

A HAPPY TRIO.

I go to school and try to read,
And some day or other I shall succeed.
But now I can only spell "a-t, at."
And (if there's a picture) "c-a-t, cat!"

But Sissie can read, and she reads to me
And Dolly, it's all in the picture, you see!
That picture was drawn on the very day
When Cousin Dolly came here to stay.

That was the day when we had the feast,
And Sissie read "Beauty and the Beast,"
And we played at hide-and-seek in the
wood,
And even the little ones all were good.

And we stayed up late, and had cake and
buns—
Yes, all of us, even the little ones;
And we went to bed quite happy and gay—
We didn't know what was coming next
day.

Next day we were all as cross as could
be—

We quarrelled and squabbled from break-
fast till tea;

And mother said, "It's perfectly plain
You mustn't sit up so late again!"

So now we're always in bed by eight,
And we never ask to sit up late;
And Sissie reads to us every night—
She'll read this rhyme if it's printed right.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 20.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 14.]

ANANIAS AND SAPPHIRA

Acts 5. 1-11 Memory verses, 9-11.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked;
for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall
he also reap"—Gal. 6. 7.

What did some of the disciples do with
their lands? They sold them, and gave
the money to the apostles.

To whom did the apostles give it? To
those who were sick or needy.

Did the disciples have to do this? No;
they wished to do it, because they loved
Jesus.

Does Jesus make us unselfish and
thoughtful for other people? Yes, if
we truly love him.

What names are given of two who sold
lands? Ananias and Sapphira.

What did they do with the money?
They brought part to Peter, and kept part
themselves.

Was this wrong? No, the money was
theirs to keep or give away.

What wicked thing did they do? They
pretended they had brought the whole.

What for? They wanted to appear very
good and generous.

When Ananias brought the money what
did Peter say to him? "Thou hast not
lied unto men but unto God."

What happened to him? He fell down
dead.

Who came in a little later? His wife,
Sapphira.

Did she tell a lie too? Yes, she said they
had brought all the price of the land.

Was she punished? Yes, she fell dead
as her husband had done.

Does God hate lying now just as much
as he did then?

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was St. Paul? The apostle who
was first a persecutor but afterwards
the great preacher of the gospel to the
Gentiles.

Who was Dorcas? A good woman who
made clothes for the poor, and who was
raised from death.

A.D. 30.] LESSON VIII [Aug. 21]

THE APOSTLES PERSECUTED

Acts 5. 25-41. Memory verses, 29-32.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"We ought to obey God rather than
men."—Acts 5. 29.

What did the apostles keep on doing?
Preaching about Jesus and doing won-
derful works.

Did many people become Jesus' dis-
ciples? Yes, every day more and more
people believed in Jesus.

What did the priests and rulers do?
They put the apostles in prison again.

When the officers went for the prison-
ers, what did they find? The doors locked,
the guard standing outside, and the prison
empty.

Who had opened the doors in the night?
The angel of the Lord.

Where were the apostles? In the tem-
ple preaching.

When they were brought before the
council what did the high priest ask? Why
they had not obeyed him.

What did they answer? [Repeat the
Golden Text]

What else did they say? That God
raised up Jesus, whom these very men had

crucified, and that they were his wit-
nesses.

What did the rulers want to do? To kill
the apostles.

What did Gamaliel advise them? To
let them alone, for perhaps God had really
sent them.

Did the rulers do as he said? Yes; they
beat the apostles and told them not to
speak about Jesus any more, and then they
let them go.

Did the apostles go away sad? No;
they went away rejoicing because God let
them suffer for Jesus' sake.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Cornelius? A devout Gentile
soldier, to whom St. Peter was sent to
preach the gospel.

Who was Lydia? A devout woman
whose heart the Lord opened when St.
Paul preached.

POOR POLLY.

POOR POLLY! Unhappy dolly! Be-
tween Jack and Jerry it looks as if there
would soon be an end of her. Madge, her
little owner, had set her against the wall
while she went herself to get some bright
leaves. Then the dogs came along.

"Sniff, sniff," went Jack; "Bow-wow,"
said Jerry, and both jumped at Polly.

Jack caught her arm, Jerry the skirt of
her dress, and neither would let go.
Madge stood helpless, feeling that she
could not bear to look that way, and see
her dolly torn to pieces.

Just then a big boy came along. Madge
had seen him before, and had been afraid
of him, he seemed so rough. But now he
looked over the fence and saw her trouble.

"Hi there," he shouted to the dogs, in a
very loud voice; and with a stick he held
he struck at them till they dropped Polly
and ran off.

"Now take your baby-doll," he said
kindly, and Madge picked up Polly and
shyly said, "Thank you."

Polly was not hurt much. Jerry's
teeth had gone through her dress, though,
and Madge ran in to get sister Mary to
mend it, and then she told her the whole
story.

"I thought that boy was not nice," said
the little girl, "but he was good, wasn't
he? though he did wear ugly clothes."

"Yes, indeed," said the big sister; "you
can't tell how people will act from the
clothes they wear. Better wait, little
maid, and not make up your mind about
people till you see what they will do; it
does not matter much what they have on."