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THE USELESS KETTLE.
Some one has thrown away this rusty old kettle, probably because it has a hole in its side and is no more use for holdin water. There it lies in the long gra:s almost bidden frem sight, and it will certainly never hold boiling water again, or be of any more use in the kitchen. But as the time passes by and the spring comes round, and the birds begin to look out for cosy and sheltered spots to build their nests in, one little bird with sharper eyes than the rest, spies out this old kettle lying half out of sight in the grass and weeds; and it thinks to itself, "Ah What a nice warm place the inside of that kottle Fould be for my little ones when they come out of the eggs and have no feathers on their little bodies to protect them against the cold winds; I will call my mate and wo will build a nest inside as quick as ever we can."

So the nest was built, and in the picture we can see the soft feathers inside and the mother-bird looking on and thinking to herself, with pleasure, how cosy and safe her little ones will be in so quiet and sheltered a apot.

## A BIRD CCRE.

I pant to tell you of the strange cure of $\&$ little girl tho bad been sick a loag time, and whose friends had almost despaired of her being any better. A strange cure, I say, because her, While she lay listening and smiling, a only medicine was her love for birds and, mocking-bird set up the quaintest mimicry their ewreet music, her only doctor the birds them walves.
It was thought that she had overtaxed her mind and body at school in her efforts to obtain all the prizes, and when my littlo story begins she just lay all the bright summer dage on a couch near tho। findow; a pale, fragile little creature,
looking out so listlossly, and seeming to care nothing for the fair world about her. But one day a canary bird, which hal possibly escaped from the bars of its prison, came near, and poured forth a perfect flood of song. Nellie did not mnve. She was almost afraid to brenthe lest her charming visitor would take tlight.


THE LSELELS KETTI.E.
of various familiar sounds she had over heard. Then he went off into a rollicking roundelay of sweet notes; he whistled, he chirped, he trilled, and "quavered." He even pat the vain little canary in a tantrum by mocking him.
Nellie laughed outright, and begged her , 1 mother to live in the country always.

Every day now she scattered crumbs, not only near the xindow, but on tho lawn outside, at the feet of the boechen, in the shade of the lindens and larebces.

And, oh, so many birds Hocked to the lawn for the dainty morsels' Sho was wakened every morning by a concort of the sweetest bird music, too, and that made her jump up, dress ruickly, and hurry nut to fatch her now friends. The murning air, fragrant with tield Howers and new. mown hay, proved a tino tonic for tho sick child. and before autumn's rainbow glory touehed the stately trees, and the leaves of the silver poplar began to quivor like snuwthakes in the frosty arr, Nellie's cheeks were like a wild rose's heart.

And the lawn becamo the birds paradise. They came in such numikers, of every name and colour, that she hat a new one to otudy and admire overy day. Ste dreaded the swift-co..ang, icy winter, that would banish all her dear binl frionds, and still all their gay songs.

But what do you think? When the world was whito with snow, and the trees glittored with acicles, and the north wind lolow its coldest, and she coald only look out of her window, she joyously counted, hop ping ninily aboat, swaliows. robin red-breaste, larks, orivle, and blue-birds.

And now, Nellio herself, as well as those who loved her, almost forgot how listless, ead and palo a child she had lately been. She had so many birds to feed and caro for this cold winter" When asked "if the country cured her," she always gave the answer "No; it was not the country; it was the birds that made mo well."

I have heard of some children who had a "missionary ben," and solr? all the egge she laid, putting the money in their mite-loyes.

## HARIING LJTTLAE OIRL．

Wha＇s the darling little gir！
Everylind：lowes tos sea i
She it is whene sumy face
Ir ar all cet as nwret can be．
Who＇s the darling littlo girl
Evershouly lovey to hear？
she it is whoso pleasant voice
Fialla like music on the ear．
Who＇s the darling little girl Everybody loves to know？
tho it is whose acts and thoughts All are pure as whitest snow．
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## OVER TUE FENCE．

Ever since little Eva could remember， and for a long timo before，there had been $a$ high board fence between her father＇s cottingo and the house on the right．

