

LEFT OR RIGHT.

"Which do you choose,  
Left or right?"  
Asked Willie Wilkins  
Of Susie White.

Susie smiled, then  
Dropped her head.  
"I choose the best one,"  
She wisely said.

"Which shall we choose,  
Wrong or right?"  
Will, grown older,  
Asked Susie White.

Susie grown wiser,  
Lifted her head.  
"Let's choose the best way,"  
Sweet Susie said.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

LESSON VI. [Aug. 8.

WORKING AND WAITING FOR CHRIST.

1 Thess. 4. 9 to 5. 2. Memory verses, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.—John 14. 3.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What good news did Silas and Timothy bring to Paul?

Why did they stay in Macedonia?  
To whom did Paul write a letter one evening?

How were letters written in those days?  
How were they carried?

What is this letter called in the Bible?  
Where was Paul when he wrote it?

What did he urge the Thessalonians to do?

To whom did he speak words of comfort?  
Why should not Christians mourn for the dead like others?

Why do we believe in the resurrection?  
Can we know when Jesus will come again?

What is our part to do?

LESSONS FOR ME.

To grow in the grace of loving.  
To be faithful and diligent.  
To work for Jesus and wait for him?

LESSON VII. [Aug. 15.

ABSTAINING FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.

1 Cor. 8. 1-13. Memory verses, 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For none of us liveth to himself.—Rom. 14. 7.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

What was the result of Paul's work in Corinth?

What happened after he went away?  
How did Paul try to help them?  
By whom did he send the letter?

Did it do the Corinthians good?  
What had many of these Christians been?

What was a common custom in Corinth?  
To have feasts in idol temples.

What did some of these Corinthians do?  
Go to these feasts.

What did Paul urge them to do?  
To deny themselves.

Why should Christians now refuse to drink wine?

Why should we deny ourselves for the sake of others?

How can we often help another?  
By our good example.

MY PLEDGE.

"For Jesus' sake"—  
I will try to do right myself.  
I will try to help others to do right.  
I will remember that "I am not my own."

ANNIE OR LUCY?

BY SALLY CAMPBELL.

Annie went to church every Sunday morning, and to Sunday-school every Sunday afternoon. Lucy never went to church or Sunday-school, for Lucy was pale and weak, and lay in bed all day long; but Annie was round and rosy and healthy. Annie's mother taught her the Golden Text and told her the lesson story every week before Sunday came. Lucy had no lesson paper to tell her what the Golden Text was, or the story. But every Sunday morning, when her mother had made her comfortable and kissed her good-bye, and she heard the many footsteps passing along the street outside her window, she put her little thin hand over her eyes, and asked God to bless the prayers and the hymns and the sermon and all the people. And when her mother came back they talked it over together. When Annie was in church, she spent the time looking at the bonnets and the dresses, and thinking of school and recess and the other girls. And when she woke up on Monday morning, she did not take the Golden Text and the Bible thoughts about with her, to make her obedient and faithful and sweet. Some of her playmates thought she was "proud," and her mother was afraid that she was selfish. But all through the week Lucy tried to be patient and good, and every day her mother thanked God for her little daughter. And the neighbours' children who came in to see her, when they went away again, felt somehow that it was a mean thing to do wrong, and a lovely thing to do right.

Which of these two little girls, Annie, or Lucy, did more for God's church in our big world—the one who always went to church and Sunday-school, and always knew her lesson, or the one who never went and never knew her lesson? What do you children think is the best way to help the church?

AN EYE TO THE FUTURE.

There is a legend of a man wrecked at sea and borne by the waves to an unknown shore. At once he was conducted by the inhabitants to a palace and saluted with reverence.

Asking an explanation, he was told that "once a year the people took some one who reached their shores in this way and made him king. They obeyed all his commands, and he reigned in majesty and splendour for the period of a year."

"But what will become of me at the expiration of the year?"

"You will be placed in an open boat and conveyed to an island beyond the horizon, uninhabited and desolate."

"What will be my fate then?"

"It is to be expected that you will there starve."

Like his predecessors, the new king at first gave himself up to feasting and drinking. But toward the close of the year he called his chief adviser to him and said:

"Am I still king?"

"You are."

"And will the people obey all my commands?"

"Everyone, until the last moment."

"Then," said he, "I will devote the rest of the year to sending forward provisions and all necessaries for my comfort on that island beyond the horizon."

There was One who said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal, for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER.

Dear Father, whom I cannot see,  
Smile down from heaven on little me.  
Let angels through the darkness spread  
Their holy wings about my bed.  
And keep me safe, because I am  
The heavenly Shepherd's little lamb.  
Dear God our Father, watch and keep  
Father and mother while they sleep.

A bright little fellow of four summers awoke one morning, and, turning to his grandmother, said: "Grandma, I dreamed that I had a carriage last night." "Did you?" said she. "Well, what did you do with it?" "O," said he, in his thoughtful manner, "I left it in the dreamhouse."