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Says Rev. Dr. Rainsford, the well-known minister of St. George's Church, New York City: "I shall never forget the home training I got on the Bible. My mother made me repeat to her five or six verses every day. However hard my school work might be, I always learned those verses for mother. It was an invaluable thing for me. So, by the time I left home, I knew a vast part of the Scripture by heart; that is one thing I never have forgotten—those verses learned every day."

NOTICING

"I was so afraid you weren't going to notice," said a shy little girl, on being commended for greater proficiency in the management of that baffling instrument, the fork, and her sigh of relief and pleasure went straight to her mother's heart.

The art of "justly mingling praise and blame" is a difficult one to learn and delicate to practice, and this is a busy world for mothers. The children's little faults of habit and manner attract attention easily enough, and they are reprimanded with the sharpness that comes of exasperated nerves. But by the time patient, childish effort has overcome them they are forgotten by the rest of the household, and the expected praise is not given. These things ought not so to be.

AT THE DOOR

I thought myself indeed secure,
So fast the door, so firm the lock;
But, lo! he toddling comes to lure
My parent ear with timorous knock.

My heart were stone could it withstand
The sweetness of my baby's plea—
That timorous, baby knocking, and
"Please let me in—it's only me."

I threw aside the unfinished book,
Regardless of its tempting charms,
And, opening wide the door, I took
My laughing darling in my arms.

Who knows but in eternity,
I, like a truant child, shall wait
The glories of a life to be,
Beyond the heavenly Father's gate?

And will that heavenly Father heed
The truant's supplicating cry,
As at the outer door I plead,
" 'Tis I, O Father! only I"?

—Eugene Field

LIMITED LIGHT

By Rae Furlands

Have you ever tried to look straight at the sun on a bright day? What was the result? Was it not that, for a few minutes, you were scarcely able to see at all? We cannot stand a sudden flood of physical light without at least partial blindness.

Many a little child is mentally blinded for a time by a sudden flood of mental light. Is it not possible also to stagger and blind the young soul by pouring in too much moral light?

A six-year-old girl had been told that it was Jesus who made her good, and the devil who made her naughty. She was one of the most difficult of the many hundreds of children I have had to deal with. One might almost think from appearances that her

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whole effort was to find out new ways of being ugly and disobedient.

One day, on my remonstrating with her, she said, "Well I can't help it, it is the devil in me makes me do it." For a while I did not know what to say; I was too much shocked at the thought of a child like her having thrown off all responsibility. You see she had more light than she could stand.

I sent her to a seat and thought and prayed much over her. On the next occasion, which was not long in coming, when she used the same expression, I answered something in this way, "Do you know who made you, Mollie?" "Yes, I do," she said glibly enough; "it was God." "Well, I replied, when God made you, a dear, sweet little baby, He said, 'I am going to give Mollie something to think with.' So He put inside you something which we will call a 'think,' to help you to know what is right and choose to do it. If you choose to do (mentioning the wrong she had just committed) it is *your* fault, because God gave you that little 'think' on purpose to help you do right."

A slight reminder of this conversation, with a few details added, as necessary, was all Mollie needed during the rest of the time she was under my care.

How bewildered a little child must be when we tell him he "must be good," and show displeasure when he is not. The light should be let in gradually. The very young child has the inward eye called conscience. It sees clearly, but it is apt to be bewildered by too much light. Have patience.

Perhaps, at some time or other, you tell your child to pick up his blocks. He does so. You say, "That is my good boy." Then, "good" to him means picking up his blocks and your approval of his act. No more, no less, except he has had similar illustrations; in which case it means each one of these that he remembers piled one on top of the other. Gradually, out of the multitude of illustrations, he begins to comprehend what the abstract "good" may embody; but this only by degrees. Quite young children use the word fluently enough, but without any real conception of what it conveys.

How then, in the meantime, are we going to make the child good? Certainly not by

overwhelming him with moral light. That will only confuse and hinder him; but, as he is able to bear it, we shall give a little to-day, a little to-morrow, and so on. We may talk to the little ones about loving God. We may even teach them to say they do love Him, but a real love for God comes more slowly. The child, even the very young child, understands what it is to love his father and mother and brothers and sisters. He sees these kind and gentle and helpful to one another. He by and by learns that it is because they love one another. This helps him to understand, when we tell him, as we ought to do over and over again, the story of Jesus, as a child loving and obeying His parents, and kind and gentle to all who were about Him; and of His wondrous goodness to people, when He grew to be a man.

There is no need to point out morals. That is generally forcing the light upon the child. The child, as we have pointed out, sees quickly and keenly. The stories will do their own work, create their own ideals, arouse their own thought in the child's mind, and at the right time in his development the love of Jesus will come and the desire to serve Him, because he will have learned to know Him as a loving, personal, helpful Friend. We cannot tell when that time shall be, but the Lord looks after His own.

DIVIDING UP THE BIBLE

The usual classification of the books of the Bible is given to junior and adult classes as history, poetry, and prophecy in the Old Testament; and gospels, history, epistles, and prophecy in the New. But we need a simpler and yet accurate division for the little ones.

We may therefore divide the Old Testament in terms for the Primary Department:

There are thirty-nine smaller books in the one larger book we call the Old Testament:

1. Stories—seventeen books of stories.
2. Songs and poems—five books of them.
3. Promises of God—seventeen books.

Let us make the figures: $17 + 5 + 17 = 39$.

There are twenty-seven little books in the New Testament:

1. Stories—five books of stories.

2. Letters—twenty-one real letters.

3. Promises of God—one book.

Here are the figures : $5 + 21 + 1 = 27$.

Old Testament 39 + New Testament 27 = 66, made up of 22 books of stories, or one-third of the whole ; 5 books of poems and songs ; 21 letters ; and 18 books of God's promises.

In another lesson we may still further divide the Old Testament books into 5 stories told by Moses ; 12 by other people ; 5 books of songs ; 5 great books of promises, and 12 smaller books. In the New Testament 4 books of stories about Jesus ; 1 book of stories about the church ; 10 letters by Paul to churches ; 4 letters to men ; 5 letters by others to churches ; 2 other letters to persons ; and one book of promises.

THE FAIRIES' TROLLEY CARS

It had been raining a long time, and Gladys was tired of playing indoors. She pressed her little face close to the window, and looked longingly out. The little circlets in the miniature pond in front of the house were dancing about merrily, and they were apparently having the jolliest time in the world. But this did not add anything to the child's joy.

Great silver drops were clinging to the branches of the rosebush in the yard, but Gladys did not see any beauty in them ; they had been there a long time, and she had seen them a great many times before. She turned away from the window at last with a long-drawn sigh.

"I guess you didn't see the fairies' trolley cars, did you?" asked Auntie Meg, who had taken note of the sigh and the discouraged little countenance.

"No, Auntie ; where are they?" and she turned to the window again.

"Just see if you can find them," said Aunt Meg.

Up and down she looked. The grass, the trees, every visible part of Mr. Morton's house across the way, and of Mr. Little's, which stood next to it, the muddy streets, and even the dull gray clouds in the sky, were gazed upon long and intently. At last she gave it up.

"I've looked just everywhere, and I can't

find them. Are there really and truly fairies' trolley cars out there?"

"They look as if they might be," said Aunt Meg, "but I'm not sure that there are fairies inside. I can only see the outside of the cars, you know."

"Are they going, or is it only a make-believe?"

"They are going," said Aunt Meg.

Once more Gladys searched for them, but with no better success than before.

"It's not every little girl that can see the fairies' trolley cars," said Aunt Meg, "for before the cars can run, you know, there must be a track. There happens to be a track going past this house."

"Oh, I see," cried Gladys. "It's the telephone wire! And I can see the little drops of water sliding along down the hill on the wire."

Auntie Meg smiled.

"They do look like cars, only they're all going one way. It's a good thing that the fairies can have trolley cars on rainy days. They don't need them on sunny days, do they?"

"No," said Aunt Meg.

"GUARD, MY CHILD, THY TONGUE"

The words are six hundred years old, but are needed just as much by every child in these days.

Guard, my child, thy tongue,
That it speaks no wrong ;
Let no evil word pass o'er it,
Set the watch of truth before it,
That it do no wrong,
Guard, my child, thy tongue.

Guard, my child, thine eyes ;
Prying is not wise :
Let them look on what is right ;
From all evil turn thy sight ;
Prying is not wise,
Guard, my child, thine eyes.