When it was a new strong fence，Eva＇s folks，the Cartwells，had carefully white－ washed their side every spring；but it was so old and splintered now，and so upgrown with honeysuckle and trumpet flower，that it would have been almost impossible to renew its youth in any such way．
The fence had been built，Eva had often hoard，when there was a quarrel between the Cartwells and Ayers；the quarrel was forgotten now，nobody knew what it had been about；but there was the ugly old fence to remind people of what a pity it is to do things in anger．

For it was not only an ugly thing；it rally kept up a secret ill－will between the faruilies．I have said that the quarrel was forgotten，and so it was，or at least the cause of it was，but it had become so much the habit of the Ayeis to say that the Cartwells were mean and stingy，and
so much the habit of the Cartwells to say that the Ayers wore cross and proud，that they thought thero was no doubt about it．

Micantime the high fence rose boiween， with no gate in its side，no frirndly gap through which to pass compliments and oxchange nosegays，and litilo Eva Cart－ well had passed ten summors on one side of its weather－stained boards，and Lucy Ayors twelvo years on the other side， without hearing or thinking that they must love their neigh bours as themselves．

Now，it came to pass，one hot summer day，as liva was sitting on the shady sids of the houso with her doll baby，and Lucy across the fence was training up her aweet pea vines，that a dark cloud came quite suddenly over the s＇xy and got bigger and blacker until it was almost fike bedtime．
The air scemed to be holding its breath； the very trees and busbes shivered as if in fear，and the dogs fled whining into the house．The little girls fled too，close to their mothers，their quiet mothers，who never secmed to them to be afraid of any－ thing．

They were housed none too soon，for a great wind－storm burst upon the hushed earth，and raved and tore like a giant lunatic．Trees seemed to bend double as if in pain，boughs were snapper off and hurled against windows，the lightning came in blinding flashes，followed by roars and bellows of thunder，and grest hail－ stones rattled angrily down．

Such fury soon wears itself out，and it was not long before the sun was shining， in a faint and watery way，down on all this disorder of broken boughs and riddled leaves and bruised flowers．

Two little girls tripped half timidly out to two wet and smeared porches，and faced each other，for－the fence was down！

Yes，the hoary old sinner of a fence that had stood for so long in the interests of bad temper and ill－will，was as flat as the idol in the house of Dagon！

And there were two half－scared little girls gazing at each other across the wreck of boands and vines and twisted spikes．
＂Don＇t the old fence look queer？＂said Lucy，amiling，and showing a gleaming edge of whito toeth．
＂Oho！＂said little Eva to herself，＂I thought lucy was cross and proud，but she is real nice and smiling．＂Then she said aloud，across the tumble－down fence，＂I＇m real sorry it fell on your side，＇cause it hass spoiled all your sweet peas．＂
＂Yes，＂said Lucy，mournfully，＂I thought I was going to have 80 many for mamma＇s breakfast table all summer；and she loves ＇em 80 much．＂
＂I have got a lot in my garden，＂said Eva，shyly．＂I wish you would come and get some every day．＂
＂O，thank Fou，so much！＂cried Lucy； ＂you are very kind．＂And to herself she said，＂Dear me ！I thought the Cartwells were all mean and stingy，but Eps is just lovely to offer me her sweet peas．＂
＂It will be easy for you to come over，＂ langhed Eva，＂because the fence is down．＂ And so another fence began to come
down，that thing that we call prejudice， which had been so many ycars standing between those noighbour ；it did not fall all at once，like the old ioard fence，but little by littlo it crumbled away．

When the two families set to work iw clear awny the rubbish，the Ayers proved to le polite and friendly，and the Cart－ wells were generous and kind；they got on so well together，and liked one another 80 well，that when it was time to talk about putting up a new fence，they said， no more close boards for them！So it was a light，low paling this time，with a little gato between，itrough which Eva and Lucy ran back and forth all day long．
＂To think what good neighbours have been living on the other side of the fence all this time，without my finding it out！＂ said Eva＇s mother．
＂r he next time I hear you call anybody hard names，＂said Mr．Cartwell，＂I am going to say，＂Wait，wife，till you see on the other side of the fence！＇＂

