

## THE BABY.

DEAREST little darling,  
Brightest little flower,  
Sent direct from heaven,  
Our glad hearts to dower.  
Oh! that head so radiant,  
With its sunny hair,  
Oh! those eyes so star-like,  
Glancing here and there.

Hands so full of dimples,  
Limbs so round and white,  
Lips that smile upon us  
With a rosy light.

Dearest little baby,  
Darling little girl,  
God himself looks on thee  
As a priceless pearl.

And in heaven the angels  
Sweeter sing for thee,  
While the virgin mother  
Loves thee tenderly.  
And on earth the flowers  
Put on colours gay,  
For the little baby  
Who may pass their way.

All things bright are brighter  
Since you came to earth;  
All things dark must vanish  
By your baby mirth.  
Loved beyond description,  
Loved beyond compare;  
No one else can rival  
Baby anywhere.

## LESSON NOTES.

## FIRST QUARTER.

## STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

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## PROMISE OF A NEW HEART.

Lev. 36. 25-38. Memory verses, 25-27.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you."—Lev. 36. 26.

Who wrote the words of this lesson? Ezekiel.

Who was Ezekiel? A Jewish prophet and priest of God.

Tell anything more you can about him.

To whom were these words spoken? To the Jews in exile.

Whose promise are they? God's promise to his people.

What does God say he will do? He

says he will cleanse the people from their sins.

What does he promise in the Golden Text? [Repeat Golden Text.]

Do you need a new heart and a new spirit?

What would the new heart help the people to do? It would make them love God and keep his commandments.

What else did God promise? That the people should go back to their own land.

Did he keep this promise? Yes; they were allowed to go back after they had been slaves seventy years.

What else did God say? That the people should have plenty of corn and fruit, and no more famine.

What did he say the people would do? He said they would remember their evil ways and be ashamed of them.

Had they deserved God's kindness? No; he says, "Not for your sakes do I this."

Do we deserve God's kindness to us?

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Abraham? The pattern of believers, and the friend of God.

Who was Isaac? Abraham's son, according to God's promise.

## FIRST QUARTER REVIEW.

LESSON XII. [March 20.

## GOLDEN TEXTS.

He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

The righteous cry and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them.

The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

Behold your house is left unto you desolate.

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.

FATE gives us parents, choice gives us friends.

## TENDER HEARTED.

HE was a guest at a New York hotel, and called upon the clerk for a sheet of paper, saying that he wanted to write a letter. Half an hour later he again approached the counter. He had finished the letter. Would the clerk please read it, and see if it was all correct?

The clerk glanced at it and said:

"I see you spell jug 'g-u-g.' That isn't right."

"I know it," was the reply; "but you see I am writing to the old man, and he always spells it that way. If I put the other 'g' to it, he would think I was putting on style over him, and forgetting I was his son. He's sorter tender-hearted and I don't want to hurt his feelings."

And so the letter went off with only one "g" at the end of "gug."

## GLADNESS OF HEART.

"WELL, darling, so you have given your heart to Jesus?" whispered a mother to her little girl.

"Yes, mamma," was the timid reply.

"And how did you do it?" questioned the mother, anxious there should be no mistake in this all-important action of her little daughter's life.

"I just stood still," replied the child, "and he took me."

She meant that she felt she had no power to advance towards Christ; that she could only yield herself, and he must take her where she was, and as she was.

There was a pause, and then the mother asked once more: "And how do you feel now?"

"O," exclaimed the little girl, looking brightly up, "I feel so glad, so very, very glad!"

A few words in the Psalms occurred to the mother—"Thou hast put gladness into my heart."

There are many sources of joy in the world. Some children are glad simply because the sun shines, the birds sing, and the air seems full of gladness. Some rejoice in other pleasures, and the blessings of home. Perhaps the saddest sight on earth is a child in whose life there is no joy. Others are mad enough to rejoice in "the pleasures of sin for a season."

But this little girl had learned the only secret of lasting joy in being able to say, "Jesus is mine, and I am his."

Dear young readers, enjoy the blessings God has given you as much as ever you can; but fail not to seek first his favour and forgiveness in Christ Jesus.