

**A MOTHERS DIARY.**

**MORNING!** Baby on the floor,  
 Making for the fender,  
 Sunlight seems to make it sneeze—  
 Baby "on a bendler?"  
 All the spoils upset and gone,  
 Chairs drawn into file,  
 Harness strings all drawn across,  
 Ought to make one smile,  
 Apron clean, curls smooth, eyes blue,  
 (How these chairs will twiddle,  
 For I rather think—don't you—  
 Baby "is a swindle?")

**NOON!** A tangled, silken floss  
 Getting in blue eyes,  
 Apron that will not keep clean  
 If a baby tries—  
 One blue shoe untied and one  
 Underneath the table,  
 Chairs gone mad, and blocks and toys,  
 Well as they are able;  
 Baby in a high chair, too,  
 Crying for his dinner,  
 Spoon in mouth, I think—don't you—  
 Baby "is a sinner!"

**NIGHT!** Chairs all set back again,  
 Blocks and spoils in order;  
 One blue shoe beneath the mat  
 Tells of a marauder;  
 Apron folded on a chair,  
 Plaid dress torn and wrinkled,  
 Two pink feet kicked pretty bare,  
 Little fat knees crinkled;  
 In his crib, and conquering, too,  
 By sleep, blessed evangel.  
 Now I surely think—don't you—  
 Baby "is an angel?"

What were the spies to do? To bring back a report of all they saw.  
 How many men were sent? Twelve, one from each tribe.  
 How long were they gone? Forty days.  
 What did they bring back with them? Some fine fruits from Canaan.  
 What did they say of the land? That it was beautiful and fruitful.  
 What did they say of the people? That they were many and strong.  
 What effect did their report have? It frightened the people.  
 What did they forget? That God is stronger than man.  
 Which of the spies believed God's word? Caleb and Joshua.  
 What did they tell the people? That they were well able to take the land.  
 Why did they say so? Because they trusted God.  
 What did the people refuse to do? To believe and obey God.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

*Satan will tell you—*  
 That the way to heaven is long and hard.  
 That there are many enemies in the way.  
 That you will never be able to overcome them.

*Hear what God says—*

"The Lord your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you." Deut. 1. 30.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Forgetfulness of God.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

*Who was Joseph?* Jacob's beloved son, whom his brothers hated and sold for a slave.

*Who were the Twelve Patriarchs?* The twelve sons of Jacob, and the fathers of the people of Israel.

What did they want to do? To go back to Egypt.  
 With whom were they finding fault? With the Lord.  
 What did they propose to do? To choose a new captain.  
 What captain had God given them? Moses.  
 Why did Moses and Aaron feel troubled? Because the people were rebelling against God.  
 What did they do? They prayed to the Lord.  
 Who spoke to the people again? Joshua and Caleb.  
 What did they say the Lord would do? Help the children of Israel.  
 To whom had he promised help? To his own people.  
 Why could not the Canaanites expect his help? They worshipped idols.  
 What did the people try to do? To stone Joshua and Caleb.  
 When are people unwilling to hear about God? When they want their own way.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

Do you sometimes feel like fretting and worrying? Then say to Satan, "I will trust God."  
 John Wesley once said that he would as soon dare to curse and swear as to fret and worry.  
 "Trust ye in the Lord forever."

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The sin of unbelief.

**CATECHISM QUESTIONS.**

*Who was Pharaoh?* The cruel king of Egypt, who refused to let God's people go, and was drowned in the Red Sea, with his army.

*Who was Moses?* The deliverer and law-giver of the children of Israel, who led them through the wilderness.

**LESSON NOTES.**

**THIRD QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.**

B.C. 1490] **LESSON X.** [Sept 2

**THE SPIES SENT INTO CANAAN**

*Num. 13. 17-33. Commit to memory vs. 30-32.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it. Numbers 13. 30.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The Spies.
2. Their Report.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Where were the children of Israel now? Very near Canaan.  
 What were they afraid to do? To go in and take the land.  
 What did the Lord tell Moses to do? To send spies into the land.

B.C. 1490] **LESSON XI** [Sept. 9.

**THE UNBELIEF OF THE PEOPLE**

*Num. 14. 1-10. Commit to memory vs. 1-10.*

**GOLDEN TEXT**

So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Heb. 3. 19.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Unbelief.
2. Faith.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Who murmured against Moses and Aaron? The children of Israel.  
 What did they wish? That they had stayed in Egypt.  
 What did they say the Lord had done? Brought them there to die.

**THE STAR IN THE EAST.**

Is not that a sweet name for a band? But it is not as sweet as the story of the band itself, which Mrs. Thackwell of Dehra, India, tells us in a note just received:

"The children in our European congregation have formed a little missionary society called 'The Star in the East.' As the star in the east led men to Christ, so may this little band be the means of leading many to Jesus. I am going to have two flower-beds laid out in our church compound or yard in the shape of stars, and the Star in the East Band are to plant flowers in them and thus help to beautify the house of God. They also hope to support a child in Miss Pendleton's school."