

LITTLE THINGS.

Only a drop in the bucket,
But every drop will tell;
The bucket would soon be empty
Without the drops in the well.

Only a poor little penny.
It was all I had to give,
But as pennies make the dollars,
It will help some cause to live.

A few little bits of ribbon,
Some toys—they were not new—
But they made the sick child happy,
Which has made me happy too.

A word now and then of comfort,
That costs me nothing to say,
But the poor old man died happy,
And it helped him on the way.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT FROM
ELIJAH TO ISAIAH.

LESSON VIII.—NOVEMBER 19.

Neh. 1. 1-11. Memorize verses 8, 9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.—James 5. 16.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who was Nehemiah? A Jew. Where did he live? In Persia. Why was this? He had been taken captive. What did the king of Persia give him to do? He made him his cupbearer. Who was the king of Persia? Artaxerxes. Why did Nehemiah love his own country? Because it was the Lord's land. What did he hear one day? Bad news from home. Who brought him this news? A Jew named Hanani. What did he say about Jerusalem? That the people were in great trouble. What had been broken down? The walls of the city. What had been burned? The gates of the city. Why was this a sad thing? Because now enemies could come in. What did Nehemiah do when he heard this? He wept for sorrow and prayed to God. What did he ask of the Lord? That he might go and build up the walls. What did he fear? That the king would not let him go. What did he ask of God. To make the king willing.

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Read the prayer Nehemiah made. Neh. 1. 1-11.
Tues. Read how God answered his prayer. Neh. 2. 1-8.
Wed. Learn why God had sent trouble upon Jerusalem. Dan. 9. 11.
Thur. Find out how Jerusalem had been destroyed. 2 Kings 25. 8-10.

Fri. See how Nehemiah was welcomed. Neh. 2. 18.

Sat. Does God always keep his promise? Deut. 7. 6-11.

Sun. Read about the Lord's house. Psa. 100.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned—

1. When in trouble pray to God.
2. When in trouble find if you have been wrong, and confess your sin.
3. When in trouble expect that if you do your part God will help you.

LESSON IX.—NOVEMBER 26.

(World's Temperance Sunday.)

ABSTINENCE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.
1 Cor. 10. 23-33. Memorize verses 31-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.—1 Cor. 10. 12.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What was Paul? A great and good missionary. What did he sometimes do to help the churches he had started? He wrote letters to them. To what church was this letter written? To the one in Corinth. What had the Corinthians been before they knew Paul? What had he taught them? That there is but one God. What did some do after Paul went away? Ate meat offered to idols. Did this hurt the meat? What did Paul say would hurt them? To do what they felt was wrong. What did Paul say Christians ought to do? Deny themselves for the sake of others. What does not commend us to God? Our outward acts. What does he look to see? Can selfishness ever please God? Against whom do we sin when we sin against a weak one? Why should Christians refuse to drink wine?

DAILY STEPS.

Mon. Learn a verse which will help you to understand the lesson. Rom. 15. 1.
Tues. Read the lesson verses. 1 Cor. 10. 23-33.
Wed. Read more on the subject from Paul. 1 Cor. 8. 1-12.
Thur. Learn a solemn warning. Golden Text.
Fri. Find something better than good things to eat or drink. Rom. 14. 17.
Sat. Read about the true spirit of unselfishness. Phil. 2. 3-8.
Sun. Read and think about the "Love Chapter." 1 Cor. 13.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

We have learned that—

1. We must deny self for the sake of others.
2. When our example harms another we hurt Christ.
3. True love seeks to help everybody.

A LESSON IN POLITENESS.

"I was so ashamed, Willie, when I had to remind you to thank Mrs. Foster for the book she gave you on your birthday," said Mother Thomas to her little son, Willie.

"Why, mother," was his reply, "you always said you wanted me to be honest and truthful. I don't like the book at all. It is too babyish for me."

"I do want you to be honest and truthful," said his mother, "but you can be so without being rude. Mrs. Foster hasn't any boys, and perhaps she doesn't know very well the kind of reading a boy likes; but the book is bound very prettily, and it certainly was kind of her to remember you and send you a present. Don't you think so?"

"Yes, mother," said Willie.

"Well, then, don't you see how you could honestly feel grateful to her for the gift just because it showed her kind feeling toward you, even though you don't care for the gift itself?"

"I see now," said Willie. "If I had thought of that I would have thanked her as soon as I had a chance. But I didn't know how I could be polite and honest too."

"I am glad you are trying to be truthful," said his mother, "but you must remember that although God says lying lips are an abomination to him, he also tells us to be courteous and to be kind one to another, speaking the truth in love."

"There is a little rhyme I would like you to learn, for it is a very good definition of true politeness:

"Politeness is to do and say

The kindest thing in the kindest way."

THE HABIT OF DELAY.

Albert had just commenced to shell the corn which his father had told him to do when his eye fell on a reed which he often used. He dearly loved music, and down went the corn while Albert picked up the reed and began to run the scale. Then he tried some airs which he knew quite well, and then began to pick out a new tune which was quite puzzling. In this way a half-hour had soon passed and his father began to be impatient and called him. But the boy was so occupied with his reed that the call made no impression on him and he was only aroused when his father appeared in the door.

How much better if he had done his work first. It will be worth a great deal to boys and girls not to delay when anything is to be done. There will be time for pleasure when you have accomplished your task, and you will enjoy it a great deal better when duty has been well done. "Pretty soon," and "by and by" have caused a great deal of trouble. Have nothing to do with them.