

**Fairy Umbrellas.**

Said wet east wind, calling loud to Rain,  
 "Come down little drops, to the April  
 flowers;"  
 And over the grass and the sleeping  
 grain,  
 And into the street they swept in  
 showers.

They tapped at each door and called,  
 "Come up!"  
 For the bleak, cold wind and the snow  
 are gone;  
 Arbutus is lifting her perfumed cup,  
 And the grass is carpeting all the  
 lawn."

But the fairies that lived in the quiet  
 wood,  
 All wore their n / spring bonnets that  
 day,  
 So they raised their umbrellas as quick  
 as they could,  
 And under the trees went trooping  
 away.

And the people said, when they saw  
 them there,  
 The fairy umbrellas out in the rain,  
 "Oh! spring has come, so sweet and so  
 fair,  
 For there are those odd little load-  
 stools again."

you mean the man, you did that! This morning, when he arose, he was sober; when he walked down the street, on his way to work, he was sober, when he went into your gin-shop, he was sober, and now he is what you made him. Is he not a true specimen of the work done inside?"—*Gems of Illustration.*

**A NEW SOCIETY.**

BY JULIA H. JOHNSTON.

Violet Kerr was excited about something; that was clear. Her cheeks were flushed and her eyes were very bright.

"Girls! girls!" she exclaimed, as soon as she could recover her breath after her hurry to overtake the group who were walking along a pleasant street. "What do you think I heard Miss Baker say just now?"

"We can't think at all, 'cause we don't know, of course. Tell us," chimed two or three voices.

"Well, you know I ran back for my book, and when I got it I started out the front way. Miss Baker and Mr. Clarke were talking in the hall, and I heard Miss Baker say, 'I'm just discouraged. I wonder if some one else could do any better with my class?' And I wouldn't go past then for anything, so I came

Did they wait till next Sunday to begin? Oh! no, indeed. That very day they looked over the lesson for the next Sunday. That was a good beginning.

Then they told Jennie and Maud of the new society, and reminded each other through the week of their promise. They might have called their new circle the Teachers' Aid Society, but they did not think of it. They did not name themselves at all. They simply did what they banded together to do, and it was much better to do this without a fine name than to have a fine name and do nothing.

You should have seen Miss Baker's face the next Sunday after the well-learned lesson had been recited by the well-behaved class. It was plain to be seen that she was "encouraged," as May had said. She did not refer to their previous carelessness and inattention, but she said, in the gladdest tone, "Girls, you have helped me so much to-day. I have enjoyed every minute of the hour."

But after school little May did the most encouraging thing of all.

"Thank you, Miss Baker, for the nice lesson to-day," she whispered; "I liked it ever so much, and I mean to try to Miss Baker kissed May lovingly.

"It is so good to have you tell me this, if you thought it," she said.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

- The Past, v. 1-4.  
 Who suffered for us in the flesh?  
 As a consequence of this what should we do?  
 How can we arm ourselves with the mind that was in Christ?  
 How can we cease from sin?  
 To whose will should we conform?  
 What does "work the will of the Gentiles" mean?  
 Are Christians tempted to this now?  
 What do worldly-minded people think strange?  
 Why do they misrepresent Christians?  
 Is it worldly-wise to indulge in revelry and intoxication?  
 Is such conduct advantageous to ourselves or our friends?  
 Is it morally justifiable?
- The Future, v. 5, 6.  
 Who is "him that is ready to judge"?  
 What class of people especially shall be made to give an account to him?  
 What does "the quick and the dead" mean?  
 It is generally explained to mean those that are alive when God judges the world and those are till then dead.  
 When, with this understanding, was the Gospel preached to them that are dead? When they were alive.
- The Present, v. 7, 8.  
 What is at hand?  
 What should we therefore be?  
 What should we do?  
 What should we have?  
 What is the meaning of charity?  
 In what sense does love cover the multitude of sins?