## THE JAY AND THE THRUSH．

One summer day a little thrush
Sat singing on a hazel bush
In accents loud and clear；
But presently it ceased its lay，
And thuswise spoke unto a jay，
Who sat and listened near：
＂How lovely，friend，the dress you wear！
When perched on bough or in the air，
How gay your cont of blue ：
While I am clad in plainest brown，
$1 \therefore$ give the world，were it my own，
$\stackrel{T}{2}$ be arrayed like you．＂
＂And giadly would I change my dress，＂
Replied the jay，＂could I possess
The gift you have for singing．
I＇d sing above the cotter＇s shed，
Above the brook and grassy mead，
And keep the woodland ringing．＂
Ere long，beaide a blind man＇s door，
The thrush sweet music did outpour．
＂Such strains I never heard！＂
The blind man said．Meanwhile the jay
Met a deaf pilgrim on his way，
Who cried．＂Delightful bird！＂

## JESUS DIED FOR MR．

Hannah was a little Jewish maiden seven years old．In school she read with the other children from the New Testament． One day the teachor asked each child in the class where she thought she would go when she died．Some were silent；some said they did not know；some said they hoped they would go to heaven；but when it came Hannab＇s turn，she answered without hesitalion，＂To heaven．＂
＂What reason have you for thinking you will go there？＂asked the teacher．
＂I know it，＂answered the little maiden， her eyes sparkling，＂because Jesus died for me．＂

## A STRANGE MISTAKE.

hy sophie e. eastman.
Said tho old speckled hen
To hor littlo ones ten-
And there wasn't $a$ happlice mother in town-
"Pray, be careful and look
Should you go near the brook,
For if you fall in you will certainly drown."
Now, the very next day,
As they trooped out to play,
They caught in the distance a silvery gleam;
And away they all went,
As by common consent.
Till the whole half-a-score had been plunged in the stream.
Oh! the cackling and cries:
Oh ! the mother's surprise;
Don't you think 'tis a pity she couldn't have known
That the farmer's lad Jake
Had made a mistake,
And given her duck's eggs in place of her own?

## LESSON NOTES. <br> THIRD QUARTER.

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Lesson V. [Aug. 1.
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Acts 18. 1-11. Memory verses, 8-11

## GOLDEN TEXT.

Other foundation can no man lay than than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.1 Cor. 3. 11.
outline.

1. Not Slothful in Business, v. 1-3.
2. Fervent in Spirit, v. 4-6.
3. Serving the Lord, v. 7-11.

## the lesson story.

Paul did not stay long among the mocking people of Athens. The Holy Spirit showed him that he could belp people more in cther places, and so he left Athens and went to Corinth. This was the capital of Greece, and was a very gay city. The Atherians liked to talk and to hear of new things, but the Corinthians liked to feast and to dance, and to play games.

Paul found lodging with Aquila, a Jew, and his wife Priscilla, who were of the same trade as himself-tentmakers. As they sit and worked together Paul told the story of Jesus, his Saviour, and they soon learned to believe in him, too. Every Sabbath Paul went to the synagogue and preached, and swon he had the happiness to see his loving helpers, Silas and Timothy, who came from Macedonia. But, although Paul preached so earnestly, only a few Jows believed on Jesus, and the others were so angry that he stopped going to
the synagogue and began to preach ir the houso of a man named Juatus. Many Gentiles becamo Christians, and the chief ruler of the synngrogue, ('rivpus, and all his family beliceded and wero haptized. Pasul stayed in Corinth n year and a half, and the Lord kept him from all harm, as he had promised.

## ursson heips yon ryery day.

Mon. Read about Paul in Corinth. Aets 18. 1-11.

Tues. Learn how he worked for his daily bread. 2 Thess. 3. 7-10.
Wed. Find how Panl treated his upposers. 2 Tim. 2. 2i.
Thur. Learn the foundation of l'aul's faith. Golden Text.
Fri. Learn the danger of refusing to hear truth. Ezek. 33.4.
Sat. Find why we need not fear to spenis for God. Jer. 1. 6-9.
Sun. Read the eleventh Psiblm.

## QUETTIONS ON THE LEshon story.

Why did not l'aul stay long in Athens? Where did he go from thero? What kind of a city was Corinth? How was it unlike Athens? With whom did Paul stay? What was their trade? How did Paul know this trade? Ho was taught it when young. What was the Jewish custom? To teach trades to their children? What did Aquila and his wife learn from liaul? Where did Paul preach ivery Sabbath? Why did he stop preaching in the synagogue? In whose house did he preach? What helpers came from Macedonia? What noble family believed? How long did Paul stay in Corinth! What comforting promise did God give him?

