

FOR YOU.

I have some good advice for you,
My merry little man,
'Tis this: where'er your lot is cast,
Oh, do the best you can!
And find the good in everything,
No matter what or where;
And don't be always looking for
The hardest things to bear.

Oh, do not stand with idle hands,
And wait for something grand,
While precious moments slip away
Like grains of shining sand!
But do the duty nearest you,
And do it faithfully,
For stepping-stones to greater things
These little deeds shall be.

In this big world of ours, my boy,
There's work for all to do,
Just measure by the golden rule,
That which is set for you;
And try it with the square of truth,
And with the line of right;
In every act and thought of yours,
Oh, keep your honor bright!

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, FROM SOLOMON TO ELIJAH.

LESSON X.—SEPTEMBER 4.

ELIJAH ENCOURAGED.

Kings 19. 9-18. Memorize verses 15-18.
GOLDEN TEXT.
Fear thou not; for I am with thee.—
Isa. 41. 10.

THE LESSON STORY.

Although Elijah had been fed by an angel of the Lord before he took the long journey of forty days and forty nights into the great stony desert of Sinai, in Arabia, he was troubled and discouraged as he sat under his cave by Horeb. Perhaps he remembered that Moses was spoken to from the burning bush in that place, and perhaps he was again hungry and thirsty. The Lord spoke to Elijah, saying, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" "I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts," said Elijah, "for the children of Israel have forsaken their covenant, thrown down thy altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life to take it." Then the Lord told him to go out and stand on the mount before the Lord, and he passed by. There was a great wind that split the mountain and broke the rocks, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not

in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. When Elijah heard that he wrapped his face in his mantle and stood at the door of the cave, and the Lord asked him again, "What doest thou here, Elijah?" and the prophet answered, as he did before. Then the Lord told him to go back and anoint a new king over Syria, a new king over Israel, and Elisha to be prophet in his place, and that there were yet many in Israel who loved God.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

Where did Elijah go? Into the desert of Sinai.
Where did he live? In a cave.
What great thing occurred there? The giving of the law to Moses.
Was Elijah discouraged? Yes.
What did the Lord say to him? "What doest thou here, Elijah?"
What happened on the mountain? There came a great wind, an earthquake, and then fire.
What came at last? "A still small voice."
Did Elijah listen to this? Yes.
Was he still discouraged? Yes.
Where did the Lord tell him to go? Back to Israel.
What did he give him to do? Three great things.
Was he ready to go and do them? Yes.

LESSON XI.—SEPTEMBER 11.

ELIJAH TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN.

2 Kings 2. 1-11. Memorize verses 9-11.
GOLDEN TEXT.

He was not; for God took him.—Gen. 5. 24.

THE LESSON STORY.

When Elijah came back to the land of Israel he went first to find Elisha, the son of Shaphat, and he found him ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen. As Elijah passed him he threw his mantle over Elisha, and then Elisha knew that he had been called to be a prophet of the Lord. He gladly went with Elisha, and they became dear friends. Elijah had much to do, and Elisha became a true helper. They went from village to village trying to keep the worship of the true God alive among the people. There were schools also where young men studied the word of God, and Elijah was a friend and teacher to these young men. They went on a last journey to these schools at Bethel and Jericho, and Elijah seemed to try to go away by himself and leave Elisha behind, but Elisha would not leave him. He knew, and the young men knew, that Elijah was to be taken from them. When they came to the river Jordan, Elijah took off his mantle and, folding it, struck the waters and they were divided, so that they went over on dry ground. Elijah said, "Ask what I shall do for thee," and

Elisha prayed that a double portion of his master's spirit might rest upon him. Elijah said it would be so if he saw him when God took him, and Elisha soon saw the horses and chariot of fire that took his master in a whirlwind from him, and then he saw him no more.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

What new prophet did the Lord call? Elisha.
How? Elijah cast his mantle upon him.
What did he then do? Worked with Elijah.
Where did they at last go? To visit the schools of the prophets.
How did they cross the Jordan? Elijah wrought a miracle.
What did they all believe? That Elijah was leaving them.
What did Elisha ask of Elijah? A double portion of his spirit.
How was he to know that he was to have it? By seeing Elijah when God took him.
What came for Elijah? Horses and a chariot of fire.
What carried them and Elijah away? A whirlwind.
Did Elisha see them? Yes.
What did Elisha have? Elijah's mantle and his spirit.

A TALK ABOUT ELEPHANTS.

Many of our little readers have seen an elephant, I suppose, in one of the menageries or zoological gardens. But while in our land they are an uncommon sight, in some parts of India an elephant is as common as a horse is with us.

A full-grown elephant weighs from three to five tons, that is, from six to ten thousand pounds. Just think what an immense weight that is! No wonder that an elephant needs an enormous quantity of food every day. One elephant, which was kept in London for many years, ate three trusses of hay and about two hundred pounds of carrots and fresh vegetables, besides drinking from sixty to eighty gallons of water, according to the records which were kept of his daily meals.

The elephant is one of the most intelligent animals, and can be trained to perform all kinds of useful services for its masters. It is used especially for lifting heavy loads, and for travelling from place to place. It does not fear the water, and can swim over deep rivers.

There are two kinds of elephants—the Asiatic and the African. The African elephant is hunted for its ivory, and also for its flesh, which the natives eat with great relish.

There are many other interesting facts about elephants, but these we must leave for our little readers to look up for themselves.—Ex.