Guard, my child, thine ear ;
Wicked words will sear ;
Let no evil word come in,
That may cause the soul to sin ;
Wicked words will sear,
Guard, my child, thine ear.

Ear, and eye, and tongue,
Guard while thou art young ;
For, alas ! These busy three
Can unruly members be ;
Guard, while thou art young,
Ears, and eyes, and tongue.

WHY BEN WENT TO THE BABY CLASS

He did not look in the least like a baby, as he started off to Sunday-school in his trim blue suit and white necktie. And he did not feel like a baby, either. Why should he, when he had been going to school for two years and had brought home a good report card every month out of that time?

But there was a mischievous spirit in Ben that morning. He did not sing with the rest of the school, though his teacher found the place in the hymn-book for him. He took no part in the opening exercises, and the lesson was hardly begun before he started to whisper a long story to Herbert Joyce.

The patient teacher reproved him gently, and tried to interest him in what she was saying. But Ben would not be interested.

Just then the superintendent passed, and the teacher spoke to him. "Mr. Berry, what do you suppose can be the trouble with a boy who will not listen to the lesson, and will not let the other boys listen, either?"

The superintendent looked at Ben for a minute, and said, "I think it must be because he is not quite old enough to have learned how to behave in a class like this. I know a better place for him."

He took the astonished Ben by the hand, and led him down to the baby class, where there were a lot of little fellows in kilts and curls. "I have brought you a new scholar, Miss May," said the superintendent. "This seems to be just the place for him."

The teacher smiled as she made room for Ben, but her pleasant welcome could not lift the cloud from his spirits. His cheeks grew red and hot. It was all he could do to keep from crying. He, Ben Henleigh, the best scholar in the whole second grade, put into the same class with little boys, some of whom did not even go to kindergarten! He did not know how to bear the disgrace of it.

He hated to think of telling his mother what had happened, but he could not keep the uncomfortable secret. Out it came the minute he was in the house. "Just think, mama! they s'posed I b'longed to the baby class. And I'm seven, and my suit's the eight-year-old size."

Then he cried, and mama asked some questions. "Which is the thing to be more ashamed of, dear," she asked at length, when she understood it all, "to be thought a little boy who doesn't know just how to behave, or to be thought a big boy who will not do as well as he knows—a boy who is old enough to understand what is right, and yet chooses to do wrong?"

Ben looked bewildered. For a moment he thought hard.

I guess it's worse to be big, and to act as if you were so little that you didn't know anything," he admitted at last, in a faint voice. "I never thought of that before."

And, what is better, he never forgot.

GOD SAVING HIS PEOPLE

In the Lessons of this quarter we are taken back to the Old Testament to study the stirring story in which the great figures to Samuel, the wise ruler and counsellor of his nation; Saul, whose reign began so brightly and ended so sadly; David, who from being a shepherd lad rose to be king; and Jonathan, the brave warrior and loving friend. We shall see the people of God in danger, from outward foes and in danger, too, from their own sinful hearts, the Lord all the while constantly delivering them. Each of these Lessons shows us GOD SAVING HIS PEOPLE:

1. By showing them their sin.
2. By giving them a brave leader.
3. By warning them against disobedience.
4. By teaching them how to serve Him.
5. By again choosing a king for them.
6. By providing them with a deliverer.
7. By protecting their future king.
8. By teaching the beauty of friendship.
9. By furnishing an example of forgiveness.
10. By showing the consequences of sin.
11. By uniting them under a good king.
12. By counselling them to be temperate.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

FOR PRIMARY CLASSES OR A HOME LESSON

Third Quarter, 1903

I. OPENING HYMN, "There's a Friend for little children,"—Hymn 590, Book of Praise.

II. TEACHER. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

CLASS. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

III. PRAYER.

IV. OFFERINGS.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL WORK. Learn the Golden Text for the Quarter, "The Lord is my light and my salvation," and recite it each Sabbath together with the day's texts as far as learned. Other supplemental work might be lessons from the flowers.

VI. GESTURE HYMN; or if the children are restless, have them march round the room singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," or other suitable hymn. This may be done without any irreverence. If desirable, the offering may be presented at this time, instead of earlier in the session, the children placing it on the plate, as they pass a certain point.

VII. PRAYER HYMN. Sing very softly. (Tune 333, Book of Praise.)

Father in heaven help Thy little children
To love and serve Thee through this happy day;
Help us to be kind, help us to be truthful,
In all we do and say.

or verses from Hymn 580, Book of Praise.

VIII. LESSON FOR THE DAY.

IX. PRAYER.

X. LESSON HYMN FOR THE QUARTER:

O Saviour, precious Saviour,	In Thee all fulness dwelleth,
Whom yet unseen we love,	All grace and power divine;
O name of might and favor,	The glory that excelleth,
All other names above!	O Son of God is thine;

*We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee
Our holy Lord and King.*

—Hymn 100, Book of Praise.

XI. TEACHER AND CLASS. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with us all!
Amen.

NOTE.—If teachers have not occasionally used with the little ones the standard hymns of the Church, such as the one suggested for this Quarter, they are recommended to try them. Even though the children may not understand all the words, let the hymns be so sung that they will catch the spirit, and they will enjoy them for many reasons, not the least of which is that they may join with the older people in church and family worship.

Lesson I.

ISRAEL ASKING FOR A KING

July 5, 1903

1 Sam. 8 : 1-10. Study 1 Sam. 1 : 22—Memory Verses, 4-7.

Golden Text—Prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only.—1 Sam. 7 : 3.

1 And it came to pass, when Sam'uel was old, that he made his sons judges over Is'rael.

2 Now the name of his firstborn was Jo'el ; and the name of his second, Abi'ah : they were judges in Be'er-she'ba.

3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 Then all the elders of Is'rael gathered themselves together, and came to Sam'uel unto Ra'mah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways : now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

6 But the thing displeased Sam'uel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Sam'uel prayed unto the LORD.

7 And the LORD said unto Sam'uel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee : for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of E'gypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.

9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice : howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Sam'uel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him a king.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Samuel grew so old that he could no longer travel about from place to place judging the people of Israel, he appointed his two sons, Abiah and Joel, to help him in his work.

But these young men, not being noble and upright like their father, were greedy of money, and they took bribes from the people and made unfair and wicked judgments.

When the people of Israel had borne with the sons of Samuel as long as they could, the elders came one day to the prophet's house at Ramah, saying, "You are an old man now and cannot be our leader much longer. As for your sons, every one knows they cannot be trusted. So we want you before you die to appoint a king to rule over us and to go before us in battle, that we may be like other nations."

When Samuel heard the Israelites asking for a king, he was much troubled and displeased, for it meant that the people were no

longer satisfied to have God alone for their king.

And Samuel prayed unto the Lord and God comforted Samuel, saying, "Do not let yourself be too much surprised and disturbed by what the people say. Do you not remember how often they and their fathers have rebelled against me, ever since the day I first brought them out of Egypt? It is not you they have now turned their backs upon. But they have rejected Me, that I should no longer be their King." And God said to Samuel "Do as they ask, and make them a king. But warn them first of the hard service they will be obliged to give him."

Then Samuel told the elders of Israel all that the Lord had said, saying, "It is well for you to know beforehand just what kind of things your king will do. He will take the best of your young men to be his soldiers and footmen to run before his carriage and fight his battles. Others of your sons shall be com-

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pelled to leave their fathers' homes to work in the king's fields and workshops. Even your daughters shall be taken from you to be trained as the king's cooks and bakers. As a people you will be little better than slaves."

But in spite all that Samuel could say by way of warning, the people of Israel were determined to have a king, for, said they, "We must be like other nations."

Samuel prayed again to the Lord, and told Him what the people had said, and how determined they were to have a king set over them. Then the Lord told Samuel to allow the people to have their own way, and to give them the king for whom they had asked so eagerly.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Why did Samuel set his sons to be judges in Israel?
2. What kind of men were Abiah and Joel?
3. How did they act toward the people?
4. What did the elders of Israel ask Samuel to do?
5. Why did they want a king?
6. Was Samuel pleased with their request?
7. Why not?
8. To whom did Samuel tell his trouble?
9. What comfort did the Lord give him?
10. What did God say about the people?
11. What advice did he give Samuel?
12. What did Samuel tell the people they might expect from a king?
13. How did they receive his warnings?
14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

"Oh, dear me!" sighed Lilian, "I'm as tired as I can be. It's 'Lily, do this,' and 'Lily, do that' from morning till night. I wish I could get sick. When Rosalie was sick she had the best bedroom and the prettiest dishes and nice things to eat. Oh, it must be nice to be sick!"

