

A LITTLE SCHOLAR.

WHILE their lessons for the morrow
All the other children learn,
Oft I see a tiny toddler
With a look of grave concern.
On her lap she spreads a volume,
And a clothes-pin is her pen;
By herself she softly chatters:
"Four and six and two and ten."

In her quiet little corner,
On her brow a studious frown,
How she pores above those pages
(They are just now upside down)
Till the bee-like droning ceases!
If I beg my little wren
For a kiss, I get this answer:
"Four and six and two and ten."

At his very busy playmate
Pussy looks with blinking eyes;
Then she stands him in the corner,
Very much to his surprise.
And she holds the book before him,
Though he mews a protest then:
She is teaching pass his lesson—
"Four and six and two and ten."

In the tranquil hush of bedtime,
When the good-night kisses fall,
From her lonely little corner
My wee scholar then I call,
And I ask how much she loves me,
Press her rose-lips once again,
While she hugs me and she whispers:
"Four and six and two and ten."

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 27.] **LESSON III.** [Jan 20
HEALING THE LEPER.

Mark 1. 31-45. Commit to mem. vs. 40, 41.

GOLDEN TEXT.

As soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. Mark 1. 42.

OUTLINE.

1. Praying, v. 35.
2. Teaching, v. 36-39.
3. Healing, v. 40-45.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus go in the early morning?
To a solitary place.
Whom did he go to meet? God, his Father.
Why did Jesus need to pray? Because he was man as well as God?
Who followed him to the place of prayer? Simon Peter and others.

What did they tell him? That all men were seeking him.

What did Jesus say? That he must go to other towns.

What did Jesus do throughout Galilee? He preached, and cast out devils.

Who came to him for healing? A leper.

What did the leper say to Jesus? "If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."

What did this show? Strong faith in Jesus.

What did Jesus do? He healed the leper.

How did he heal him? By his word of power.

What did the man do? He went out, and told what Jesus had done.

Of what is leprosy the type? Of sin.

Who only can cure sin? God.

When may a sinner be cured? When he goes to Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

IF { Thou wilt,
Thou canst
Make me clean
Jesus says, "I will." } { In body,
In mind,
In spirit.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The God-man.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

16. *Who was Judas?* The wicked apostle, who betrayed the Lord with a kiss.

A.D. 27.] **LESSON IV.** [Jan. 27

FORGIVENESS AND HEALING.

Mark. 2. 1-12. Commit to memory vs. 10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases. Psa. 103. 3.

OUTLINE.

1. Forgiving Iniquities, v. 1-5.
2. Healing Diseases, v. 6-12.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

To what city did Jesus come again? To Capernaum.

Who came to see and hear him? Great crowds of people.

What did Jesus preach to them? The word of God.

Who was brought to him? A man sick of palsy.

How did his friends bring him? They carried him lying on his bed, or mat.

Why could they not get to Jesus? Because of the great crowd.

What did they do? They carried the sick man to the roof.

What did they then do? They opened the roof and let down the sick man.

Why was Jesus pleased with this? Because it showed strong faith.

What did Jesus first do for the sick man? He forgave his sins.

Why did this offend the priests? They did not think Jesus was the Son of God.

What did Jesus then do? He cured the man's body.

What did he command the sick man to do? To take up his bed and go home.

What did this prove? That Jesus had the right to forgive sins.

Why had he the right to do this? Because he was the Son of God.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Real faith makes us { Go to Jesus for ourselves.
Take our friends to him.
Refuse to be discouraged in trying to get to him.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Forgiveness.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

17. *Who was Caiaphas?* The high priest who condemned Christ.

ONE DAY.

A LITTLE boy whose name was Andy, told his mamma one morning that he did not want to go to school. She was surprised and sorry to hear that; for if little boys and girls do not go to school while they are young, they will grow up without knowing a great many things that they ought to know. She was right in saying he ought to go; and when he kissed her good-bye, she thought he was going, like a good boy. Just outside the fence he pulled the bough of the apple tree over, and filled his pockets with apples. His kind papa would have given him all the apples he wanted if he had asked him for them, but he knew it was mean and wrong for him to sneak them off in this way. Even when he had them, he did not care to eat them.

When he came to the bars at the end of the lane, he climbed up and sat there, thinking that he wished he did not have to go to school, until he heard the bell ring in the distance, and knew it was too late. Then he was ashamed to go. Then dog Carlo, who was out in the field chasing some birds that he had frightened up, saw him, and came to have a romp with him, but was surprised when Andy only spoke cross and drove him back home.

A SELFISH SISTER.

"Did you divide that chocolate with your little brother?"

"Yes ma."

"Did you divide it fairly?"

"Yes, ma; I ate the chocolate, and gave him the paper with the pretty pictures. He likes to look at the pictures."

What a generous, thoughtful sister!