



STORK AND DOLL.

These children are in great trouble because a stork has carried off their doll. You will notice that the doll is dressed just like the babies in Germany, wrapped in swaddling clothes, till it can hardly move hand or foot. Dolly has evidently been snatched out of its cradle. The stork will soon have to let it go, and, notwithstanding the fact that it shall have, dolly will be none the worse.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

**LESSON V.—OCTOBER 29.
PSALMS OF DELIVERANCE.**

Psalms 85 and 126. Memory verses, Psalm 126, 1-6.

GOLDEN TEXT.

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.—Psalm 126, 5.

OUTLINE.

1. Thanksgiving for Forgiveness, v. 1-3.
2. Prayer for More Grace, v. 4-7.
3. The Answer of Hope, v. 8-13.
4. The Blessed Fulfilment, v. 1-6.

Time.—Probably after return from exile. The second temple was dedicated B.C. 515.

Place.—In view of Jerusalem and the temple.

LESSON HELPS.

1. "Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob"—The time when this psalm was written is not certainly known. It was certainly sung by the people after the return from captivity in Babylon. The captive Jews, who were the descendants of Jacob, are implied by the phrase "captivity of Jacob."
2. "Forgiven the iniquity"—Borne or carried it away. An obvious allusion to the ceremony of the scapegoat. "Thou hast covered"—In the fact of forgiveness. Not only covered, but removed. "Selah"—Probably a musical term, and not essential to the psalm.

3 "Taken away all thy wrath" More correctly, gathered it again after it had been launched forth.

4 "Turn us"—And the kind of turning is indicated by the word "salvation" Thou hast turned our captivity, now turn our souls from sin. "Thine anger to cease"—The literal idea is: Let the sharp edge of thine anger be blunted and broken.

5, 6 The sufferings of the Jews for their sins had been long and great hence the wonder, and yet mingled with wonder in these questions is hope. To "revive" is to relieve, and when a people revive and rise above their sins they rejoice in God, who is then their salvation.

7, 8 "Thy mercy"—Thy is here emphatic. Mercy is shown by blotting out sin. "I will hear"—The prayer is ended, and now there is a listening for the divine response. "Let them not turn again to folly"—To sin, for sin is folly. Sorrowful experience should teach the people wisdom.

9 "His salvation is nigh"—An eternal truth with comfort to those who will accept it. That glory may dwell in our land"—In the rebuilding of the temple and in the restored worship.

10, 11 Poetic descriptions. Heavenly virtues which shall meet in the saints, springing up like flowers and shining out like stars.

12 "Her increase"—No more drought or barrenness, and so no more suffering.

13. A difficult verse. It seems to mean to go before Jehovah and make his footsteps a way for his people to walk in.

1. "Turned the captivity of Zion"—That is, of the Jews whose home was on Zion. Cyrus turned their captivity by his decree, but God was in it all. "Like them that dream"—The news "too good to be true"

2. "Then said they among the heathen"—A great deliverance when even the heathen talked about it.

3. What the heathen say is truth, and we echo it, and we are glad.

4. "Turn again"—Other Jews were still enslaved beyond the Euphrates; let all return. "As the streams in the south"—Especially the Nile.

5. A proverb, confirmed as a fact in their experience. Many illustrations of it.

6. A truth drawn out of experience. The Jews came to their land "with rejoicing." The seed is "precious," for it was for planting, and the harvest seemed uncertain at the time, but the sheaves were finally gathered.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Psalms of deliverance.—Psalm 85.
- Tu. Psalms of deliverance.—Psalm 126.

- W. Promise of deliverance.—Jer. 30, 18-24.
- Th. A joyful prospect.—Jer. 31, 1-12.
- F. Pardon and restoration. Jer. 33, 1-14.
- S. A joyful city. Zech. 8, 1-8.
- Su. The Great Deliverer.—Psalm 124.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Thanksgiving for Forgiveness, v. 1-3. Who brought back the exiled Jews? Of what was this a sign? How had God covered their sin? Had God really turned, or was it they that had turned? Were they thankful to God for his favour to their land?
2. Prayer for More Grace, v. 4-7. For what is verse 4 a prayer? Had the Jews all the prosperity of their forefathers? Why had they not? What great reason for a prayer for revival is given in verse 6?
3. The Answer of Hope, v. 8-13. When we ask God for mercies is it well for us to listen for his answers?



What will God speak to his people and to his saints?
On what condition?
Where is God's salvation?
What is the true glory of the Lord's land?
Repeat verse 10. What does it mean?
Repeat verse 11. What does it mean?
What is the psalmist's hope in the Lord?
4. The Blessed Fulfilment, v. 1-6. Were the good Jews surprised when God answered their prayers? Are we ever surprised when he answers ours? Could they help laughing and singing? What did the heathen say about them? Was this true? Verse 3. What is said about "those that sow in tears"? Golden Text. What is the promise of the last verse?



CINGHALESE BARBER.

This extraordinary looking scene may be witnessed almost any day in Ceylon. The better class of the Orientals are very scrupulous about personal cleanliness, and practice frequent washings and shavings. The barbers use no chairs, but the shaver stands and submits to have his nose pulled and his features

manipulated by the shaver. You would think, to look at the head of the right-hand figure with the hair-comb and chignon, that it belonged to a woman, and the style of dress would heighten the illusion. But it is the custom of the country for men to dress in this manner, and when they are beardless, a very effeminate look it gives them.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson do we learn—
1. That if we repent God will forgive?
2. That we can never receive so much grace that we cannot have more grace?
3. That God is better to us than our fears and better than our best hopes?

See the sheaves of love, kindness, patience, hope, and joy, and one great sheaf of God's promises, for there are 31,000 of them, and he will keep them all.

Papa—"See the spider, my boy, spinning his web. Is it not wonderful? Do you reflect that, try as he may, no man could spin that web?"
Johnny—"What of it? See me spin this top! Do you reflect that, try as he may no spider could spin this top?"
Dolly—"Papa, do they get salt out of Salt Lake?" Papa—"Yes, my dear large quantities." Dolly—"And ink out of the Black Sea?" Papa—"No; now keep quiet." Dolly—"Yes, sir. Are there any women on the Isle of Mau?"

"Thomas, how would you correct the sentence, 'He laid down on the lounge'?"
"I wouldn't correct it at all, ma'am. It's all right."
"How do you make that out, Thomas?"
"He was carryin' an armful of down, ma'am, and he laid it on the lounge."

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