That night Lilian's head ached dreadfully, and her throat was very sore. The doctor said he was afraid it was scarlet fever.

Then came days when the blinds in her room were always closed, and she had to swallow a spoonful of something disagreeable every hour.

At last she could sit up, but the house was very quiet, for the other children had been sent away on account of the contagion. Then poor Lilian remembered that she had

got her foolish wish, but found that it was not quite so pleasant to be sick as she had supposed.

Lesson Hymn

Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
 Service such as I can bring;
 Yet I long to prove and show
 Full allegiance to my King.
 Thou an honor art to me;
 Let me be a praise to Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 240, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—34. What has God done to save us from sin? God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us from sin.

SHORTER CATECHISM—84. What does every sin deserve? A. Every sin deserveth God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

This staff with a crown at the top is a sceptre such as kings carry. It is a sign that they are rulers whom the people should obey. Jesus, our King, carries no sceptre that we can see, but we know He loves us and cares



for us, and so we ought to serve Him with all our heart. When we remember all that He did and suffered for us on earth and all the blessings He is giving us now, it should be easy to do His will.

**I Have Learned Today
 THAT GOD SEES MY SIN**

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1 Sam. 10 : 17-27—Memory Verses, 24, 25.

Golden Text—The LORD is our King ; he will save us.—Isa. 33 : 22.



17 And Sam'uel called the people together unto the LORD to Miz'peh :

18 And said unto the children of Is'rael, Thus saith the LORD God of Is'rael, I brought up Is'rael out of E'gypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the E'gyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of them that oppressed you :

19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations ; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes, and by your thousands.

20 And when Sam'uel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Ben'jamin was taken.

21 When he had caused the tribe of Ben'jamin to come near by their families, the family of Ma'tri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken : and when they sought him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath

hid himself among the stuff. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence : and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

24 And Sam'uel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there is none like him among all the people?* And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

25 Then Sam'uel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samu'el sent all the people away, every man to his house.

26 And Saul also went home to Gib'eah ; and there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched.

27 But the children of Be'lial said, How shall this man save us ? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Samuel had called a meeting of the Israelites at Mizpeh that they might choose their king, he again warned them of their sin, saying, "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: 'I delivered your fathers when they were slaves in Egypt from the power of the taskmasters. I have driven out your enemies from before you until you have become a great nation. Yet you have turned your back upon me, saying, 'One of ourselves shall be our king.'"

And Samuel said, "Since as a people you are determined to do this wickedness, present yourselves in order by tribes and families before the Lord, that you may choose your king by lot."

Now the lot of God fell first, not upon one of the large and powerful tribes, but upon the little tribe of Benjamin. Then Samuel called for the families of Benjamin to stand apart, and the lot fell at last to Saul, a young farmer whose father's name was Kish.

When the people heard who had been chosen, they called for Saul to be brought before them. But the young man was nowhere to be found. Thinking there had been some mistake, the excited people began to ask, "Where is he?" And God answered, "See, he is hiding among the tents and the baggage."

So they ran and brought him before the people, and he was head and shoulders

taller than any of them. And Samuel said, "See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people?" And all the people shouted, "God save the king."

Then Samuel wrote in a book, to be kept forever in God's house, all the laws which the king and his people were to obey, and when he had read them aloud, he sent everybody home.

And, for the present, Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there followed him a band of soldiers whose hearts the Lord had touched, so that they became brave and faithful followers of the new king.

But while everybody was making much of the young king and bringing him presents, some few were dissatisfied and brought him no gifts, but said mockingly, "How shall this fellow save us?" And because Saul made them no answer they despised him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the Israelites meet to choose a king? 2. What warning did Samuel give them? 3. How had God proved Himself to be Israel's King? 4. How was the new king to be chosen? 5. Upon whom did the lot fall? 6. What did the people say when they saw Saul? 7. How did he look? 8. What did Samuel do before he sent the people home? 9. Who went with Saul? 10. What kind of men were they? 11. How did Saul treat those who mocked him? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

God sometimes chooses His heroes from humble places. When David Livingstone was ten years old, he had to work in a cotton factory from six o'clock in the morning until six at night. But he bought a Latin grammar with his first week's wages and studied so hard that he could read Virgil and Horace when he was sixteen. In time he went to college, and becoming a doctor went as a missionary to Africa, where he spent his life. When he died his body was taken to England and buried in Westminster Abbey. David Livingstone, the little factory boy, became David Livingstone the great missionary, explorer, and suppressor of the

slave trade, which had caused so much suffering to the poor black people of Africa.

Lesson Hymn

All glory, laud and honor,
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring. Amen.
—Hymn 541, Book of Praise

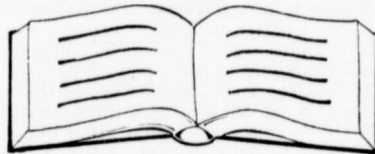
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—35. How did Jesus Christ, God's Son, come into the world? Jesus Christ came into the world by being born a little child.

SHORTER CATECHISM—85. *What doth God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse due to us for sin?* A. To escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin, God requireth of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communiceth to us the benefits of redemption.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How much pleasure we get from books!
But the best of books is the Bible, for it tells



us what God would have us do, and if we obey it we shall be truly happy. For our heavenly Father, who gave us the Bible, loves us so dearly that He would not bid us do anything but what will bring good to us.

I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD WILL LEAD ME

Lesson III.

SAMUEL'S FAREWELL ADDRESS

July 19, 1903

1 Sam. 12 : 13-25, Study 1 Sam. 12 : 1-25—Memory Verses, 23-25.

Golden Text—Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart.—1 Sam. 12 : 24.



13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you.

14 If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God :

15 But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which the LORD will do before your eyes.

17 *Is it* not wheat harvest today? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king.

18 So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day; and

all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel.

19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king.

20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart;

21 And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain *things*, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain.

22 For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.

23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how *great things* he hath done for you.

25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Though Saul had been chosen king over Israel, he had not yet been crowned. In the meantime he and his soldiers won a great victory in battle over Israel's enemies the Ammonites.

To celebrate this victory and to crown Saul as their legal king, the Israelites now held a great gathering at Gilgal, where they offered thank-offerings to God, and all the people kept holiday.

Here the old white-haired judge and prophet Samuel, who was now more than seventy years old, made his last great address.

And Samuel said to the people, "God has listened to your foolish request and given you a king. Now, therefore, stand by the king whom God has set over you and obey him. If he and you will continue to obey and serve the Lord, it shall be well with you. But if you will not obey the voice of the Lord, then He will turn against you as He turned against your fathers."

It was now the season of wheat harvest in Canaan and a time of year when the skies were always clear and no rain fell. As Samuel and the people looked over the valleys from Gilgal, they could see field after field

of ripening grain almost ready for the reapers.

And Samuel said, "I will now call upon the Lord, that He may send a great storm upon you and your crops, that you may know His power and feel how wickedly you have done in refusing Him as your King."

Suddenly, while Samuel was speaking, such a storm of lightning and wind and hail arose that the people were in terror of their lives, and they trembled before the Lord and His servant Samuel. And the Israelites fell down before God's prophet and begged him to pray the Lord to have mercy upon them and not utterly destroy them for the evil they had done.

When Samuel saw their repentance, he said, "Fear not, you have indeed done wickedly, but God does not change. He will forgive you and be your friend, if you will now obey him with all your hearts. Because it has pleased the Lord to take you for His people, He will never leave you, if only you will keep yourselves from being drawn into the idol worship of the heathen about you."

So Samuel comforted the people and promised that, so long as God spared his life, he would pray for them and do all he could to help them follow what was right and good.

"Only remember what great things God has done for you," said the old prophet. "Love and follow him and it shall be well with you. But if you shall do wickedly, there is no help for you; both you and your king shall be destroyed."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Where did the Israelites meet to crown Saul king? 2. Why did they specially rejoice? 3. Who was Samuel? 4. How did he say the people should honor their king? 5. What warning did he give them both? 6. How did God punish the people for their sins? 7. How did the storm come? 8. What made it strange? 9. What did Samuel say to the frightened people? 10. How did he comfort them? 11. What promise did he make them? 12. What sin did he warn them against? 13. What did he say should happen if they did wrong?

