

The Gospel Train.

THE Gospel train is coming,
I hear it just at hand!
I hear its echoes waking,
And sounding through the land!
It's coming 'round the mountain,
By the rivers and the lakes,
The SAVIOUR is on board it!
Controlling steam and brakes.

It's nearing now the station,
Say! shall it come in vain?
O come, secure your ticket,
In time to take the train.
The fare is low and ALL may go,
The rich and poor are there;
No second-class aboard the train!
No difference in the 'ere!

The train is at the platform now,
'Twill soon pass up the line!
O now you have a chance to go,
But the train must make her time.
No red flag!—not another train
To follow on the line!
O sinner, you're forever LOST,
If once you're left behind!

This train has ne'er run off the track:
Has passed through every land!
Millions redeemed from sin on board!
O come and join the band.
A FREE PASS Jesus offers
Through to the heavenly shore!
Now all aboard!—NOW ALL ABOARD!
There's room for millions more.

LESSON NOTES.**SECOND QUARTER.****STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**B.C. 1571.] **LESSON VI.** [May 8.]**THE CHILD MOSES.**Exod. 2. 1-10. *Commit to mem. vs. 7-10.***GOLDEN TEXT.**

The Lord is thy keeper. Psa. 121. 5.

OUTLINE.

1. The Mother.
2. The Child.
3. The Princess.

TIME.—1571 B.C.

PLACE—Egypt. Zoan. (*)

EXPLANATIONS.—*The house of Levi*—A descendant of Jacob's third son. The first mention of the growing tribe or clan. *Could not longer hide him*—Because he was growing rapidly, and could not, in the nature of things, be hidden. *An ark of bulrushes*—The same Hebrew word is used for Noah's ark. This was a little boat woven of papyrus, a reed three cornered in shape, as large as your finger, and ten feet long. *Slime and with pitch*—Perhaps clay, from which the bricks were made, and bitumen. *His sister*—Miriam. She and Aaron were both older than Moses. *The daughter of Pharaoh came*—Showing that the parents of Moses lived near the court of the king. *He became her son*—This refers to her formal adoption of the boy.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, can you find—

1. An illustration of faith?
2. An illustration of sympathy?
3. An illustration of devotion to duty?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What great leader of the Israelites was born in Egypt? Moses. 2. Where did his mother place him while an infant, in order to save his life? In the ark of bulrushes. 3. Who found the child Moses in the river and adopted him as her son? The daughter of King Pharaoh. 4. Where was Moses brought up? In the palace. 5. What does God's care for Moses show, as stated in the GOLDEN TEXT? "The Lord," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The work of faith.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. What is the misery of the state into which man fell? All mankind, being born in sin, and following the desire of their own hearts, are liable to the miseries of this life, to bodily death and to the pains of hell hereafter. [Ephesians ii. 3; Galatians iii. 10; Romans vi. 23.]

B.C. 1491.] **LESSON VII.** [May 15.]**THE CALL OF MOSES.**Exod. 3. 1-12. *Commit to mem. vs. 2-5.***GOLDEN TEXT.**

I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say. Exod. 4. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. Moses.
2. The Call.

TIME.—1491. B.C.

PLACE.—Horeb, or Mount Sinai, in the Arabian peninsula.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Back side of the desert*—The part of the desert farthest from the land of Goshen. Desert does not here mean a barren, sandy waste, for in such a place there would have been no pasture, but a wild, deserted place. *The mountain of God*—Horeb, not so called then, but, when this record was written, it had become so known, and Moses calls it by anticipation by its well-known name. *The Angel of the Lord*—The manifestation of God by fire in the bush. See Psa. 104. 4. Jesus Christ, the eternal Son. *God of thy father*—This means, as so often, the God of your forefathers. Abraham was not his father. Amram was. But the Jews called Abraham their father. *Land flowing with milk and honey*—That is a land of marvellous fertility. The expression is a common one in Oriental literatures. *Place of the Canaanites*—The particular place of the nation to be is thus again designated. In Egypt these nations were well known. *Who am I*—An expression of humility and feeling of unworthiness for so great a mission. He, doubtless, remembered his first failure.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. Fidelity in every calling?
2. Reverence for God's presence?
3. Confidence in God's promises?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where did Moses go, to escape from King Pharaoh? Into the wilderness. 2. How long did he live there? Forty years. 3. From what did God speak to Moses? From a burning bush. 4. What did he command Moses to do? To lead the Israelites out of Egypt. 5. What was God's promise to Moses in the GOLDEN TEXT? "I will be," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Divine compassion.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. But are all mankind, being born in sin, born without hope? No; for a Saviour was provided from the beginning, and all that come into the world receive of his grace and his Spirit. [Genesis iii. 15; John i. 5; John i. 9, 10.]

GOING THE WRONG WAY.

"You are going the wrong way," said the conductor of a train on the railroad to a passenger, on receiving his ticket. That assertion fell very unpleasantly upon the ear of him who had made the mistake. Still, it was not a very serious one. It could be corrected. He was advised to get out at the first stopping place, and to take the opposite train on its arrival.

Going the wrong way! In another sense, this is affectingly true of thousands. It is true of the child who goes not in the way of its parents' commands. It is true of the man who, with hot haste, is in pursuit of the riches, or honours, or pleasures of earth. It is true of every one whose course has not been changed—who is not running the Christian race. Says the Saviour, "Enter ye in at the straight gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

Oh, how many are now hurrying on toward eternal death, while they are vainly hoping to reach, at the end of their course, the New Jerusalem above! They are going the wrong way. The language of God to them is: "Turn ye, turn ye, from your evil ways; for why will you die?" Turn to-day. Soon it will be too late; soon destruction will become inevitable.

A PATIENT ELEPHANT.

"TELL my grandchildren," writes the Bishop of Calcutta, "that an elephant here had a disease in his eyes. For three days he was completely blind. His owner, an English officer, asked my dear Dr. Webb if he could do anything to relieve the poor animal. The doctor said he would try the nitrate of silver, which was a remedy commonly applied to similar diseases in the human eyes. The large animal was ordered to lie down, and at first, on the application of the remedy, raised a most extraordinary roar at the acute pain which it occasioned. The effect, however, was wonderful. The eye was in a manner restored, and the animal could partially see. The next day, when he was brought and heard the doctor's voice, he lay down of himself, placed his enormous head on one side, curled up his trunk, and drew in his breath (just like a man about to endure an operation), gave a sigh of relief when it was over, and then by trunk and gesture, evidently wished to express his gratitude. What sagacity! What a lesson of patience!"

A FAITHFUL DOG.

A CHILD playing on Roshe's Wharf with a Newfoundland dog belonging to his father accidentally fell into the water. The dog immediately sprung after the child, who was six years old, and seizing the waist of his little frock, brought him into the dock, where there was a stage by which the child held on, but which he was unable to get on the top of. The dog, seeing he was unable to pull the little fellow out of the water, ran up to the yard adjoining, where a girl nine years of age was hanging out clothes. He seized her by the frock, and, notwithstanding her exertions to get away, succeeded in dragging her to the spot where the child was still hanging by his hands to the stage. On the girl's taking hold of the child, the dog assisted her in rescuing the little fellow from his perilous situation.

Don't SMOKE.—"It is curious, doctor, that every time I smoke after dinner I have something dazzling in my eyes. What can you do for that?" "Eh!" said the doctor with a smile; "don't smoke." The patient was nonplussed. He hadn't thought of that.

"MAMMA," said a little boy, "there's something squeaking in my ear. I hear it every little while. There, it squeaks again!"

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