

DR. PENNYROYAL'S PRESCRIPTION.



1. "WHAT THIS CHILD REALLY WANTS, MADAM, WHILE YETTING, IS A ———!"



2. "LEGOO, YOU YOUNG CANNIBAL, LEGOO!" "LET GO, BABY DEAR; IF BABY SHOULD SWALLOW IT, IT WOULD MAKE BABY SICK."



3. "WHAT THAT ONILD REALLY NEEDS, MADAM, IS MUZZLE!" —Scribner's Magazine.

Enlist the Young.

BY THOMAS H. THOMSON.

THE girls and boys of our nation
Grow fast into women and men;
And we must in childhood instruct them,
If we wish to count on them then
They need our protection and guidance,
Their hearts it is ours to win
From the snares and the traps of the tempter,
Spread out in the service of sin.

Oh, won't you assist in our efforts
To train and instruct them aright?
With counsel and kindness prepare them
Life's manifold battles to fight.
'Tis ours to warn and to guide them;
'Tis ours to bid them refuse
The drink and the weed which can only
Their bodies with poison infuse.

The foe is abroad in the nation;
Oh, won't you assist the dear boys,
To stand by the true and the noble,
To slun that which blights and destroys?
Remember the young, they are growing;
Ere long they'll be women or men,
The Lord looks to us for their training,
He knows we shall need them all then.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF ACTS.

A.D.30.] LESSON III. [July 17.
THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Acts 2. 37-47. Memory verses, 37-39.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.—Acts 2. 47.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

The way of salvation is by hearing, repenting, believing, confessing, and living according to the gospel of Jesus the Christ.

INTRODUCTION.

Immediately after the last lesson, Peter preached to the crowd in Jerusalem about nine o'clock Sunday morning. He preached in a straightforward, personal, earnest, bold manner, and to-day's lesson shows us the effects which followed.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

Pricked in their heart—Convicted of sin, stung with remorse. Remission—Forgiveness. Note the order: (1) Conviction; (2) Seeking; (3) Repenting; (4) Believing; (5) Baptized; (6) Assurance of forgiveness; (7) The gift of the Spirit; (8) Happy lives; (9) Generous giving; (10) Fruits. That are afar off—The Gentiles. All nations to the end of time. Untoward—Crooked, perverse. Notice the four elements in their training: (1) Doctrine, i. e., teaching, instruction in the truths and practices of religion; (2) Fellowship; (3) Breaking of bread; their daily eating together, followed by the Lord's Supper; (4) Prayer—public prayer meetings. Fear—Reverential awe in the good, terror and dread in the bad. Signs—Miracles, which were a sign or proof of religion. All things common—A kind of community of goods; but they retained their own homes, and sold whatever was necessary to supply the wants of the

many from foreign countries who wanted to remain longer and hear the gospel. (1) Only a portion did this; (2) It was confined to Jerusalem; (3) It was voluntary; (4) It was a type of what all Christians should do: Impart of their abundance to those in need. Such as should be saved—Such as were saved. The saved ones—the converted—were added to the number of the disciples.

Find in this lesson—
The way to become a Christian.
What things will help us to live as Christians.
Some good things Christians do.
That true religion brings joy.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

1. What were the successive steps in their conversion? "(1) Conviction of sins; (2) Seeking help; (3) Repentance; (4) Believing; (5) Baptism; (6) Forgiven sin; (7) The gift of the Holy Spirit." 2. In what ways were the converts trained? "(1) By instruction; (2) By fellowship with Christians; (3) By the Lord's Supper; (4) By social prayer." 3. How did they live? "Happy, earnest, loving lives; praising God, and doing good to man."

CATECHISM QUESTION.

30 Who is the Holy Spirit?
The Holy Spirit is the third Person in the blessed Trinity, one in the Godhead with the Father and the Son.

NEW TO HIM.

A YOUNG commissariat officer, during the Crimean War, wrote to a relative in England asking her to send him a box of books which he specified. She did so, but at the bottom of the box put one of a totally different character, a present from herself.