Lesson Hymn

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne, Amen.

—Hymn 238, Book of Praise

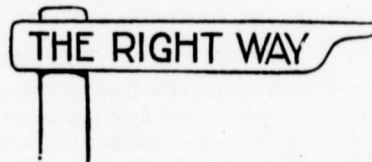
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—36. How was Jesus Christ different from us? Jesus Christ was altogether without sin. **37. What do you know of the childhood of Jesus?** Jesus, when a child, loved and obeyed His parents, and pleased God in all things.

SHORTER CATECHISM—86. What is faith in Jesus Christ? A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Travellers are often glad to see a sign-post by the roadside showing them which direction to take. God has put a voice within



each of us to tell us what we ought to do. The name of this voice is conscience, and if we follow it we shall walk in the right way.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD WANTS ME TO OBEY

SAUL REJECTED AS KING

July 26, 1903

1 Sam. 15 : 13-23. Study 1 Sam. 15 : 10-31—Memory Verses, 20-22.

Golden Text—To obey is better than sacrifice.—1 Sam. 15 : 22.

13 And Sam'uel came to Saul : and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD : I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

14 And Sam'uel said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amal'ekites : for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God ; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

16 Then Sam'uel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Sam'uel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not made the head of the tribes of Is'rael, and the LORD anointed thee king over Is'rael?

18 And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amal'ekites, and fight against them until they be consumed.

19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the

spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD ?

20. And Saul said unto Sam'uel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought A'gag the king of Am'alek, and have utterly destroyed the Amal'ekites.

21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gil'gal.

22 And Sam'uel said, Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the LORD ? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams.

23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One of the first things the Lord gave King Saul to do was to go and fight against the Amalekites, a fierce and warlike tribe who had been the enemies of God's laws and His people for many years.

And God said, "You shall utterly destroy these people, with Agag their king, and their cattle, and everything that belongs to them."

But Saul and his men, after the battle, instead of obeying the Lord exactly, saved Agag alive and brought him with a great number of the enemies' cattle and sheep and oxen back with them into the camp of Israel.

When Samuel, who had been warned by God in a dream of what had been done, heard that Saul was returning, he went out to meet him.

Then Saul, pretending that he had done well, greeted Samuel with false words, saying, "Blessed be thou of the Lord, I have finished all that the Lord required."

And Samuel answered, "What then is the meaning of this bleating of sheep and the lowing of oxen which I hear?"

But Saul tried to throw the blame upon others, and said that his men had saved only a few of the best of the animals to offer as sacrifices and thank-offerings to God.

Then Samuel told the king that he had been warned by God in a dream to give him this message. And Samuel said, "When you were a poor and unknown young man the Lord chose you to be the king of His people. He trusted you with a great work.

Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord, instead of trying to make something out of God's trust for yourself?"

But Saul said, "Not so, Samuel, I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, I only allowed my men to keep a few of the best sheep and oxen to offer in sacrifice."

But Samuel answered, "Can the Lord be as much pleased with sacrifices and offerings as in obeying His words? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

And Samuel rebuked Saul for his unfaithfulness, and told him that the Lord would no longer allow the kingdom to remain in his family, but would give it to a neighbor who was better than he.

When Saul heard this, he was very sorry, though he still laid the blame on the people. But being sorry did not prevent his kingdom being taken from him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What work did the Lord give Saul to do? 2. Who were the Amalekites? 3. What did the Lord say should be done with the enemies' stuff? 4. How did Saul disobey God? 5. Who met the king on his way home? 6. What question did Samuel ask Saul? 7. Whom did Saul blame for his wrong-doing? 8. Why did they say they had kept the animals? 9. How was the king punished for his unfaithfulness? 10. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Before going away on a three days' visit, mother told the children not to pick any flowers in the garden until she returned, for she would perhaps bring a visitor home with her, when she wanted the garden to look its best.

On the third day Mary said, "I'm sure mother will be pleased if I decorate the rooms just a little. A few flowers will never be missed"; so she cut some of the choicest blossoms.

Foolish Mary, to suppose that her mother would be pleased with a love-offering that was the result of disobedience. She was not. When she came home she told Mary to put the lovely flowers out of sight, and at

bed-time the little girl had this verse to learn: "To obey is better than sacrifice."

Lesson Hymn

There's not a child so small and weak
But has his little cross to take,
His little work of love and praise
That he may do for Jesus' sake. Amen.
—Hymn 527, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—38. How did Jesus spend His life when He grew up to be a man? When Jesus grew up to be a man He went about doing good, and teaching men about God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—87. What is repentance unto life? A. Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of and endeavor after new obedience.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

How much we should miss if we could not hear the songs of the birds and other beautiful sounds! And if our heavenly Father has given us ears to enjoy these, should we



not use them to listen carefully to all that He says to us in His holy Book? They should be kept tightly closed, too, against even a whisper of anything false and wicked.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD LOVES TRUTH

Lesson V.

SAMUEL ANOINTS DAVID

August 2, 1903

1 Sam. 16 : 4-13. Study 1 Sam. 16 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 11-13.

Golden Text—Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16 : 7.



pass before Sam'uel. And Sam'uel said unto

11 And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Sam'uel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'uel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Before long the Lord told Samuel how and where he should find the new king.

Then Samuel filled a horn with sacred oil. This oil was used only when some one was anointed or set apart by God for a great and holy work. Then Samuel went down to Bethlehem.

When the elders of Bethlehem heard that God's messenger had come, they were afraid. But Samuel soon quieted them, saying that his visit was one of peace. However, he did not tell the townspeople the whole of his errand, but invited them to join with him the next day in holding a great public sacrifice and feast to the Lord.

Then Samuel went at once to Jesse's house, to invite him and his son to the sacrifice, for which he stayed and helped them to prepare.

4 And Sam'uel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth'lehem, And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably?

5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jes'se and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eli'ab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed *is* before him.

7 But the LORD said unto Sam'uel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

8 Then Jes'se called Abin'adab, and made him pass before Sam'uel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

9 Then Jes'se made Sham'mah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this.

10 Again, Jes'se made seven of his sons to pass before Sam'uel, The LORD hath not chosen these.

11 And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Sam'uel said unto Jes'se, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he.

13 Then Sam'uel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon Da'vid from that day forward. So Sam'uel rose up, and went to Ra'mah.

Now Jesse had many grown-up sons, and as they were called in one by one to greet the prophet, Samuel looked to see which of them was best suited to be king.

The first to come before Samuel was Eliab, so strong and tall and handsome that Samuel thought at once he must be the man. But the Lord said, "Good looks are not everything. Man looks only on the outside, but I, the Lord, can see the heart, and I have refused him."

And Jesse introduced each of his seven sons to Samuel, but of each one Samuel said, "The Lord has not chosen him."

And Samuel said to Jesse, "Have you any more sons?" "Yes," answered Jesse, "I have another son, but he is a mere lad and is away looking after the sheep."

Then Samuel said, "Hurry and fetch him,

for we will not begin to eat until he comes."

So they sent and brought David out of the fields; and when Samuel saw him, he was delighted with his appearance, for he was healthy and bright-eyed and good to look upon. And God said, "Arise quickly and anoint him; for this is he."

Then Samuel poured the holy oil on the head of David in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of God came upon him from that day forward.

After this Samuel went home to Ramah, and David for the present returned to his sheep.

Questions on the Lesson

1. To what town did the Lord send Samuel to choose a new king?
1. To whose house did he find his way?
3. How many sons had Jesse?
4. Why was Samuel pleased with Eliab?
5. What did God say about him?
6. How many of Jesse's sons did God refuse?
7. What question did Samuel then ask their father?
8. From where did they fetch David?
9. What did he look like?
10. What did God say to Samuel about him?
11. What happened when Samuel poured the oil on his head?
12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

When Gracie got to Sunday School, her teacher had not yet come. But the other girls were there with their heads close together talking busily.

"Do you see that dreadful looking ragged girl down by the door?" May began at once. "Well, what do you suppose? Mr. Hart came here and asked us if we wouldn't let her be in our class. The idea!"

"What did you tell him?" asked Gracie.

"Lucy told him that our class had plenty of scholars, and we'd rather not."

"Who knows the text to-day?" asked Dorothy.

How ashamed they all felt when they recalled it: "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart."

