

WELL, NEVER TOUCH THE WINE.

We are a little temperance band,
And this our pledge secure,
We'll never, never touch the wine,
We'll drink the water pure.

We'll join the army of the land,
The tried, the true, the brave,
Who nobly strive from alcohol,
Our friends and homes to save.

If faithful in our temperance band,
The little we can do
May help some other feeble one,
To keep a purpose true.

Come, join our little temperance band,
The erring help to win,
Unite with us in chorus grand,
This little song to sing.

A CHILD'S EXPLANATION.

Wise heads have often been bothered about the origin of language. Many learned explanations have been given.

A little girl was wearying over her spelling book. At last, in a distressful tone, she said to her brother, a few years older than herself, "O Paul, where do all these lots of miserable words come from?"

"Why, Gracie, you duncie, don't you know! It is because people quarrel so much! Whenever they quarrel, one word brings on another, and that's the reason we have such a long string of them"

"I wish they'd stop it," sighed Gracie, "then the spelling books wouldn't be so big"

Paul's explanation was funny, if not quite correct. One part of it, however, hit the mark. "Whenever they quarrel, one word brings on another!"—that is, another angry word. So better not quarrel.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 28.] LESSON VII. [May 16.

THE NOBLEMAN'S SON.

John 4. 43-54. Commit to memory verses 43-51.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. John 4. 50.

OUTLINE.

1. At Cana, v. 43-46.
2. A Call, v. 47-49.
3. A Cure, v. 50-54.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who came to Jesus while he was in Cana? A nobleman of the king's court.

What did he ask of him? To heal his son.

Where was his son? In Capernaum, a day's journey from Cana.

What did Jesus tell him? "Unless you see wonderful things, you will not believe on me."

How had the Samaritans believed? Without seeing miracles.

What was the nobleman's prayer? "Sir, come down ere my son die."

How did Jesus answer it? (Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.)

Did the nobleman believe Jesus' word? He did; and turned to go home.

Who met him on the way? His servants.

What good news did they bring? That his son was alive and better.

When had he begun to get well? The same hour that Jesus promised he should live

Who believed on Jesus? The nobleman and his whole house.

How does Jesus want us to believe on him? By faith.

What has he told us? "Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Jesus told that dear father, who came to him to cure his little boy, the GOLDEN TEXT The father believed, went on his way, and found that the very hour Jesus spoke the word the fever left him. "What a splendid thing for Jesus to do!" "Wish he was here now!"

"Still he comforts fathers' hearts,
Life and strength and joy imparts;
Still the children's friend is he,
As of old, by Galilee."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The power of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Where did God put the first man and woman? God put the first man and woman in the garden of Eden.

In whose image was man created? Man was created in the image or likeness of God.

A.D. 28.] LESSON VIII. [May 23.

JESUS AT BETHESDA.

John 5. 5-18. Commit to memory vs. 6-9.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Wilt thou be made whole? John 5. 6.

OUTLINE.

1. Helplessness, v. 5-7.
2. Healing, v. 8, 9.
3. Hatred, v. 10-18.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus go one Sabbath day? To the Pool of Bethesda.

Where was the Pool of Bethesda? Jerusalem.

What did Jesus see there? A many sick people.

Why did they come to the pool? They made well by bathing in the water.

Who was there among them? A who had been sick thirty-eight years.

What did Jesus ask him? (Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.)

What did the man reply? I have one to put me into the water.

What was the reply of Jesus? "Take up thy bed, and walk."

What happened? "The man was well, and took up his bed, and walked."

Who reproved him for carrying his upon the Sabbath? The Jewish rulers

Who did he say had told him to do his bed? The man who healed him.

What warning did Jesus give him? "Sin no more, lest something worse sickness come upon you."

What did he then tell the Jews? Jesus had healed him.

Why were the Jews angry with Jesus? Because he did good on the Sabbath day

What did Jesus tell them? "My Father does good on the Sabbath, and so shall I"

How does God work on the Sabbath? He gives us the sunshine and the rain same as on other days.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

You know you have sinned, don't darlings? You want to be made whole and you believe Jesus can and is willing to do it, too, don't you? Then go right and tell him your answer to his wonderful blessed question in the GOLDEN TEXT is "will."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The law of Sabbath.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How was man made like God? His was created like God: immortal, holy, happy.

Did our first parents continue holy happy? No: they sinned against God, fell into misery.

THE STRENGTH OF INSECTS.

The strength of insects is simply prodigious. M. Plateau has been testing their powers, and announces as the result of experiments that the smallest insects the strongest, proportioned to their size, that all are enormously strong when compared bulk for bulk with vertebrates. A horse can scarcely bear two-thirds of its weight, while one small species of beetle can lift ninety-nine times its weight. Were the strength of man in proportion to the beetle, he could play with weights equal to ten times the weight of a horse.