 4. 23.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. What is the first lesson about? The shepherds find Jesus
2. What is the lesson for me? To rejoice and worship the Saviour.
3. What is the second lesson about? The wise men find Jesus.
4. What is the lesson for me? To seek Jesus earnestly.
5. What is the third lesson about? The Boy Jesus.
6. What is the lesson for me? To be about our Father's business.
7. What is the fourth lesson about? The baptism of Jesus.
8. What is the lesson for me? To set a good example ourselves.
9. What is the fifth lesson about? The temptation of Jesus.
10. What is the lesson for me? To pray when tempted.
11. What is the sixth lesson about? Jesus calling fishermen.
12. What is the lesson for me? Jesus calls each little child to do some work.

13. What is the seventh lesson about? A day of miracles in Capernaum.

14. What is the lesson for me? Jesus can cure our ugly tempers if we will let him.

15. What is the eighth lesson about? Jesus' power to forgive.

16. What is the lesson for me? If we have faith he will forgive our sins.

17. What is the ninth lesson about? Jesus tells who are blessed.

18. What is the lesson for me? Are we like the blessed ones Christ speaks of?

19. What is the tenth lesson about? The tongue and the temper.

20. What is the lesson for me? Let Jesus bridle our lips.

LESSON XII.—MARCH 25.

TEMPERANCE LESSON.

Prov. 23. 29-35. Memorize verse 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder.—Prov. 23. 32.

THE LESSON STORY.

How many good things to eat God in his kindness has put on this earth! What a lovely world it is we live in! We have all seen the big ripe grapes on the vines. How rich they are and how good to eat! But what a pity when man takes these beautiful grapes, crushes them all up, sometimes in not a very clean way, and then lets the juice turn sour! Also the lovely rosy or yellow-skinned apples. We know how good they are to eat, but when they are crushed like the grapes and allowed to rot they are no longer a healthful food. In the same way rye and barley when put to their proper use make good, wholesome food, which makes people healthy and strong, but when allowed to decay and fermented into whiskey and beer it is no good as a food, and indeed does the body a great deal of harm.

How sad that these good products of nature should be turned to such a wrong use. For when they are made into wines and liquors they are poison that destroys not only the body but the souls of the people. That is the dreadful part, for their use nearly always leads to all sorts of misery and unhappiness. It is unsafe to touch the beautiful sparkling liquid, for although it looks so pretty it can do you more harm than the bite of a serpent or the sting of an adder. If we never touch it it cannot get any power over us.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. Are grapes, apples, rye and barley good for one? Yes, they are good food.
2. When they are rotted and made into liquors are they good food? No, they are a poison.
3. Will they do the body harm? Yes, and the soul also.
4. What brings about more sorrow and wretchedness than any other? The use of intoxicants.

5. What does "intoxicants" mean? That which takes away our reason and makes us like beasts.

RALPH'S MISTAKE.

"I don't want to play with Walter any more, mother; he is not a nice boy at all," said Ralph.

"What has Walter been doing?" asked mother, looking into the earnest brown eyes of her little son.

"I was sailing my boat in the brook back of the garden, and I anchored her and came to the well for a drink, and while I was away somebody upset her in the water."

"And you think it was Walter?"

"Oh, I'm sure he did it! Nobody else was there."

"Perhaps Walter is innocent; and you ought to return good for evil, anyway, you know. Take this apple and give it to Walter, and here is a rosy one for yourself. Don't have any quarrel over the boat."

Ralph hesitated a moment, and then trudged sturdily off with the apples. The little boys were together all the afternoon, and Ralph did not once refer to the upsetting of his boat, although he was certain that his companion knew something of the matter.

The following morning Ralph again went to the brook with his boat. Again, while the "Jenny" was lying peacefully at anchor, he went into the garden for some pebbles to serve as a cargo, and presently, on peering through the bushes to see if his craft were safe, he gave vent to a startled "Oh!"

A big yellow dog had run down the opposite slope and plunged into the brook for a bath, and the waves thus formed caused the little "Jenny" to capsiz.

"Shoo! Shoo!" cried Ralph, rushing to the spot and driving away the intruder.

The boat was drawn from the water and dried in the warm sunshine, and soon was sailing to and fro as lightly as ever, while her little master resolved that he would not again blame his boy friend for the faults of a big yellow dog.

NOT COUNTED OUT.

While conversing with two little boys on their first day at school, Mrs. Brown asked, "How many children has your mother, Tom?" "Four." "No, she ain't got but three," interrupted Fred, "for the baby's dead." "Now, Fred, if somebody should go up home and ask mamma how many children she has, would she leave us out just because we are here at school? The baby is in heaven, but she belongs to mamma yet. Yes, Mrs. Brown, mamma has four children."

For health, rise early; to be happy, be honest.