"I believe I'll go tell Mr. Hart we've changed our minds," said Lucy. Shall I?"

"Yes, do," said May.

Lesson Hymn

God is always near me,
Hearing what I say,
Knowing all my thoughts and deeds,
All my work and play.

God is always near me;
In the darkest night
He can see me just the same
As by mid-day light. Amen.

—Hymn 511, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—39. **Who did Jesus say that He was?** Jesus said that He was the Son of God.

SHORTER CATECHISM—88. *What are the outward means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption?* A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicateth to us the benefits of redemption, are his ordinances, especially the word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

God is training each of us to do some work for Him. Sometimes He needs to punish us as a shepherd has to bring back a trouble-



some sheep with a staff like this. But He loves us all the while, and is so pleased when we listen to His voice and obey His commands.

**I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD KNOWS MY HEART**

Lesson VI.

DAVID AND GOLIATH

August 9, 1903

1 Sam. 17 : 38-49. Study 1 Sam. 17 : 32-54—Memory Verses, 45-47.

Golden Text—If God be for us, who can be against us? Rom. 8 : 31.

38 And Saul armed Da'vid with his armour, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head ; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

39 And Da'vid girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go ; for he had not proved *it*. And Da'vid said unto Saul, I cannot go with these ; for I have not proved *them*. And Da'vid put them off him.

40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip ; and his sling was in his hand ; and he drew near to the Phil'istines.

41 And the Phil'istine came on and drew near unto Da'vid ; and the man that bear the shield went before him.

42 And when the Phil'istine looked about, and saw Da'vid, he disdained him : for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

43 And the Phil'istine said unto Da'vid, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves ? And the Phil'istine cursed Da'vid by his gods.

44 And the Phil'istine said to Da'vid, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

45 Then said Da'vid to the Phil'istine, Thou comest to me with a sword and with a spear, and with a shield : but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Is'rael, whom thou hast defied.

46 This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand ; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee : and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Phil'istines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth ; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Is'rael.

47 And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear : for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.

48 And it came to pass, when the Phil'istine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet Da'vid, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Phil'istine.

49 And Da'vid put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the Phil'istine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead ; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

THE LESSON RETOLD

One day David's father called him in out of the field, to carry food to his brothers, who were in the camp of Saul a few miles away, fighting against the Philistines.

Now the name of the champion of the Philistines was Goliath, a man eleven feet tall. Every morning and evening Goliath, clad in armor from head to foot came and walked before the camp, saying, "I challenge the whole army of Israel ! Send out a man that we may fight !" But there was no one found in Israel who could match him in size or strength.

When David heard the words of Goliath,

he went to Saul and begged to be allowed to go and fight the giant.

"You cannot, you are too young," said the king." But David begged so hard that at last Saul consented and gave David his own armor and a sword.

But they were so heavy that David put them off, and running down to the brook he picked up fine smooth stones for his sling, and putting them in his shepherd's bag, went on with no other weapon to face the giant.

When Goliath saw the fair, unarmed boy in his shepherd's dress coming against him, he broke out into a rage and cursed David by

his gods, promising to make short work of him.

But David answered, "Take care how you despise me, for I am come against you in the name of the God of Israel whom you have insulted. And I will smite you and kill you and throw your body to the wild beasts, that all the world may know that there is a God in Israel."

And taking a stone from his pouch, David shot it from his sling at the head of Goliath hitting him under the helmet, so that he fell heavily on his face to the ground. Then, running up quickly and jumping on the body of his enemy, David drew the giant's sword from its sheath and with one blow cut off Goliath's head, which he carried back with him in triumph to the camp of Israel.

The Philistines were filled with fear when they saw that their champion was dead, and they fled in terror before the children of Israel, into whose hearts David's brave deed had put fresh courage.

Questions on the Lesson

1. Upon what errand did David's father send him? 2. What were his brothers doing? 3. Who was Goliath? 4. How did he trouble Israel? 5. Why could they not overcome him? 6. What did David do when he heard of him? 7. How did Saul answer David? 8. How did he afterwards help him? 9. What did David do with Saul's armor? 10. What weapon did he take? 11. What did Goliath say when he saw the boy? 12. How did David answer? 13. How did he overcome him? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Davie was studying history, and as he read of the great generals and the battles that they fought, he longed to do some great thing himself.

"Oh, dear!" he said, "a boy has to wait so long before he can begin."

"You are mistaken, Davie," said his Aunt Jo. "There is a battle for boys and girls as well."

"How?" asked Davie.

"You must fight with yourself when you don't want to obey mother, and when you

feel angry. Make yourself obey. Here is a verse that will help you: "He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city."

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, Shepherd of the sheep,
Who Thy Father's flock dost keep,
Safe we wake and safe we sleep,
Guarded still by Thee. Amen.

—Hymn 306, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—40. How did Jesus show that He was the Son of God? Jesus showed that He was the Son of God by His holy life, His heavenly teaching, and His wonderful works.

SHORTER CATECHISM—89. How is the word made effectual to salvation? A. The Spirit of God maketh the reading, but especially the preaching of the word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It is as hard for us to fight against the sins in our heart as it was for David to go with the sling and stones against Goliath. But God, who helped him to slay the giant, will



help us to kill our sins. If we are only brave and earnest and put our trust in God, we shall be sure to win the victory over these enemies of ours.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD WILL STRENGTHEN ME

1 Sam. 18 : 5-16—Memory Verses, 12-14.

Golden Text—God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46 : 1.



5 And Da'vid went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely : and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when Da'vid was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Is'rael, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.

7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and Da'vid his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him ; and he said, They have ascribed unto Da'vid ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands : and what can he have more but the kingdom ?

9 And Saul eyed Da'vid from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house : and Da'vid played with his hand,

as at other times : and there was a javelin in Saul's hand.

11 And Saul cast the javelin ; for he said, I will smite Da'vid even to the wall with it. And Da'vid avoided out of his presence twice.

12 And Saul was afraid of Da'vid, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.

13 Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand ; and he went out and came in before the people.

14 And Da'vid behaved himself wisely in all his ways ; and the LORD was with him.

15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

16 But all Is'rael and Ju'dah loved Da'vid, because he went out and came in before them.

THE LESSON RETOLD

After he had killed the Philistine giant, David was the hero of the nation.

As he and King Saul and the armies returned home in triumph, they were met in every city by companies of dancing and singing maidens who, as they played on cymbals and tambourines, danced around the war chariots chanting the praises of those who had shown special bravery in battle.

But as they sang, these words fell upon Saul's ears, "The king hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands." By this they meant that David, in slaying Goliath, had done more to save his people from their fierce enemies than if he had killed thousands of other Philistines.

Now because the people gave more praise

to David than to himself, Saul was filled with anger and jealousy. And he said, "If this is how they speak of David, the next thing will be that they will make him king." And from that minute Saul enviously watched David and hated him. However, he was obliged to give him a fine position in his army to please the people, who all loved David.

And everything went well with David, who behaved himself modestly and wisely in all things ; but not so with Saul. On account of his sins the Lord gave him a troubled and restless mind, and when such attacks came on, the courtiers would send for David to play on his harp and sing his shepherd songs to drive away the evil spirit from the king.

Now on the day after Israel's victory over the Philistines, Saul was so troubled that he sat raving and brandishing his spear like a madman. And when David by his music tried as usual to comfort him, Saul suddenly jumped up and, with angry words, threw his spear at David, and would have killed him had he not twice jumped out of his way.

After this, because it was clear that God was with the young shepherd rather than with himself, Saul was afraid of David and determined to get rid of him. And this was his plan :

He made David captain over a thousand fighting men, and sent him away with them, hoping that soon he would be killed in battle.

But because David behaved himself wisely wherever he went, and the Lord was with him, he made many friends, so that from north to south throughout all Israel the people loved David, while Saul grew more and more afraid of him.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How were Saul and his armies honored as they returned from battle? 2. What was sung of David? 3. Why was Saul displeased? 4. How did David behave? 5. How was he rewarded for his bravery? 6. What trouble came upon Saul? 7. How did David try to soothe him? 8. What happened the day after the battle? 9. How many times did Saul try to kill David? 10. What plan did he next try to get rid of him? 11. Was he successful? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Sometimes even boys and girls are troubled by an unquiet mind.

"When I go to bed," said little Helen, "I see things in the dark and think about such scareome things that it keeps me awake."