## paul was an example-

In loving, faithful service.
In patient zeal and industry.
In willingness to ohey God.
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working and waiting for cirast.
1 Thess. 4. 9 to 5. 2. Memory veries, 16-18. GOLDEN TEXT.
If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I atu, there je may be also.-John 14. 3.

## OUTLISE

1. The Present I.ife, v. 9-12.
2. The Future Life. v. 13-2.

## THE LESSON STORY.

It wrs a great joy to Paul to hear that the believers in Macedonia were fuithful. Silas and Timothy went to Athens to be with Paul, but he sent them back to Macedonia to teach the young Christians, for fear they midith be tempted to go back to Satan.

One evening in Corinth Paul sat down and wrote a ictter on parchment to the Charch at Thessalonica. Ho had to send
this letter by a mewaenger. for theze wero no poat-oblices and prattmen in thene daya. In the letter he urger the (lirintinus th) luve one another more ind unro, and to in dilizent and faithful in their work. Ind then he comforty tho Thesambenians whose believing friends and relatives hod died. Paui know that wo camut help being grieved whea our dear friendy leave us, fint we muat not grieve like thase who have no hope. Jesus died, and rovo from the demi, amd so wo believe that we shall be raised from the dend if wo love and follow him. The Lard Jostay said befora he went away that ho shoula come back again, and although wedo not know when ho will come, we many to sure of it. Our part is to beliove hith, work for him, and wait for him.

## LIESSON HELIMS POH EVMMY DAY.

Mon. Read the losson verycs. 1 Thess. 4.9 to 5.2.

I'urs. Find what Jesus said about loving one another. John 15. 12.17.
Hice. Learn why we should be willing to work. John i. 17.
Thur: I carn ('hrist's comforting promise. Oohlen 'Text.
fri. Learn what tho angels snial. Icts 1. 11.

Shet. Find to whom Jesus will come again. Meb. 3. 25.
Su". Read some of the swectest verses in the Bible. John 14. 1.6.

## Questions on the lesson stohy.

What gond news did Silas and Timothy bring to Paul? Why did thoy stay in Macedonia? To whom did Paul write a letter one evening? How were letters written in those days? How wero they carried? What in this letter called in the Bible! Where was Paul when ho wroto it? What did he urge the Thessalonians to do? To whom did he spenk words of comfort? Why should not Christians mourn for the dead liko others? Why do we believe in the resurrection? Can wo know when Jesus will come again, What is our part to do !

## L.ESSONS FOn YE.

To grow in the grace of loving.
To be faithful and dilipent.
To work for Jesus and wait for him.

## THE WEST WINI).

"Sce, mamma, I'm the wind:" said Charlie, as he puffed out his cheeks and blew his little boat across the great Sca of Dishpan.
"Well," said busy memmea, "if you are going to be a wind, I hope you will be the clear, bright west wind, blowing away tho clouds and fegi. Nover be a chilly, rainy cast wind."

Charlie liked the fancy; and now when the east wind is blowing out of doors, and people are dull and a little cro:s, he tries to make sunshine indoors. He likes to hear mamma say," What bright weather my dear West Wind is making hero in the house :"

TIE LEGENJ) ()F THII. N(©ARLITT SIIS:
Have you over himard the ator: How tho lils, fur her pride
Weare that robe of nearlat $\mathrm{S}^{\prime} . \mathrm{r}$ : Growing on the dark hillode,
Where tho efives, old and lioner, Spread their brunches far and wide?

Came tho Manter, ere has ending. To that lomly garelen ghala
When thes heari his footuteps, wending lown the patha in mi minght -hnte.
Beery tree and I losrom, bending, Dhe and lowly revi ce made.

But the lity marmued prouilly.
"In ms epotless purity
1 muy lift my hend, the Master Will he cheered to look on me:
While the nipht brece whispered hoully, " gioter is humility!"

