

One of God's Rivers.

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Where the crystal waters of the Beaver
Sling along the upper lands of Grey,
Every lurking ledge is a deceiver,
Wooling, winning, witching her away.

In her shady shallows, cool and winsome,
Water lilies gillaten, pure and pale;
'Neath her fringe of willows, lithe and
handsome,
Many a silver troutlet whiffs a tail.

Onward, ever flouting Nature's forces;
Tossing out her freshness to the hills,
Kissing, as they join her in their course—
All the new-born, tiny baby rills:

Giving of her fragrance to the sunbeams
As unto a lover fair and true;
Reaching misty colours to the moon-
beams,
Where they paint the prismatic pearly
dew;

Blessing, like a heart-warm, gentle
mother,
Every tender one within her reach;
Singing, like the fairies to each other,
In the same sweet, holy, rhythmical
speech;

Bright'ning all the shore-way as she
passes;
Laughing to the music of the breeze;
Spraying all the perfum'd flowers and
grasses;
Pulsing measured treasure to the trees;

Onward, in her renovating mission,
Unto light, and air, and rock, and
ward—
In her giving, loving life fruition—
As a benediction of the Lord

But Eugenia's rock ways, cleft asunder—
Broken, shattered, scattered near and
far—
By some ruthless demon of the thunder,
Fain would all her exquisiteness mar.

Oh, the perfect unity of Nature,
Whether ray, or spray, or sparrow fall!
Light, and air, and dew, and clod and
creature—
Each is faithful helper unto all;

Full of gleeful gladness rippling onward,
From the mirror'd beauty loth to part,
Hearing to the waiting valleys, down-
ward,
Pictures of the hill-ways in her heart.

Lo! the river finds her stone-bed vanish
Like a 'floor of fate' from under-
neath,
As when some grim, feudal lord did
banish
Foemen from his moat-walk unto
death.

Then the air, with countless pillows,
near her,
Cushions all the dangers in her flight,
While the sunbeams kiss, caress and
cheer her,
Gemming all her prisms with their
light;

All the night fair Luna's rays console
her,
Chasing shadows through her chrysmal
tears,

While the magic zephyrs so control her
By their music, she forgets her fears.

And the Rock, his rudeness quite re-
penting,
Lifts a foam-rim'd basin to his
breast,

Where the ransomed waters may, re-
lenting,
Close beside his heart, a moment rest;

Then adown the glen they dash in glory,
Foaming, to the harbour far away.

When the lake-waves chant the isles a
story,
One's the crystal anthem glean'd in
Grey
The "Elms," Toronto.

Eugenia Falls are on the Beaver River,
in Grey county, Ontario, about six miles
from Flesherton, on the Toronto, Grey
and Bruce Railway. A short way down
the river from the place where the group
of tourists stand in the picture, to the
right may be seen a conical shaped
mountain of stone and reddish clay
totaling in height (if one may trust his
memory), over one hundred and twenty-
five feet from the bed of the river to the
summit. This pile would form a great
picture in itself. With its rambling dis-
tance of the falls are Latimer's Caves—
so they were called a dozen years ago
when the writer explored them—and any
one who visits this locality without see-
ing them misses a fine opportunity for
speculating whether the fissures and

rooms are the result of an earthquake or
in part the work of man. Were Eugenia
Falls located within a few miles of some
lake port, so that tourists would happen
upon them more frequently, they would
soon become the craze. As it is, much
surprise has been expressed, by those
who happened upon them unexpectedly,
as did Mr. Morrison, whose poem ac-
companies the picture, that a summer
hotel has not been built beside the falls
and the place boomed. The picture
given is from a photograph by Mrs. W.
Bulmer, of Flesherton.—Editor of Satur-
day Night.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON I.—JULY 2.

GRACIOUS INVITATIONS.

Hosea 14. 1-9. Memory verses, 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Come, and let us return unto the Lord.
—Hosea 6. 1.

in captivity. "Return"—By the way
of repentance, else they would suffer still
more. If the call is to repent there is
power to heed it. "Fallen by thine
iniquity"—Not by any arbitrary decree
of God. Guilt is affirmed of them.

2 "Take with you words"—That is,
pray; and pray with right words—that
is, acceptably. "Calves of our lips"—
Sacrifices or offerings of our lips.