"If," asked the mother, "you should see a flock of croaking ravens and a flock of pure white, cooing doves coming towards you, which would you hold out your hands to?"

"The doves, of course," said Helen.

"Try this with the thoughts, that are like flying birds at night," said the mother. "Don't give room in your mind to those you call scareome, but coax the white doves of sweet and happy thoughts to come in and stay till you go to sleep."

And sure enough Helen found mother's plan a good one.

Lesson Hymn

A safe stronghold our God is still,
A trusty shield and weapon ;
By His right arm He surely will
Free from all ills that happen. Amen,
—Hymn 259, Book of Praise

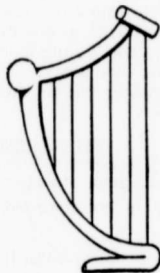
The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—41. What are some of the wonderful works which Jesus did? He stilled the stormy winds, walked upon the water, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and brought the dead to life.

SHORTER CATECHISM—90. How is the word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation? A. That the word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend thereto with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practise it in our lives.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You have seen the birds after the rain, when the sky is clear again and the sun shining brightly, singing with all their



might for very gladness. Surely David must have felt like taking up his harp and singing, as he played upon it, for joy that God had saved him from the storm of Saul's anger! We, too, should rejoice when we remember that the same God is all the time protecting us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD WILL PROTECT ME

Lesson VIII.

DAVID AND JONATHAN

August 23, 1903

1 Sam. 20 : 12-23. Study 1 Sam. 20 : 1-42—Memory Verses, 14-17.

Golden Text—There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. 18 : 24.

12 And Jon'athan said unto Da'vid, O LORD God of Is'rael, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow any time, or the third day, and, behold, if there be good toward Da'vid, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee ;

13 The LORD do so and much more to Jon'athan : but if it please my father to do thee evil, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace : and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not :

15 But also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever : no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of Davi'd every one from the face of the earth.

16 So Jon'athan made a covenant with the house of Da'vid, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of Da'vid's enemies.

17 And Jon'athan caused Da'vid to swear again, because he loved him : for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

18 Then Jon'athan said to Da'vid, To morrow is the new moon : and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

19 And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone E'zel.

20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark.

21 And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them ; then come thou : for there is peace to thee, and no hurt ; as the LORD liveth.

22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee ; go thy way : for the LORD hath sent thee away.

23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me forever.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Saul's hatred toward David grew stronger and stronger, until one day he commanded Jonathan his son to kill him.

Now Jonathan loved David more than if he had been his own brother, and determined to save his friend's life even at the risk of his own. To please Jonathan Saul allowed David to return for a time to the court. But soon the king's wrath broke out afresh and David was again forced to flee for his life.

Knowing that he should be missed from a royal banquet that was soon to be held, David sent for Jonathan, to meet him secretly in a field, and asked him to make an excuse for him to the king and to notice if

he took amiss his absence from the feast.

Now Jonathan was only too glad to answer for his friend, and promised to let David know at once if Saul's anger should have passed, and, if not, to find some plan by which he might escape.

Then Jonathan asked David if he would do something for him. It was that, if he ever became king, he would show kindness to him and to his family, for the sake of the great friendship that was between them.

So David and Jonathan that day made a solemn agreement before the Lord, repeating the words twice over, that they and their families should remain friends forever.

And Jonathan arranged with David, that

as soon as the feast was over, he was to go and hide in a cave near the guide post Ezel. "And I will come," said Jonathan, and make believe to practice shooting near by, and when I have shot three arrows I will say to my boy, 'Go and bring them.'

"If I shall say, 'The arrows are on this side,' it will mean that my father's anger is turned from you. But if I say 'The arrows are beyond,' then flee for your life. The Lord hath sent you away."

Now when David and Jonathan had again pledged their faith to one another and to God, they parted, David going to the cave and Jonathan, back to his father's court.

The next day Saul noticed that David was absent from the banquet table, and spoke so fiercely against him, that Jonathan saw he was determined to kill him. Jonathan, therefore, gave David warning in the way they had arranged, and after they had bidden each other farewell with kisses and many tears, David fled from the anger of Saul.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What was the name of Saul's son? 2. What did the king tell him to do? 3. Why did he not obey him? 4. How did he behave toward David? 5. For whom did David send when he was in trouble? 6. What did he ask his friend to find out for him? 7. What did Jonathan ask David to do for him? 8. What agreement did they make? 9. Where did Jonathan tell David to hide? 10. What was his plan for letting him know his father's mind? 11. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

There was once a young man who had been condemned by a heathen king to die.

"If you will let this young man go home and bid farewell to his parents," said his friend, "I know he will come back; but if not, I will stay and die in his place." So the king let him go.

At last the day came for the execution, but the young man had not returned, being delayed by storm and shipwreck.

His friend was already preparing to die for him, when he rushed in and saved him.

Now the king was so touched by what he

had seen and heard, that he set them both free. "I would give all my wealth to have one such friend," he said.

Lesson Hymn

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer! Amen.
—Hymn 404, Book of Praise

The Catechism

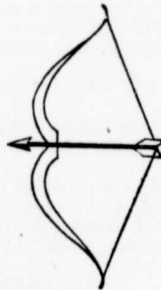
PRIMARY CATECHISM—42. **What did Jesus do to save us from our sins?** Jesus obeyed God's law perfectly, and died for us.

SHORTER CATECHISM—91. *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him that doth administer them; but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of His Spirit in them that by faith receive them.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Have you ever seen people shooting at a mark with a bow and arrow? How pleased they were when their arrow struck right in



the centre! Disobeying God's law is like missing the mark, but doing His will is like hitting it fair in the middle. We learn to obey God, as people learn to shoot straight, by daily practising what He tells us.

I Have Learned To-day
THAT GOD IS MY FRIEND

Lesson IX.

DAVID SPARES SAUL

August 30, 1903

1 Sam. 26 : 5-12, 21-25. Study 1 Sam. 26 : 1-25—Memory Verse, 21.

Golden Text—Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.—Luke 6 : 27.

5 And Da'vid arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched : and Da'vid beheld the place where Saul lay, and Ab'ner the son of Ner, the captain of his host : and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

6 Then answered Da'vid and said to Ahim'elech the Hitt'ite, and to Abi'shai the son of Zeru'iah, brother to Jo'ab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abi'shai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So Da'vid and Abi'shai came to the people by night : and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster : but Ab'ner and the people lay round about him.

8 Then said Abi'shai to Da'vid, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day : now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.

9 And Da'vid said to Abi'shai, Destroy him not : for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?

10 Da'vid said furthermore, As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him ; or his day shall come to die ; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

11 The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed : but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

12 So Da'vid took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster ; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awakened : for they were all asleep ; because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.

21 Then said Saul, I have sinned : return, my son Da'vid : for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day : behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.

22 And Da'vid answered and said, Behold the king's spear ! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

23 The LORD render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness : for the LORD delivered thee into my hand to-day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed.

24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

25 Then Saul said to Da'vid, Blessed be thou, my son Da'vid : thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail. So Da'vid went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

THE LESSON RETOLD

In spite of all that Jonathan could do to save his friend from the wrath of King Saul, David was obliged to flee for his life into the wilderness.

Hearing where he was hidden, Saul in his anger took with him three thousand men and went to seek him out.

When David and his few followers heard that Saul was upon them, they hid themselves all day in a wood, and when night

came on, Saul's soldiers were still looking for him.

At last, when the king and his men and Abner, the chief captain, lay down in an open place to sleep, David came out, and seeing where Saul lay he said to his men, "Who will go with me into the camp of Israel?" And Abishai, David's nephew, said, "I will go."

So in the middle of the night David and

Abishai crept softly down the hillside and found everyone in Saul's camp asleep, and the king himself lying in the middle, with a jar of water at his head and his spear stuck in the ground by his pillow.

Not a man stirred, and Abishai whispered to David, "Surely God has delivered your enemy into your hand this day! Let me now run him through with the spear, and I will not have to strike twice."

But David answered, "No! Let him die in sickness or battle; but God forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed. Let us seize his spear and water jug and be gone."

So David took the king's spear and pitcher and crept silently away without waking or disturbing anyone.

Then David and Abishai climbed down the valley and up the opposite hillside and waited for morning.

At daybreak David shouted across to Abner, "Why have you not kept better watch over the king, your master? If he wants his spear bid him send over for it to me."