Onward eame he, qadly musing, 'lill he paused before tho phace
Where the lily stood, not choosing To abase her stately grace,
And, humility refusing
Dared to look upon his face.
Downward, downward, drooping lowly, Fell the lily's stubborn head:
'Neath thut gaze, supremely holy, With the flusli of shame grew red;
From each petal, driven slowly, All her buasted whiteness thed!

## GOD'S LITTLE MESSENGER.

Dorothy sat curled up in the lig armchair thinking. She was thinking of father, who had looked so sad and lonely and troubled lately.
Since mother died there was no one to make the wrinkles go and the siniles come as she did. She was only a girl and could not comfort hius. She could not talk to him as mother did.

Presently she rose, went into the ge den, and gathered the loveliest rosebud she could find-a large tea-rose that mother loved-and putting the long, slender stem into a delicato vase, placed it on father's dressing-table.
Mother used to say that flowers were little, comforting, loving messages from God.

Father was late comi's to supper, and very thoughtful. Had he noticed the llower?
After the meal was uver he fullowed her to the sitting-room, instead of going to his study as usual, and putting his arm about her said, lovingly:
"That was a very sweet message you had for me to-night, dear."
"It wasn't my message, father, it was God's."
"You were God's mewenger, then: Would you like to know what the messago was?"
"Yes, father."
He took a seat on the sofa and drew her down beside him.
"It told ino I whes a very foolish creature to be brooding over my troubles and leneliness when thero was a young, fresh heart full of love. and sympathy right by my side."
" But, futher, I am only a cirl. I can't really do anything."
"My dear, you havo done a great deal alroady. Just as the petals of the rose will fall now it has delivered its message, so the troubles and the loneliness hegan to disuppear when I realized what the messugo meant. It will he a great comfort to me now to feel that there will be a dear face to welcome me, that will say, without words, 'Father,' I love you, and would do more if I conld;' and there will be more, never fear. Think how long 1 have been blind to it all, how much I have missed already."
"O father," said Dorothy, with tears in hree eyes; "i am so happy:"
"And so am I, dear ; happier than I have been for a long, long time. I wish there were, more such thoughtful little messengers."

## THE MAGIC APPLE.

"Such a rainy day!" said little Amy dolefully. "I wish that I knew something new to do."
"When I was a little girl," said her mamma, "I used to think it great fun to make a inagic apple, and surprise my papa How would you like to make one for your papa?"
Amy was delighted with the idea, and brought a large, fair apple. Her mamma gave her a long needle and strong thread, and showed hor how to take a long stitch in the apple close under the skin. Amy drew the thread, leaving about two inches hanging out of the apple; then she put the needle into the very hole that it came out of, and took another long stitch, and so on all around the apple, at the end bringing the needle and thread out of the very first hole; then she took hold of ' both ends of the thread and pulled hard, but carefully, and all the thread came out of the first hole. Amy rubbed the apple, which was a fine red one, until it shone like glass. Tho needle-holes did not show.

When her papa came home, Amy gave him the apple, and he sat down by the fire to eat it. He began to peel it with his sharp knife. O how sarprised he looked when the upple suddenly fell in two pieces when he had it a little more than half peeled!

Amy was pleased and surprised, too, for she did not realize that she had cut the apple in two under the skin when she pulled the thread out; but she had.
Any child, with a little care, can make a magic appic just as Amy did, and surprise somebody very much.-Youth's Comprenion.


A HYMN FOR SUMMER.

We hail the gladsome sunshine, The flow'rets bright and gay, The streams that leap and sparkie, Rejoicing on their way.
We bless the gracious Giver
Of all things bright and fair,
Who decks the earth around us
With beauty everywhere.

## We hail the rich sbundance

Of cornfields far and near,
Of crops which soon will ripen, The hearts of men to cheer.
We bless our great Provider Jehovah-Jireh still,
Who thus his ancient promise To men doth now fulfil.

We hail the silver moonbeams Which shine through peaceful night The stars which deck the heavens In silent splendour bright; We bless their great Creator, The Lord of earth and sky, Who reigns enthroned above them Eternal up on high.

## We hail the name of Jesus,

 The name that speaks of peace; Of $\sin$ no more remembered, Of joys which ne'er shall' cease. We bless our great Redeemer, Our Prophet, Priest and King, And with the holy angelsHis endless praise we sing.

