

ONLY A LITTLE SUNBEAM.

ONLY a little sunbeam,
But it fell on an op'ning rose;
Only a tiny rain-drop,
But it helped a green leaf unclose.

Only a robin singing,
But the song reached to heav'n above;
Only a lovely blossom,
But its mission was one of love.

Only a gentle hand clasp,
But it made grateful tear-drops start;
Only a look of pity,
But it fell on an aching heart.

Only a kind word spoken,
But it reached a poor outcast one,
Only a word that told her
Of the dear loving Father's Son;

Only the cry, "Forgive me!"
But the Saviour approving smiled,
Only an outcast praying,
But the Father calls her his child.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER

[Sept. 21.]

B.C. —.] LESSON V.
A SONG OF PRAISE.

Psa. 103. 1-22. Commit to memory verses 1, 5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Psa. 103. 2.

OUTLINE.

1. The benefits of the Lord, v. 1-7.
2. The mercy of the Lord, v. 8-18.
3. The praise of the Lord, v. 19-22.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

When do we bless the Lord? When we praise him.
How should we praise him? With all our heart.
What do we sometimes forget? All that God is doing for us. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]
What is God constantly doing? Forgiving our sins and healing our diseases.
How does God deal with all? In righteousness and loving-kindness.
To whom will the Lord make known his ways? To all his children.
Who are God's children? Those who love and obey him.
Does God punish his children for their sins as severely as they deserve? No; he has great mercy towards those who love him.
How does God forgive our sins? He punishes them far away from us, so that they do not belong to us any more.

What is this life? As a flower of the field that the wind passes over and desire to
How long will God's mercy From them that keep his command
Where has God prepared throne; In the heavens.
Over what does God rule Over heaven and earth.
By whom is God praised By every thing that he has made.
Why should we praise and praise God? Because he loves us.

WORDS WITH THE PEOPLE.

Love God—
Because he loves you.
Because he puts your love,
Because he knows what is best for you.

Bless God—
Because he has done so much for you.
Because he wants to do so much for you.
Because he is willing and able to save you from sin.

Thou shalt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for evermore."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The mercies of the Lord.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Lazarus? One whom Jesus loved, and raised to life when he had been dead four days.

Who was Martha? The sister of Lazarus, who was too much troubled in making a feast for the Lord.

THIRD QUARTERLY REVIEW.—SEPT. 28.

Repeat the GOLDEN TEXTS for the quarter:

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| 1. I have found— | 7. Whoso curseth— |
| 2. He blesseth— | 8. So the Lord— |
| 3. Thy throne— | 9. Thou hast— |
| 4. Thine own friend— | 10. The Lord— |
| 5. My sin— | 11. I delight— |
| 6. Honour thy— | 12. Bless the Lord— |

REVIEW QUESTIONS.

Lesson I.—Who was anointed king over Israel? David. How long did he reign? Forty years. What did the Israelites take from the Jebusites? The city of Zion.

Lesson II.—What did David try to do? To carry the ark up to Jerusalem on a new cart. Who touched the ark? Uzzah. How did God punish him? With instant death. Where did they take the ark? Into the house of Obed-edom. What did God send to Obed-edom? Blessing and prosperity.

Lesson III.—What did David wish to do? Build a house for the ark of God. What did the Lord say unto him? "Thy son shall build it." What did God promise

David? "Thy throne shall be established forever."

Lesson IV.—How did David honor Jonathan's memory? He sought out his son, and gave him a place at his own table, as one of the king's sons. What did he restore to him? All the land that had belonged to Saul.

Lesson V.—What does God love? A broken and contrite heart. What always follows true repentance? God's pardon.

Lesson VI.—What was Absalom's desire? To be king over Israel. What did Absalom do? He stole the hearts of the people. How was he disloyal to David? He gathered an army together to fight against him.

Lesson VII.—What took place between the armies of David and Absalom? A great battle. Who was killed? Absalom. Who mourned exceedingly for Absalom? David.

Lesson VIII.—What did the Lord send upon Israel for their sins? A great plague. How many died of the plague? Seventy thousand. What did David ask the Lord to do? To punish him, but spare his people. What did God tell David to do? To build an altar, and offer sacrifices. Who stopped the plague? The Lord.

Lesson IX.—What declares the glory of God? The earth and the heavens. What is more glorious than the nearest play-ground? The word of God. What is the greatest merit and our Redeemer? The Lord Jesus Christ.

Lesson X.—From what will God protect us? From our enemies. What does God say unto us? Seek ye my face. Who is always with us in your joy sorrow? The Lord.

Lesson XI.—Who are blessed in this world? Those who trust in God. What is more precious in God's sight than sacrifices? Obedience to his will. What is given to us when we trust in him? Joy and peace.

Lesson XII.—How should we bless God? With all our mind and strength and heart. Who are God's children? Those who love and obey him. How does God deal with his children? In love and kindness.

THE CHINESE.

THE Chinese do not use table-cloths, knives and forks, plates and dishes, as we do, nor do they often sit around one table. The men and women seldom sit together. The father and sons first take their meals, and then the mother and daughters come in and take what is left, and the father and brothers leave them to wait on themselves. Are you not glad that you do not live away off in China? Do you ever thank your heavenly Friend that you have a pleasant home, and a kind father and attentive brother?