Soon it was known through all the camp how David had spared the king's life. And Saul came to David saying, "I have sinned and behaved most foolishly. Return home, if you will, and may God prosper you. I will do you no more harm."

And David answered, "As I have spared your life this day, so may the Lord spare my life and deliver me out of the hand of all my enemies."

Saul was so touched by David's kind and forgiving spirit, that he spoke gentle and peaceable words in parting from him.

So David went on his way and Saul returned to his palace.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What did Saul do when he heard that David had fled? 2. How many men did he take with him? 3. Where did they seek for David? 4. Where did Saul and his men lie down to sleep? 5. What did David plan to do? 6. Who went with him? 7. How did they find Saul and his soldiers? 8. What did Abishai want to do? 9. Why would David not kill Saul? 10. What did he take from him? 11. What did Saul say when he

knew that David had spared his life? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Hymn

Let grace our selfishness expel,
Our earthliness refine,
And kindness in our bosoms dwell,
As free and true as Thine. Amen.
—Hymn 285, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—43. **What would have happened to us if Jesus had not died for us?** If Jesus had not died for us, we all would have been lost.

SHORTER CATECHISM—92. *What is a sacrament?* A. A sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by Christ; wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

It was in a jar or cruse like this that travellers in Eastern lands carried water to drink on their journeys. David's gentle, forgiving spirit was to Saul like a drink of



clear, cold water on a hot summer day. It cooled the king's anger and caused him to have more kindly feelings towards David. Shall we not each try to act as David did when any one does us harm? There is no other way so sure to take away all their hatred towards us and make them our true and loving friends.

I Have Learned Today

THAT GOD TELLS ME TO FORGIVE

Lesson X.

DEATH OF SAUL AND JONATHAN September 6, 1903

1 Sam. 31 : 1-13—Memory Verses, 6, 7.

Golden Text—There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 14 : 12.



1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel : and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons ; and the Philistines slew Jon'athan, and Abi'nadab, and Melch'i-shu'a, Saul's sons.

3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers hit him ; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith ; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armourbearer would not ; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell upon it.

5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

6 So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.

7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were on the other side Jor'dan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled ; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa.

9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.

10 And they put his armour in the house of Ash'taroh : and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth'shan.

11 And when the inhabitants of Ja'besh-gilead heard of that which the Philistines had done to Saul ;

12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth'shan, and came to Ja'besh, and burnt them there.

13 And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Ja'besh, and fasted seven days.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When Saul returned from his search for David, he was told that his old enemies, the Philistines, with a great army, were on their way to meet him.

Then Saul, with his three sons and the army of Israel, went forth and met the heathen in battle upon Mount Gilboa.

And the Philistines fought against Israel and got the better of them, and hundreds of Saul's soldiers were killed, and many of them fled from before the enemy.

Now Jonathan and two other of Saul's sons were killed while fighting beside him, and Saul himself was so badly wounded that

he could not go on any farther.

Seeing that the battle was lost and that his sons were dead, Saul bade his armorbearer draw his sword and kill him where he lay, for fear the enemy might take him prisoner and torture him.

But his armorbearer was afraid ; so Saul fell forward upon his own sword and died.

When the armorbearer saw that the king was dead, he also fell on his sword and died with him. So Saul, his three sons, his armorbearer, and many of his men died the same day together.

When the Israelites in the neighboring

cities heard what had happened, they also fled in terror for their lives, and the Philistines took their cities and lived in them.

The day after the battle, when the Philistines were going over the battle field, they found Saul's body. And they took it and cut off the head and fastened it with the king's armor in the temple of their heathen gods. But the body they hung on the city wall, that all might see the disgrace that had come upon Israel.

But the men of Jabesh, a city which Saul had once saved from their enemies, came by night, and, taking down the body of their dead king, carried it home and buried it under a tamarisk tree, and made great mourning for King Saul.

When David heard of what the men of Jabesh had done, instead of being angry at them, he praised them for their loyalty to King Saul.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What last trouble came upon King Saul? 2. Where did he meet the Philistines? 3. Who went with him to battle? 4. Which side won? 5. What happened to Jonathan and his brothers? 6. What happened to the king? 7. Why did he ask his armorbearer to kill him? 8. When he refused, how did Saul die? 9. What did many of the Israelites do then? 10. Who took their homes? 11. What was done with Saul's body? 12. Where was his armor taken? 13. Who rescued the king's body and buried it? 14. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

By the side of a house grew a lonesome old hickory tree. In summer its heavy foliage protected the house from the heat, and in autumn its yellow coloring seemed the brightest thing in the garden.

But one spring, when it had put forth its buds and leaves as usual, for no reason that anyone could see, it began to die.

At last, as a useless dead thing, it was cut down. Then at its roots were found many hundreds of little white worms, which had done all the mischief.

Is not the sad fate of this old tree a picture

of the trouble and death that came upon King Saul, because of the little white worms of sin and jealousy that lay cherished in his heart?

Lesson Hymn

Tender Shepherd, never leave us

From Thy fold to go astray ;

By thy look of love directed.

May we walk the narrow way !

Thus direct us, and protect us,

Lest we fall to sin a prey. Amen.

—Hymn 586, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—44. **What is it to be lost?** To be lost is to be left without God in this world, and to be shut out from His presence forever.

SHORTER CATECHISM—93. *Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?* A. The sacraments of the New Testament are, Baptism, and the Lord's supper.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

You are now to draw a shield such as soldiers once used to keep off the arrows of their enemies. God is called in the Bible a



Shield. This means that He protects us from danger. How safe we ought to feel when we know that He stands between us and all that would harm us! He is able to keep away from us every evil thing.

**I Have Learned Today that
GOD PUNISHES ME FOR MY GOOD**

Lesson XI.

DAVID BECOMES KING

September 13, 1903

2 Sam. 2 : 1-10. Study 2 Sam. 2 : 1-11 and 2 Sam. 5 : 1-10—Memory Verses, 1-3.

Golden Text—Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.—Ps. 133 : 1.



this kindness, because ye have done this thing. 7 Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant : for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Ju'dah have anointed me king over them.

8 But Ab'ner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish'-bo'sheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Ma'hana'im ;

9 And made him king over Gil'ead, and over the Ashur'ites, and over Jez'reel, and over Eph'raim, and over Ben'jamin, and over all Is'rael.

10 Ish'-bo'sheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Is'rael, and reigned two years. But the house of Ju'dah followed Da'vid.

THE LESSON RETOLD

When David heard how King Saul and his beloved friend Jonathan had perished in the battle at Gilboa, he was in great trouble. Israel was now without a leader. The Philistines were over-running the country and he and his little band of chosen men were not strong enough to stand against them.

When David did not know which way to turn, he inquired of the Lord what he must do ; and God said, " You shall not go on with the war, but shall return at once to Hebron near your old home."

So David took Ahinoam and Abigail his two wives and all his fighting men, with their families, and settled in the cities round about Hebron.

And the men of Judah, when they saw that David had settled peaceably among

1 And it came to pass after this, that Da'vid enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah ? And the LORD said unto him, Go up. And Da'vid said, Whither shall I go up ? And he said, Unto He'bron.

2 So Da'vid went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahino'am the Jez'reelitess, and Abiga'il Na'bal's wife the Carm'elite.

3 And his men that were with him did Da'vid bring up, every man with his household : and they dwelt in the cities of He'bron.

4 And the men of Ju'dah came, and there they anointed Da'vid king over the house of Ju'dah. And they they told Da'vid, saying, That the men of Ja'bish-gil'ead were they that buried Saul.

5 And Da'vid sent messengers unto the men of Ja'bish-gil'ead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the LORD, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him.

6 And now the LORD shew kindness and truth unto you : and I also will requite you

them, came and asked him to be their king. And because of David the people flocked to Hebron in thousands, where they made a great holiday, and the armies of Judah anointed David king amidst great rejoicing.

Now one of the first things David did after he was made king, was to send a friendly message to the men of Jabesh, who had buried Saul's body after so bravely rescuing it from their enemies. And David said, " May the Lord reward you for what you have done ! You are brave men, and instead of punishing you for showing kindness to Saul, I invite you to be my allies."

So David by wisdom and kindness won many followers to his side, and the kingdom of Judah grew stronger and stronger.

But Abner, who had been chief captain in

Saul's army, would not acknowledge David as king, and he took Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, across the Jordan and set him up as king in the fortress of Mahanaim.

