

THE BOY FOR ME

His cap is old, but his hair is gold,
And his face is as clear as the sky;
And whoever he meets on lanes or streets,
He looks them straight in the eye.

With a fearless pride, that has naught to
hide,
Though he bows like a little knight;
Quite debonair to a lady fair,
With a smile that is swift as light.

Does his mother call? Not a kite or ball
Or the prettiest game can stay
His eager feet as he hastens to greet
Whatever she means to say.

And the teachers depend on the little
friend
At school in his place at nine,
With his lessons learned and his good
marks earned,
All ready to toe the line.

—Christian Union.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

LESSON XII. [Dec. 21.]

SAMUEL THE JUDGE.

1 Sam. 7. 2-13. Memorize verses 8-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and
serve him only.—1 Sam. 7. 3.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

When did the Lord call Samuel to serve
him? When he was a little boy. What
did he become? A prophet and a judge.
What was his work? To keep the people
faithful to God. Who troubled Israel?
The Philistines. Why? Because Israel
would not be true to God. What happened
to them? War, and the loss of their
flocks and harvests. What did they do at
last? They begged Samuel to help them.
What did he do? He offered sacrifices
and prayed for them. Who came upon
them then? The Philistines. How did
God answer Samuel's prayer? He sent
a great thunderstorm upon the Philistines.
What became of them? They were scat-
tered. What did Samuel set up? A stone
which he named Ebenezer. What does
that mean? "Hitherto hath the Lord
helped us."

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson verses. 1 Sam. 7. 2-13.
- Tues. Find Samuel's way out of trouble. 1 Sam. 7. 3.
- Wed. Learn how we may live in peace. Deut. 13. 4.
- Thur. Find how the Lord sometimes speaks. Psa. 18. 13, 14.

- Fri. Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat. Think: Is there any "Ebenezer" in your life?
- Sun. Read a hymn of praise. Methodist Hymnal, No. 726.

LESSON XII. [Dec. 21.]

CHRISTMAS LESSON.

Luke 2. 8-20.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For unto you is born this day in the
city of David a Saviour, which is Christ
the Lord.—Luke 2. 11.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What fields are near Bethlehem? The
shepherds' fields. Who watched their
flocks there one night? Some good shep-
herds. Who lived there long before?
Ruth and David. Who came down to the
shepherds? An angel. What did he
bring? Good news. Can you repeat his
words? (Verses 10, 11.) Who came
then? A heavenly host. What song did
they sing? (Verse 14.) Where did the
shepherds go after this? To Bethlehem.
Whom did they find? Joseph, Mary, and
the Holy Child. Where did they find
them? In a stable. How did they go
back? Praising God.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read about the birth of Jesus. Luke 2. 1-8.
- Tues. Read the beautiful lesson story. Luke 2. 8-20.
- Wed. Find out what "angel" means.
- Thur. Learn what good news the angel brought. Golden Text.
- Fri. Learn about the name of the Holy Child. Matt. 1. 21.
- Sat. Find what Jesus came to bring. 2 Tim. 1. 10.
- Sun. Read a beautiful story hymn. Methodist Hymnal, No. 192.

LESSON XIII. [Dec. 28.]

REVIEW.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
in all generations.—Psa. 90. 1.

Titles and Golden Texts should be thor-
oughly studied.

1. J. E. Be strong and—
2. C. the J. When thou passest—
3. The F. of J. By faith the—
4. J. and C. He wholly—
5. C. of R. God is our—
6. J. P. A. Choose you this—
7. The T. of the J. They cry unto—
8. W. T. L. They also have—
9. G. and the T.H. It is better to—
10. R. and N. Be kindly—
11. The B. S. Speak, Lord; for—
12. S. the J. Prepare your—
12. C. L. For unto you—

THE WATCH INSIDE.

Charley could not understand how his
Cousin Howard could be lying in his little
grave and at the same time be in heaven
with Jesus.

Papa had one of the old kind of watches,
that will let you take the wheels and works
out of the case very easily. He was show-
ing this watch to the baby, when Charley
came and stood beside his chair.

"O papa," cried Charley, "you have
got two watches now, haven't you?"

Papa put the works in the watch again.
Then he took them out and laid them in
Charley's hand.

"Can you hear it tick now?" asked
papa.

"Yes," said Charley, "it keeps on tick-
ing just as it did when it was inside. I
never knew before that the wheels would
go if you took them out."

"Yes, Charley; I could bury this old
case deep in the ground, and still the
wheels would keep on moving just as they
are now."

"O, now I see!" cried Charley; "I
see now what you meant when you said
that Howard's body is in the grave, but
his soul is living with Jesus in heaven.
His body is the case, and his soul is the
watch that keeps on going even after it is
taken out of the case."—*Olive Plants.*

DECEMBER.

Dear December, white and hoary,
Half in sadness does he come,
For he tells us he will gather
All the Old Year children home;
And he carries as he greets us,
Wreaths of holly,—with a glow
That is red like winter fireside
Twined with pearls of mistletoe;

Cross the uplands, down the valleys
We can hear his gentle tread—
There is winter all around him,
Over all the landscape spread;
Hark, he sings! "O earth awaken!
See the dawn of peace appear!
Lo, I bring the Saviour's Birthday—
'Tis the glory of the year!"

A teacher said the other day: "Henry
Stover is the only boy in school whom I
can trust when my back is turned." Wasn't that a good word for Henry? A
mother said once: "I can leave any letter
that I write open on my desk, and if I am
called away, no matter for how long, I am
certain that Nellie will never try to read
a word of it." These things couldn't be
said of every boy and girl. These chil-
dren are honest. They do right not only
when others are looking at them, but
always, remembering that God's eye is
upon them. They do right because it is
right. This is what we should all and
always do: Live as in God's presence, and
do what will please him.