**FRACTICAL TEACHINGS.**

Where in this lesson do we learn—

- That sinners always misunderstand true Christians?
- That all men everywhere can be saved?
- That we should be sober and watch unto prayer?
- That the root of all virtue is love?

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**SPECIMEN OF WORK DONE INSIDE.**

"One of my friends," says the Rev. Charles Garrett, "is a very earnest, shrewd man, who seems to always know how to do the best thing at the right time." One day he was passing a gin-shop in Manchester, when he saw a drunken man lying on the ground. The poor fellow had evidently been turned out of doors when all his money had gone. In a moment my friend hastened across the street, and, entering a grocer's shop, addressing the master, said:

"Will you oblige me with the largest sheet of paper you have?"

"What for, my friend? What's the matter?"

"Oh, you shall see in a minute or two. Please let it be the very largest sheet you have."

The sheet of paper was soon procured. "Now, will you lend me a piece of chalk?" said my friend.

"Why, whatever are you going to do?"

"You shall see presently."

He then quickly printed in large letters: "Specimen of the work done inside!" He then fastened the paper right over the drunken man, and retired a short distance. In a few moments several passers-by stopped, and read aloud: "Specimen of the work done inside." In a very short time a crowd assembled, and the publican, hearing the noise and the laughter outside, came out to see what it was all about. He eagerly bent down and read the inscription on the paper, and then demanded, in an angry voice, "Who did this?"

"Which?" asked my friend, who had now joined the crowd. "If you mean what is on the paper, I did that; but if

back as softly as I could and ran out the other way; and, girls, whatever should we do if Miss Baker wouldn't teach us any more?" Violet's blue eyes opened wide as she asked the question.

"I don't know what she's discouraged about," said May Grant, the youngest scholar.

"Well, I know," said Violet; "it's the way we've been behaving lately. I just feel ashamed of myself."

"It's too bad," said Grace Bell. "We haven't learned our Golden Texts, nor studied our lessons, nor anything."

"It would be dreadful if Miss Baker gave us up," said Susie Gray. "She's the best teacher we ever had. I don't know why we've been cutting up so in the class and not minding her. It's mean as can be, I think."

"I wonder if it would encourage her if we'd all begin right off to be good?" said little May.

"Of course it would," exclaimed Grace, who was the eldest; "and, oh, girls! I've thought of something. Let's be a society; to help Miss Baker and encourage her. We won't need any officers, nor anything like that. We'll only promise to help Miss Baker, every one of us. How'll we do it?"

"We'll be in time, for one thing. We've been lazy lately," said one.

"We must study our lessons," said another.

"And get new scholars if we can."

"Jennie Green and Maud Harper were absent to-day. We must tell them, so that they'll help, too."

This wonderful list of things to do to help Miss Baker showed plainly enough that the girls knew very well what was needed.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FOURTH QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.**

**LESSON IX.—NOVEMBER 28.**

**SALUTARY WARNINGS.**

1 Peter 4. 1-8. Memory verses, 7, 8.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.—1 Peter 4. 7.

**OUTLINE.**

- The Past, v. 1-4.
- The Future, v. 5, 6.
- The Present, v. 7, 8.

**Time and Place.**—The First Epistle of Peter appears to have been written from Babylon, not before 63, and probably not long after 67 A.D. It appears to be addressed to the districts in which Paul had laboured, and especially to persons under trial (evidently converted Gentiles), and it contains elevated Christian doctrine mixed with practical exhortation.

**HOME READINGS.**

M. Salutary warnings (temperance).—1 Peter 4. 1-8.

Tu. Wise counsel.—Prov. 23. 15-23.

W. Blessedness of watching.—Luke 12. 31-40.

Th. Punishment of unfaithfulness.—Luke 12. 41-48.

F. Be ready!—Matt. 24. 42-51.

S. Watch and be sober!—1 Thess. 5. 1-11.

Su. Watch and pray!—Mark 13. 28-37.