When the box arrived, the young officer began to read one after another of the books, eagerly devouring them, till at last he came upon this one; but when he saw what kind it was he contemptuously tossed it back again.

After awhile, needing something to while away the time, he returned to the box, and read most of the novels over again; but these not being very interesting, he at last turned to the despised book for "something new," whatever it might be. It contained words from God. As he read, his eyes were enlightened, his conscience was awakened, his soul was aroused to call upon the name of the Lord, and he was led to yield himself to the Saviour.

When the war was over he returned to England, a totally different man from what he was when he went out, and since that time he has used his high position, his influence and his talent in the Lord's service; he has preached and taught in many places, and has been the means of leading perhaps hundreds to the Saviour.

Besides that he has written many books, setting forth the Gospel of the grace of God fully, clearly, and with no uncertain sound, and these have been blessed to many souls.

Little did that handmaiden of the Lord think when she prayerfully placed the book in the box she was sending out to her young kinsman in the Crimea that it would, in the hand of God, become a seed from

which such a harvest would be gathered; and as little do any of us know, as we give a book, tract, or leaflet here and there, what it may bring forth.

PARENTAL COUNSEL.

IN "A few words to the children" Dr. Henry M. Field, editor of the New York Evangelist, says: "When you are forbidden by the better judgment of your parents to carry out some plan which you have made, do not for a moment think they wish to deprive you of happiness. When prone to believe that they are against you, either by your own reason or by the pernicious counsellings of some so-called friend, remember this fact, there is no earthly friend who loves you as fondly as your father and mother. How beautiful it is to see children recognizing this truth and giving in to the wiser judgment of the older ones, pleasantly saying, 'You know better than I do, father and mother. I will do as you think right.' Oh, what a harvest of tears and suffering has many a perverse child reaped because of departing from the counsels of good parents! How many times we hear such ones say, 'My father and my mother did all they could to make me do what was right; but I was perverse and wise in my own conceit, and I have no one to blame for the consequence of wrongdoing but myself.' Pitiful in the extreme are some of these experiences. Our hospitals and our prisons shelter many such wayward children. So, dear children, do not feel that those who love you best on earth are trying to make the way hard for you, but rather believe that they are striving for your happiness in the highest sense of the word. They wish to shield you from those things which will cause you sorrow and bitter regrets in your after life."

A DOLLAR PINNED IN A BIBLE.

BY D. A. CATTON.

A YOUNG boy, and only son, was about to leave his home, and go away among strangers. He had been a child of many prayers. His mother had always prayed for him—she would pray for him still.

As she carefully packed his trunk, she took his Bible, and turning to the fifth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus pronounces a blessing upon the meek, the merciful, the peacemakers, and the pure in heart, she pinned a dollar there, praying in her heart, while her eyes were perhaps blinded with tears, that her dear boy, as he turned to that chapter, might be reminded of her love for him, and have so much of the influence of the Holy Spirit upon him, that he would give his heart to the Lord, and become a possessor of all that was promised there.

God heard that mother's prayer; and oh! how she rejoiced, when a few months later, he wrote to tell her, that he had learned to love his Bible, and had become a child of God, and was on his way to heaven.

THE FIRESIDE SAINT.

BY F. W. ROBERTSON.

DOUBTLESS the memory of each one of us will furnish the picture of some member of a family whose very presence seemed shed happiness; a daughter, perhaps whose light step even in the distance irradiated every one's countenance. What was the secret of such an one's power? What had she done? Absolutely nothing but radiant smiles, beaming good humour, the fact of doing what every one wanted, that she had got out of self and learned to think for others; so that, at one time, showed itself in deprecating the quarrel which lowered brows and raised tones, ready showed to be impending, by sweet words; at another, by smoothing an invalid's pillow; at another, by humour and softening a father who had returned weary and ill-tempered from the irritations of business. None but she saw the things; none but a loving heart could see. That was the secret of her heavenly power.

Fathers and mothers, who this list may read,
Do not delay, but with the utmost speed,
Secure these Stories, at the Book Room found,
And read them to the children gathered round.
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How much of charm to home enjoyment lent!

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