

A HARP OF FLOWERS.

UPON a little grassy mound
A lovely harp of flowers lay;
And in a rose-bush blooming near
Glad birds sung all the day.

Why this is not so sad, I thought,
Although within a grave-yard found;
For all is life, and song, and cheer,
Above the grassy mound.

Perhaps the one who placed the harp
Upon that grave so lovingly,
Thought of the "harpers with their harps,"
About the grassy sea.

Perhaps she saw a little form
Amid the fair immortal blooms,
And heard a song from deathless lips
Mingled with heaven's perfumes.

Perhaps,—but surely this I know,
The child is not beneath the ground;
Ah, no; he dwells 'mid flowers and songs,
Above earth's little mound.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 30] **LESSON II.** [April 14

THE REJECTED SON.

Mark 12, 1-12. Commit to mem. vs. 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

He came unto his own, and his own
received him not. John 1, 11.

OUTLINE.

1. The Stone Rejected, v. 1-8.
2. The Head of the Corner, v. 9-12.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What parable did Jesus tell the people?
The parable of the vineyard.
What do the parables of Jesus teach?
Great spiritual lessons.
Who went into a far country? The
owner of the vineyard.
To whom was his vineyard let out? To
husbandmen.
Whom did he send to get his share of the
fruit? His servants.
How did the husbandmen treat the ser-
vants? They beat some and killed others.
Whom did the owner then send? His
son.
What did the husbandmen do to the son?
They killed him.
What did the lord of the vineyard do?
He destroyed those husbandmen.
What did he do with the vineyard? He
gave it to other men.

Why were the Jews angry? They saw
that Jesus meant them.

Whom did Jesus mean by the owner of
the vineyard? God.

Who were the husbandmen? The Jews.
Who were the servants they had treated
so badly? The prophets and John the
Baptist.

How did they mean to treat Jesus the
Son? They meant to kill him.

Who only belong to the kingdom of God?
Those who believe in Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

My heart is God's little vineyard,
And the fruit I shall bear each day
Is the deeds he will see me doing,
And the words he will hear me say!
When the Lord of the vineyard comes to me,
What shall he see? What shall he see?

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The patience
of God.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

28. *Who was Timothy?* A young com-
panion and helper of St. Paul.

A.D. 30] **LESSON III.** [April 21

THE TWO GREAT COMMANDMENTS.

Mark 12, 28-34. Commit to mem. vs. 30, 31.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Rom.
13, 10.

OUTLINE.

1. The Law, v. 28-31.
2. The Scribe, v. 32-34.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Why did the scribes and Pharisees ask
questions of Jesus? They wanted to "catch
him in his words."
How did Jesus answer them? With
great wisdom.
Who heard some of his answers? One of
the scribes.
What other name was given to a scribe?
Lawyer.
What question did he ask? "Which is
the first commandment of all?"
What did he mean by "first?" The most
important.
What is Jesus always willing to do? To
answer our questions.
What does he say is the first command-
ment? The command to love God.
How must we love God? With all the
heart, soul, mind, and strength.
What is the next greatest commandment?
"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."
Who is our neighbour? Any one whom
we can help.
What did the scribe answer? "Master,
thou hast said the truth."

What did he say is better than sacrifices?
Love.

What did Jesus reply? "Thou art not
far from the kingdom of God."

Who is nearest the kingdom of God?
The one who loves most.

Where shall we go to get love? To God
for "God is love."

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God's Command to Me:	Shall I resolve—
"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God."	To give my heart to God
	To ask him to fill it with
"Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."	love! [my actions:
	To try to show love in all
	"God is Love."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Love.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

29. *Who was Titus?* Another companion
of St. Paul, who was a minister in the island
of Crete.

AMONG THE GRASSES.

ETHEL is gathering bunches of grasses to
dry and put in vases during the winter. She
is trying to see how many different varieties
she can find. She has very beautiful ones;
some tall and stately, others soft and
feathery. How beautiful they are. I do
not think that people really appreciate the
grass. Just think what the appearance of
nature would be without it. Can you
imagine how different everything would
look without the velvety emerald covering?
It is so hardy and faithful. Apparently
downtrodden and thirsty, and almost dead,
up it springs again, singing its song:

"Here I come, creeping, creeping everywhere."

John Burrows in speaking of one of the
chief claims of the natural beauty of Eng-
land, says: "Grass, grass, and evermore
grass. Is there another country under
the sun so becalmed, becarpeted and
becurtained with grass? Even the woods
are full of grass, and I have seen them mow
in a forest. Grass grows upon the rocks,
upon the walls, on the tops of the old castles,
on the roof of the houses, and in winter
the hay seed sometimes sprouts upon the
backs of the sheep."

The moist climate in England gives a
peculiar brilliancy to the verdure which we
do not generally find in our own country.

There are said to be nearly 4,000 different
species of grasses. Many beautiful ones
are found on our western prairies. See how
many different kinds you can find.

TEMPTATION comes stealing into your
heart when you are idle. Satan is no
friend of sober, steady workers. He always
prefers the lazy and indolent.