

THE FARMER'S BOY.

Compact form of rugged grace,  
 And uncomely in style,  
 Clear gray eye, an honest face,  
 Brown, tanned cheek and bashful smile,  
 Heared hat on firm-set head,  
 Garments bearing scars of wear,  
 Shoes o'erweighting a firm tread—  
 The yeoman's sturdy heir.

Runs through forest and through field,  
 Frisking Fido near his side,  
 While nimble squirrels have to yield,  
 He nests the shy birds vainly hide;  
 Knows just where the big fish keep,  
 And where the rarest wood-blooms spring,  
 Here winter-snows are drifted deep,  
 And icy ponds are glistening.

Summer-time, at eve and morn,  
 He brings the cows his irksome task;  
 Loves to hear the dinner-horn,  
 Bathe, and in the sun to bask;  
 Youthful heart is filled with pride  
 When first he drives his father's team,  
 And when he learns to mount and ride,  
 'Tis deemed to him a sunlit dream.

Lives he till he finds at length  
 The farm has labour for its boys,  
 As he grows in age and strength,  
 His trials mingle with his joys;  
 He learns he in his plastic youth  
 All the silent lessons of the soil—  
 The sure rewards of patience, truth,  
 And filling happiness of toil.

—Youth's Companion.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

LESSON I. [July 1.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

2: 1-16. Memory verses, 10-14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Into you is born this day in the city of  
 David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.  
 Luke 2: 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Child, v. 1-7.
2. The Song, v. 8-14.
3. The Visit, v. 15, 16.

EVERYDAY HELPS.

- Read what the angel said to Mary. Luke 1: 26-38.
- Find what Mary said.—Luke 1: 38-45.
- Read the prophecy of Zacharias. Luke 1: 76-79.
- Read lesson verses from your Bible.—Luke 2: 1-16.
- Learn the Golden Text.
- Learn the first Christmas song.—Luke 2: 14.
- Learn a sweet verse about Jesus. Luke 1: 21.

DO YOU KNOW—

What was the greatest thing that ever happened? How long ago was Jesus born? From what great event do we date time? From the birth of Jesus. Whose servants were the Jews now? What had the emperor ordered? What was the emperor's name? Verse 1. Where did Joseph and Mary live? In Nazareth. Why did they go to Bethlehem? Why was Bethlehem called David's city? (1 Sam 17: 12, 15.) Where did Joseph and Mary go to sleep? Why? What happened there? To whom did an angel come? What did he say? By whom was the first Christmas song sung? Where did the shepherds then go? What did they find?

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

The good news the angel brought. Verse 10.  
 That the good news is for me. Verse 11.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Will God call us to account for all we think and do? At the last day God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

Does God love you? Yes, God loves everything which he has made.

B.C. 4.] LESSON II. [July 8.  
 PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE.  
 Luke 2: 25-38. Memory verses, 27-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.—Luke 2: 32.

OUTLINE.

1. A Saint's Desire, v. 25, 26.
2. A Saint's Delight, v. 27-35.
3. A Saint's Testimony, v. 36-38.

EVERYDAY HELPS.

- Mon. Find who named Jesus.—Matt. 1: 20, 21.
- Tues. Read the lesson verses carefully.—Luke 2: 25-38.
- Wed. Find Simeon's prophecy about Jesus.—Verse 32.
- Thurs. Learn what is said of Jesus in Matthew.—Matt. 12: 21.
- Fri. Learn a verse about light.—John 8: 12.
- Sat. Tell the story of Jesus to someone.
- Sun. Read Hymn 886 in Methodist Hymnal.

DO YOU KNOW—

How old was Jesus when he was taken to the temple? Who took him there? What for? Who was Simeon? For whose coming was he waiting? Why did he think Jesus was coming? What had the Holy Spirit told Simeon? Where was Simeon when Jesus came into the temple? What did he do? What did he say? What woman was there? How do we know she was a good woman? What did she say when she saw Jesus? What did she do?

How should we follow Anna's example? By telling about Jesus.

I WILL TRY TO REMEMBER—

That I too may see Jesus. Verse 30.  
 That he wants to be my Saviour. John 3: 16.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS

What has God made? God made everything in heaven and earth, and last of all he made man.

How did God make man? God made the body of man out of the dust of the earth.

A LITTLE BOY'S TROUBLES.

I THOUGHT when I'd learned my letters  
 That all my troubles were done,  
 But I find myself much mistaken.—  
 They have only just begun.  
 Learning to read was awful,  
 But nothing like learning to write.  
 I'd be sorry to have you tell it,  
 But my copy-book is a sight

The ink gets over my fingers,  
 The pen cuts all sorts of shins,  
 And won't do at all as I bid it.  
 The letters won't stay on the lines,  
 But go up and down and all over,  
 As though they were dancing a jig;  
 They are there in all shapes and sizes,  
 Medium, little and big.

There'd be some comfort in learning  
 If one can get through; instead  
 Of that, there are books awaiting  
 Quite enough to craze my head;  
 There's the multiplication table,  
 And grammar, and—oh, dear me!  
 There's no good place for stopping,  
 When one has begun, I see

My teacher says, little by little  
 To the mountain top we climb,  
 It isn't all done in a minute,  
 But only a step at a time.  
 She says that all the scholars,  
 All wise and learned men,  
 Had each to begin as I do;  
 If that's so—where's my pen?

A BIRD WITH A FAN.

HE is called the Wagtail or Fantail because his tail looks like a feather fan, and because he waves it back and forth very quickly. When the tail goes up it spreads out with a jerk, when it is down it closes together like a fan. It is a queer tail, and it must be very funny to watch it. To do this you would have to keep near the water, for Mr Wagtail builds his home in the warm summer days in some quiet place near a clear stream or pond.

BLESSED are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God