3 "Ashur"—Assyria. "Shall not
save us"—By an alliance. "Horses"—
The cavalry of the Egyptian king. "Ye
are our gods"—Hand-made idols. "The
fatherless findeth mercy"—Orphans, for
they need mercy, and those are orphans
who have not God as their father.

4 "Heal, love"—Words of comfort.
"Freely"—Not forced, but voluntary
and royal, in abundance. The love freely
given delights the giver and blesses the
receiver.

5. Beautiful figures of speech in this
verse. God's gracious favours are as the
dew which in a parched land falls on a
weary leaf and flower. The nation on
whom God's favour rests shall be fair as
the eastern lily, stately and strongly
rooted as the mighty cedar trees on the
mountains of Lebanon.

What single word expresses the invita-
tion? Return.

To whom was Israel to return?

What reason is given?

How are we separated from God? Isa.
59. 2.

Who alone is to blame?

What should the sinner say to the
Lord when he returns?

What sort of worship must they cease
at once?

How much iniquity will God pardon?
Isa. 1. 18.

Suppose we refuse his invitation?
Prov. 1. 24-27.

2. The Lord's Promise, v. 4-9.

What promises in verse 4?

What special promises in verses 5 to 8?

What is the Lord's refreshing to be
like?

What is the beauty which the Lord
gives compared to?

What is the strength bestowed com-
pared to?

In whom alone may we bear fruit?
John 15. 5.

Who shall understand these things?
Verse 9.

What is said of the ways of the Lord?

Who makes these promises?

Are they sure? Why? Num. 23. 19.

Having such promises what should we
do? 2 Cor. 7. 1.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Wherein does this lesson teach us—

1. How to approach the Lord?
2. There is hope for the repentant?
3. There is health and happiness in the
service of the Lord?

They say I am growing old because my
hair is silvered and there are crow's feet
on my forehead and my step is not so
firm and elastic as before. But they are
mistaken. That is not me. The knees
are weak, but the knees are not me. The
brow is wrinkled, but the brow is not
me. This is the house I live in. But I
am young, younger than I ever was be-
fore.—Guthrie.

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EUGENIA FALLS.

OUTLINE.

1. The Lord's Invitation, v. 1-3.

2. The Lord's Promise, v. 4-9.

Time.—Hosea's ministry lasted from
about 790 B.C. to 725 B.C.

Place.—The kingdom of Samaria, or
Israel.

Introductory Note.—Hosea is the first
of the minor prophets called "minor,"
for their prophecy is brief compared with
those of the major prophets. A prophet
was not of necessity a foreteller, but ever
a forth-teller, the human mouthpiece of
God to the people. Hosea lived in the
kingdom of Samaria, and his prophecies
in the main have a view to this state.
His style is concise and abrupt as that
of a man under deepest emotion. He
strikes with vehemence at the sins of
Israel and Judah, he solemnly warns
them of the wrath of God, and then he
moves them to repentance with the prom-
ises of abundant mercy. He has great
force of expression. He abounds in in-
dignation and pathos, and rises into the
sublime. All was not lost while the
Jews had such faithful prophets as he.

LESSON HELPS.

1. "O Israel"—A cry to the people now

6. "The olive tree"—Tall, straight, its
top crowned with foliage and fruit.

7. "Shall return"—Gathered again
from captivity. "Revive, grow"—These
figures of speech show that the prophet
was a poet. Deep feeling rises into
poetry, which is not always rhyme.

8. "Ephraim"—Now converted from
idolatry. "Like a green fir tree"—
With health, vigorous, and the prospect
of growth. "From me"—From God
and his grace came a holy life and the
"fruits of the Spirit."

9. A closing exhortation. No need to
study to understand, but there is need to
obey.

HOME READINGS.

M. Gracious invitations.—Hosea 14.

Tu. Precious promises.—Hosea 2. 16-23.

W. "Come now."—Isa. 1. 10-20.

Th. Proclamation of pardon.—Jer. 3.
12-19.

F. Turning with the heart.—Joel 2.
12-19.

S. The Saviour's invitation.—Matt. 11.
25-30.

Su. Confession and pardon.—1 John 1

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Lord's Invitation, v. 1-3.

What prophet spoke these words?