

THE LITTLE MAIDEN'S GARDEN.

There was once a little maiden
Who was very fond of flowers;
She tended them and weeded them
And watered them for hours.

She'd pansies and forget-me-nots,
And violets white and blue,
With tall proud yellow lilies
And little white ones too.

She'd marigolds and hollyhocks
And daisies white and red,
That grow in little borders
Around each flowery bed:

With wallflowers and carnations,
And many a royal rose;
She must have had a little bit
Of every flower that grows.

A thrush came to the garden,
And sang there every day,
And as for bees and butterflies,
They couldn't keep away.

The bees made lots of honey,
But it was not half so sweet
As the pretty little maiden
Who kept the garden neat.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON II. [July 9.]

DANIEL IN BABYLON.

Dan. 1. 8-21. Memory verses, 17-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself.—Dan. 1. 8.

DO YOU KNOW.

What led to the downfall of Jerusalem? Disobedience to God. What king took the city? Nebuchadnezzar. When did this take place? In the year 605 before Christ. To what city were they taken? To Babylon. What did the prisoners become? Slaves. What did the king choose for himself? Four young princes to be his servants. Where did he want them to eat? At his table. Why was Daniel unwilling to do this? What did he do? What did he beg the officer to let him do? What was the result? How did the boys look after eating plain food? Were their heads clear? Is this true of those who eat rich food and drink wine? What does this prove? That they are wise who follow God's way.

DAILY HELPS.

- Mon. Read about a heathen king and some honest boys. Dan. 1. 1-7.
- Tues. Read the lesson verses from your Bible. Daniel 1. 8-21.
- Wed. Find the secret of Daniel's wisdom. Golden Text.

- Thur. Learn a text which asks and answers a question Psalm 119 9
- Fri. Find why it is best not to drink wine. Prov. 23 20, 21.
- Sat. Find the right way to treat wine. Prov. 23. 31, 32.
- Sun. Learn how to live a good and happy life. Psalm 1.

LESSON III. [July 16.]

THE HEBREWS IN THE FIERY FURNACE.

Dan. 3. 14-28. Memory verses, 16-18.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us.—Dan. 3. 17.

DO YOU KNOW?

Who was the king of Babylon? Whom had he made his prisoners? The people of Jerusalem. Which boys did he select to be his servants? What did he set up in Babylon? What did he command the people to do? Who refused to do this? Why? They could not worship an image and be true to their God. What did they tell the king? What did he threaten to do? Did he keep his word? Why were the young men not harmed? [Thursday's Help.]

DAILY HELPS.

- Mon. Read what an angry king did Dan. 3. 1-13.
- Tues. Find how the young Hebrews had been honoured. Dan. 2. 46-49.
- Wed. Read the lesson verses carefully. Dan. 3. 14-28.
- Thur. Learn a reason for confidence in such a time. Isa. 43. 2.
- Fri. Find how a mighty king changed his mind. Verses 28, 29.
- Sat. Read a song of praise to our God. Psalm 136.
- Sun. Tell this story in your own words to some one.

KATIE'S EXAMPLE.

"I'm not going to walk one step with Susie Peters, so there! I think it is mean in Miss Henderson to put me with her! She wears an ugly patched dress, and her shoes have holes in them, and Nell and I want to walk together."

"Where are you going to walk?" asked brother Dick.

"In the Easter procession. We are to march down the middle aisle, and half of us go up the left and half the right, to the choir seats; and I lead one of the divisions. Think of having Susie Peters with me in her old brown dress and all the rest of us in white, with wreaths of flowers on our heads! I won't do it, anyhow."

"Little daughter, what do you think Jesus would do if he were here to walk in your Easter procession?"

It was Mrs. Maxwell's voice. Katie's cheeks grew red, she had not known that her mother was within hearing.

"I don't know," she said, speaking low. "Don't you? Come here, dear, and let me tell you a story."

"One night when Jesus and his disciples had been walking the dusty roads all day, they came to the house where they were to have supper together, but there was no servant to bathe their tired feet, as was the custom in that country, and Jesus got a basin of water and a towel, and bathed and dried the feet of every one of them.

"It was then that he said those words in your Bible verse: 'I have given you an example.' I wonder what he would do about Susie Peters?"

Katie said not a word. But that evening when she was getting ready for bed, she said, "Mother, I've got a secret for you; I'm going to walk with Susie Peters and give her some of my flowers and be nice to her."

Then mother kissed her little girl and was glad.

A PRETTY PET.

Mary and Donald have a tame robin for a pet. At first he only came to the window-sill to pick up the crumbs they scattered for him. But when he became better acquainted he ventured nearer, until the three were fast friends. The moment they open the door Bobby hops down to them, and is often at their feet while they are looking all around for him.

As soon as the severe winter weather comes, he taps at the window, and directly they open it he hops in, and very often lives in the nursery day and night for a week or ten days without going out. If he does venture out, and it is still cold, he comes back again very soon. At Christmas-time, when the evergreens are up, he seems even more at home, and likes to sit on them and sing.

One morning they heard him making a great noise. They went to see what was the matter and found that the snow was gone.

They opened the window and he soon flew out; but he always says good-bye before he goes, by turning round and giving a chirp.

THE BIRD'S CUP.

Millie has a dainty silver cup. She is very proud of it. One day she said, "No one has such a pretty cup as this!"

"I saw a bird drink from a prettier one to-day," said father.

"Do birds drink from cups?" asked Millie.

"Yes, sometimes. This was a leaf cup, the cup of the pitcher plant. It has a lid, and holds water as well as your cup."

"And do the birds really drink out of it?"

"Yes; the rain and the dew gather in the cup. By-and-bye a thirsty bird comes along and sips from the leaf cup, and lifts up his head as if to thank God for the drink. God provided that dainty cup for his birds. And, in Africa, the traveller's tree, which holds water where the long leaves grow to the trunk of the tree, is another instance."