

of wells in that hot country, where often for many months there is no rain.

*Lesson*—Isaac is now a man with a wife and family and many servants and cattle and tents.

The king became angry at Isaac and his people filled up Isaac's wells, so the cattle could not get water. Then he told him to go away, fearing he was getting too rich and powerful and would take possession of the country. Did Isaac quarrel with Abimelech? No! He took his cattle and servants and removed his tents and his family to another place and digged more wells.

Surely he would have peace now! No! As soon as he pitched his tents and got settled there, the herdmen of the country began to quarrel with Isaac's herdmen saying, "The country is ours and the water is ours." Isaac, anxious for peace, again gives up his pasture ground and moves away and digs other wells. He is now left in peace and says "Now hath the Lord made room for us." (God "makes room" for all who do His will.)

God had been watching Isaac's conduct. He appeared to him, saying, "Fear not, I am with thee, and will bless thee." Isaac then builded an altar for worship and thanksgiving to God.

*Golden Text*—Print text. Speak of the reward, "called the children of God." Jesus said these words. He never quarreled, although very much ill-used. Tell a story of a little girl who helped to make two people who had quarreled, "good friends."

*Memory Verse*—

"There's a knowing little proverb,  
From the sunny land of Spain,  
But in northland and in southland  
Is its meaning clear and plain.  
Lay it up within your heart,  
Neither lose nor lend it,  
'Two it takes to make a quarrel,  
One can always end it.'"

*Story Book*—"The First Peacemaker." Print ISAAC—ABIMELECH. Picture of a well. Print Golden Text, and last two lines of memory verse.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

By The Editor

## Giving up

# BRINGS

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It may as well be at once taken for granted that "giving up" is not agreeable to strong natures. The inclination of such is to hold their own and fight it out. And it should be made clear that there are circumstances when to give up is to sin, and when the only course open to truth and honor is to persist, even if one die in the effort. When it is a question of conscience—of right and wrong—only one course is open—instance such as Daniel and "the king's meat." But there is a wide field still left for meekness, and patience, and forbearance—for yielding for peace' sake. Our Lord's teaching in Matt. 5: 5, 9, 38-42 should be stated, and His example, as, for instance, Matt. 26: 51-54, 63; 27: 12-14; (as a peace-maker) Luke 9: 53-56. In conclusion, remind the scholars how, from the story of Isaac, it has been shown that "giving up" brings "peace with men," "gain to oneself" and "blessing from God."