

## NELLIE'S DOLLS.

O DEAR! I am nearly distracted to-day,  
My family worries me so;  
For sweet Angelina, my very best doll,  
Has quarrelled with Benjamin Joe.

Poor Margaret Mabel has torn her best  
dress,  
And Jane has cracked three of her toes;  
Jemima has hurt her right arm and been  
scalped,  
And Daisy has broke her nose.

Then Eleanor Rose has got a sore mouth,  
Just while she was learning to talk;  
Dear Bessie has lost both shoes and her  
hat;  
And so I can't take her to walk.

The twins, Jack and Jill, have got such a  
bad cold;  
And Elsie has measles; and I  
Have sent for the doctor, who hasn't come  
yet,  
And I fear they will certainly die.

My kitty has scratched; my mamma's  
asleep;  
I can't find my slate when I look;  
My tea-set is broken, and sister is cross,  
And Johnny has hidden my book.

If papa was here, he would sing me a song,  
Or tell me a story, I know;  
And if he would ride me down-stairs on  
his back,  
I guess all my troubles would go.

I do feel so bad; do you s'pose it's my  
nerves?  
And do you know what will relieve?  
But there! I heard somebody open the  
door;  
It's papa—I really believe!

## LESSON NOTES.

## SECOND QUARTER.

## STUDIES IN THE ACTS AND EPISTLES.

## LESSON V. [May 2]

PAUL BEGINS HIS FIRST MISSIONARY  
JOURNEY.

Acts 13. 1-13. Memory verses, 2-4.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Go ye into all the world, and preach the  
Gospel to every creature.—Mark 16. 15.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who were the Christian teachers at  
Antioch?

What did the Holy Spirit tell them to  
do?

Who went away to preach the Gospel to  
the heathen?

Whom did they take with them?

Where did they go first?

Where did they land?

What did they begin to do right away?

How long was the island of Cyprus?  
Why did not Saul and Barnabas stay in  
one place?

Who lived at Paphos?

Where was this?

What word was sent to the apostles?

What wicked man tried to keep the  
governor from believing them?

What did Saul say to Elymas?

What followed?

Did the governor become a believer?

Where did the missionaries go next?

## THIS LESSON TEACHES—

That God sends missionaries out.  
That he helps them in their work.  
That it is blessed to work with God.

## LESSON VI. [May 9.]

## PAUL PREACHING TO THE JEWS.

Acts 13. 26-39. Memory verses, 38, 39.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Through this man is preached unto you  
the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13. 38.

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

By what name was Paul called now?

Where did the apostles go next?

Were Paul and Barnabas among the  
twelve apostles?

Why then are they called apostles? Be-  
cause they were sent out by the Holy  
Ghost.

Where did they go on the Sabbath?

What were they asked to do?

Who heard them preach?

What made the Jews angry with Paul?  
Because he preached Jesus.

By what did they think they were  
justified? By the law.

Whom did Paul teach could save them?  
Jesus.

What did the Jews do?

Did they leave any Christians in An-  
tioch? Verse 48.

## GOOD NEWS FOR ALL.

Jesus died for our sins.

He rose again for our justification.

By him "all that believe" may be saved.

## TELLING A SECRET TO SISTER.

THERE was not much to tell, but Johnnie  
Wilson called it a secret, and told it to his  
sister. Now Johnnie was only eight, but  
his sister was eighteen, yet they were great  
friends; so whether in joy or trouble  
Johnnie told her his secrets. She listened  
patiently, and perhaps would have said  
something about it, but restless Johnnie  
said:

"Now, Agnes, you tell me a secret."

"Well, I will," she said; "I will tell you  
one of the great secrets that it would do  
most boys good to know."

"You don't mean—"

"Early to bed, and early to rise,  
Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise,"

do you?" cried Johnnie, rather impatiently.

"No, I was not thinking about that,"  
replied Agnes; "but I am glad you know  
it."

"Oh, yes, but I want you to tell me one  
of your own secrets, you know; something  
about something or about somebody that  
you have not told any one else."

"Well, I will tell you my secret by first  
of all telling you a short, true story. You  
have heard that Christopher Columbus  
discovered America, and of course he know  
a great many people, and had a great many  
friends. But one day, when he talked to  
one of his young sons, he told him that he  
himself had had ten brothers, and they  
had been the very best friends he had ever  
known; and so Columbus advised his boy  
to love his brothers, and make them his  
chief friends. And what I want to tell  
you, Johnnie, as a secret worth knowing,  
is this, that you should always tell your  
secrets to your loving sister, and never say  
or do anything you could be ashamed of  
her knowing."

"Oh, is that all?" said Johnnie.

"Yes, but it is a great deal," Agnes  
replied; "and I will give you a little verse  
to learn; it will be better than a foolish  
secret:

"Friend and brother wouldst thou find?  
Hearts of love around thee bind?  
Be thyself a heart of home;  
To gentle heart, hearts gentle come."

## CLOCKS IN AFRICA.

UNTIL white men came among them the  
people of Africa had no idea of time-  
keepers. They have no division of hours  
as we have, but since our missionaries  
have gone into West Central Africa, at  
Bailundu and Chisamba, clocks have been  
brought in, very much to the entertain-  
ment of the natives.

Mrs. Currie, writing from Chisamba, de-  
scribed the effect produced upon the boys  
by the coming of several Waterbury clocks  
which they had bought. They were  
greatly interested in seeing them go, and  
were particularly interested by the alarms.

The night after their arrival the boys  
set the alarms of the various clocks all the  
way from midnight to morning, just to  
hear how they would sound and to see  
what impression they would make when  
the boys were awakened from their sleep.

One of the chiefs who had sent his men  
to the coast had them bring up a large  
eight-day clock, but not knowing how to  
manage it, brought it to Mr. and Mrs.  
Currie to be "healed," as he said.

Much amusement was caused by a little  
fellow, Cisapa by name, who after he had  
been watching the clock happened to pass  
in front of it, when the glass door against  
the dark background of the clock made a  
mirror. Cisapa stood, and then shouted  
out, "Tundako" ("Go away"); then  
coming to Mrs. Currie he asked, "Who is  
in the clock?"

He knew as little about a mirror as he  
did about a clock. But these lads who  
know so little about what is to be seen in  
civilized countries are not stupid.