

AN OLD TABLE.

"I have a table,"
Said Arthur to Mabel,
"Three thousand years old,
And though it has stood
So long, 'tis as good
As the finest of gold!"

"Oh, Arthur, your table,
I fear, is a fable,
And you are its knight.
Of course it is round,
But where was it found?
Now tell—honour bright!"

"'Twas found, they say, Mabel
In the great tower of Babel;
And learned folks say
That wise old Hindus
This table could use
Before Egypt's day!"

"Why, Arthur," said Mabel,
"Do show us this table
That's older than Egypt—
As old as creation!"

"My table is square,
Not round—to be fair.
But why should I show
What all the girls know—
This very old table,
Called Multiplication?"

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON VI. [Aug. 6.]

A NEW HEART.

Ezek. 36. 25-36. Memory verses, 25-27

GOLDEN TEXT.

A new heart also will I give you.—Ezek. 36. 26.

DO YOU KNOW?

Who was Ezekiel? Where was he when the Lord called him to be a prophet? In what way did he call him? To whom did the Lord tell Ezekiel to go? To the people of Israel. What had many of the Israelites done? Gone away from God. How do people go away from God? By disobeying him. What did God send Ezekiel to do? Call them back to him. What did he promise to do? Give them new hearts. What does the old heart of sin love to do? Have its own way. What good promise does the Golden Text bring to each one of us? What will make it possible for us to keep God's law? To have his Spirit in our hearts. For whose sake does God do all these things for us? For Jesus' sake.

DAILY HELPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Ezek. 36. 25-36.

Tues. Find out who Ezekiel was. Ezek. 1. 3.

Wed. Learn who gave Ezekiel the right to prophesy. Ezek. 2. 1-8

Thur. Learn how Ezekiel learned to speak right words. Ezek. 3. 1-4.

Fri. Find what Jesus said about the need of a new heart. John 3. 1-8.

Sat. Learn a promise of help for every day. Verse 27.

Sun. Learn a word of comfort to those who love Christ's kingdom. Luke 12. 32.

LESSON VII. [Aug. 13.]

EZEKIEL'S GREAT VISION.

Ezek. 37. 1-14. Memory verses, 5, 6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will put my Spirit within you.—Ezek. 36. 27.

DO YOU KNOW?

Who was Ezekiel? The Lord's prophet. When did he live? A long time before Christ came. How did the Lord sometimes speak to him? By visions. What is a vision like? Why does the Lord not need to use visions now? We have Jesus to teach us who God is and what he is like. What was the vision told in this lesson? A vision of dry bones. Who were like these dry bones? The people of Israel. How had they lost the life of the Spirit? By disobeying God. What did God say he could do? Make these dry bones live. What did Ezekiel see in the vision? The dry bones becoming living persons. What is sin? Death. Who can change it to life? God.

DAILY HELPS.

Mon. Read the lesson verses. Ezek. 37. 1-14.

Tues. Learn how disobedient Israel had been. Ezek. 20. 18-21.

Wed. Find how God and the angels feel about sinners. Luke 15. 4-7.

Thur. Find the promises of Christ's kingdom. Ezek. 37. 21-27.

Fri. Learn a promise for you. Golden Text.

Sat. Find how necessary a new heart is. John 3. 3-8.

Sun. Read Psalm 67.

A CHILD'S LOVE.

A lady friend is intimately acquainted in a family in which there is a sweet, bright little boy of some five years, between whom and herself there has sprung up a very tender friendship. One day she said to him: "Willie, do you love me?" "Yes, indeed," he replied with a kiss. "How much?" "Why, I love you—I love you up to the sky." Just then his eye fell upon his mother. Flinging his arms about her and kissing her passionately, he exclaimed: "But, mamma, I love you 'way up to God!"

THE LITTLE GIPSY GIRL.

A little gipsy girl in England, attracted by the singing in a Sunday-school as she passed, pushed slowly open the door, and looked wonderingly inside. She was persuaded to enter, and was put into a class with girls about her own size. There she heard the Gospel for the first time in her life, and she believed as she heard. "Is it really true," she said, "that Jesus died on the cross to save me and everybody from our sins? Then I must go and tell my father and mother. they don't know."

A WONDERFUL VOYAGE.

BY MARY JOSEPHINE SHANNON.

I saw a wonderful voyage last night—
(A-ring, a-ding, when the sun went down;)

The ship was o' gold and glittered bright,
And a-hey and a-ho it sailed high o'er town.

"Hollo!" cried old Wind
To the fairy boat,
"It is I who will show you
How to float!"

And he puffed and he blew such a terrible blast
That the foamy billows rose far and fast.

"Tu-whit, tu-whee" screamed an owl
From a tree,

(A-ring, a-ding, but the night was dark;)
"I am glad I am not afloat," quoth he,

"Afloat to-night in yon fragile bark!"
Quoth he, "This oak is old and bare,
But I'd ten times sooner be here than
there!"

And he huddled close to keep safe and warm
And shelter himself from the coming storm.

But the gay little boat sailed merry and brave—

Now leaving behind it a track of light,
And now sinking deep in the trough of the wave,

Till, a-hey and a-ho, it has vanished from sight,
And I thought as I saw it
fall

and
fall,

Now, surely this is the end of all—
That little gold boat can never again
Rise to the top of the tempest-tossed main!

When lo! up, up, would she lightly float,
(A-ring, a-ding, on the waves' high crest;)

Now, give me a name for this little boat
As she ploughs her way from the east
to the west?

"A name? It is given, O soon, so soon—
For the little gold boat
Is the crescent moon,
The stormy sea is the wintry sky,
And the clouds are the billows mountains
high!"