But while everything went so well with David and his kingdom, the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker, until after two years Ish-bosheth died and David became king over all Israel.

When David had reigned in Hebron for more than seven years, he built a larger city and palace at Jerusalem, and there also God greatly blessed him and prospered him.

After this, his reign lasted for thirty-three years, so that altogether David was king over Israel for forty years.

Questions on the Lesson

1. How did David feel about the death of Saul and Jonathan? 2. Who were troubling Israel? 3. Why could not David stand against them? 4. What did he ask the Lord? 5. What did God tell him about the war? 6. Where did he send him? 7. What honor did the people of Hebron show David? 8. Who gathered around him? 9. Who were the men of Jabesh? 10. What message did David send them? 11. Who would not follow David? 12. Whom did Abner set up as king? 13. Which kingdom was the stronger? 14. What happened when Ish-bosheth died? 15. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

Do you know how to play croquet? Susie didn't, when she was visiting at Uncle James' last week. So when Cousin Harry and Annie coaxed her to join them in a game, she said: "No, I can't play."

"Why, we just need you to make up the game; do, please."

"But I should not know what to do, and should be so awkward. I am really sorry to have to say no, though, if you need me."

And so it seemed as if their game would be spoiled, until Uncle James said, "Come along, Sue; I'll strike for you and teach you. I am sure that you can trust my skill." And after that she was not afraid. Would you have been afraid?

So God offers to take us as we are, and to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves, if we will only do as David did—seek and trust His help.

Lesson Hymn

Behold, how good and pleasant,
And how becoming well,
Where brethren all united
In peace together dwell. Amen.
—Psalm Selection 106, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—45. How did Jesus die for us? Jesus was nailed on the cross by wicked men.

SHORTER CATECHISM—94. What is baptism?
A. Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Do you see this horn? When David was made king, oil carried in a horn was poured upon his head. The oil was a sign of joy.



We may have joy as great as any king's, if we rule our own hearts, and fight bravely against the sins in them until we have gained the victory. And the victory is sure to come, because we are not fighting alone, but Jesus, so strong and wise, is helping us all the time.

I Have Learned Today
THAT GOD LOVES PEACE

ABSTINENCE FROM EVIL

September 20, 1903

A TEMPERANCE LESSON

1 Pet. 4 : 1-11—Memory Verses, 1, 2.

Golden Text—Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.—Eph. 5 : 18.

1 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind : for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin ;

2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gen'tiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries :

4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to same excess of riot, speaking evil of you :

5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

6 For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand : be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

8 And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves : for charity shall one to another without grudging.

cover the multitude of sins. 9 Use hospitality one to another as God loveth. 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God ; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth : that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSON RETOLD

Amongst those who had a great share in first spreading the gospel of Jesus among the heathen of Asia and Europe, was the apostle Peter.

When Peter, towards the end of his life, came to Rome on a visit to Paul, he wrote a special letter of warning and advice to the Christians of Asia, many of whom had lately come out on the side of Christ from amongst the heathen around them.

In this letter Peter tried to show plainly what it meant to be a true follower of Christ, and how old habits of evil might, by the grace of God, be overcome and destroyed.

"First of all," said Peter, "you who would follow Christ must love the things that He loves. You can now take no pleasure in the sinful enjoyments of your heathen neighbors, who speak evil of you and think it strange that you will no longer join

them in the drunkenness and bad behavior that is a part of their heathen worship and holiday.

"But you must not be turned aside from doing right by what people say. Remember that soon everyone of you shall give an account of himself to the Lord Christ, when He comes to judge the world at the last day.

"Now you must not think," wrote the wise apostle, "that, because you have believed the gospel, you shall escape from the troubles and temptations of other men. You shall not ; but God by His Spirit is able to give grace and strength to overcome them.

"Here are some of the ways by which you may get the better of sin and evil. Be watchful, keep good company, be prayerful, have self-control. Above all things, have love one toward another, for love shall cover a multitude of sins.

"If there are any lonely or friendless people whom you know, invite them to your homes. Use hospitality one to another without grudging. Be unselfish and willing to share whatever you have with others, knowing that all your good things come from God, who has made you His stewards and servants.

"Last of all," said Peter, "whether in preaching and teaching, whether in eating or drinking or whatever we do, let us do all things in such a way that God may be praised through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and honor forever. Amen."

Questions on the Lesson

1. Who was Peter? 2. To whom did he write a letter of advice? 3. Why did these Christians need special help? 4. Why did the heathen speak evil of them? 5. What did the apostle say about heathen enjoyments? 6. Against what sin did he particularly warn them? 7. How did he promise they should overcome temptation? 8. What did he say about love? 9. What did he say about hospitality? 10. Why should Christians be ready to share their things with others? 11. How may God be praised by His people? 12. What is the Golden Text?

Lesson Story

There is an old story about a Greek maiden named Eulalia; she wanted to be friends with Lucinda, a very gay and worldly woman. One day she said to her father, Sophronius, "I would like to call upon Lucinda; may I go to-day?"

"I cannot allow you to do that, my daughter," replied Sophronius.

"But, father, you must think me exceedingly weak, if you suppose I should be injured by going," said Eulalia, crossly.

Her father stooped down and picked up a piece of dirty coal and held it out. "Take that in your hand, my child; it will not hurt you."

She did, and her fingers became smudged. Eulalia did not understand. "Why," she said, "did you give me this? It blackens."

"Yes" came the reply, "coal, when it does not burn, blackens."

Do you see the lesson of the old Greek?

Bad company will blacken, even if it does not burn."

Lesson Hymn

Soldiers of Christ! arise
And put your armor on!
Strong in the strength which God supplies
Through His eternal Son;
Strong in the Lord of hosts,
And in His mighty power:
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror. Amen.
—Hymn 246, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—46. **What was done with the body of Jesus after His death on the cross?** The body of Jesus was taken by His friends and laid in a tomb or grave. **47. What happened on the third day after Jesus died and was buried?** On the third day Jesus rose from the dead.

SHORTER CATECHISM—95. *To whom is baptism to be administered?* A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptised.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

Very beautiful wine looks when it is poured out into a clear and sparkling glass.



But though it looks so lovely, it is very dangerous and does much harm to those who drink it. It is safest and best not to taste it.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT GOD WANTS ME TO BE PURE

LESSON XIII.

REVIEW

September 27, 1903

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord is my light and my salvation.—Psalm 27 : 1.

PRIMARY CATECHISM—Review Questions 34-47.

SHORTER CATECHISM—Review Questions 84-95.

Lesson Hymn

O Saviour, precious Saviour,
Whom yet unseen we love,
O name of might and favor,
All other names above !

*We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee alone we sing ;
We praise Thee and confess Thee
Our Holy Lord and King. Amen.
—Hymn 100, Book of Praise*



I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God Gives Me Joy



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| LESSON I. | Israel Asking for a King. | Prepare your hearts unto the Lord, and serve him only.—1 Sam. 7 : 3. |
| LESSON II. | Saul Chosen King. | The Lord is our king ; he will save us.—Isa. 33 : 22. |
| LESSON III. | Samuel's Farewell Address. | Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart.—1 Sam. 12 : 24. |
| LESSON IV. | Saul Rejected as King. | To obey is better than sacrifice.—1 Sam. 15 : 22. |
| LESSON V. | Samuel Anoints David. | Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16 : 7. |
| LESSON VI. | David and Goliath. | If God be for us, who can be against us?—Rom. 8 : 31. |
| LESSON VII. | Saul Tries to Kill David. | God is our refuge and strength ; a very present help in trouble.—Ps. 46 : 1. |
| LESSON VIII. | David and Jonathan. | There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. 18 : 24. |
| LESSON IX. | David Spares Saul. | Love your enemies ; do good to them which hate you.—Luke 6 : 27. |
| LESSON X. | Death of Saul and Jonathan. | There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.—Prov. 14 : 12. |
| LESSON XI. | David Becomes King. | Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.—Ps. 133 : 1. |
| LESSON XII. | Abstinence from Evil. | Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess.—Eph. 5 : 18. |

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

Write in the spaces below (or get some one to do so for you) some one thing that you have learned from each lesson.

<p>LESSON I. Israel Asking for a King.</p>	<p>LESSON VII. Saul Tries to Kill David.</p>
<p>LESSON II. Saul Chosen King.</p>	<p>LESSON VIII. David and Jonathan.</p>
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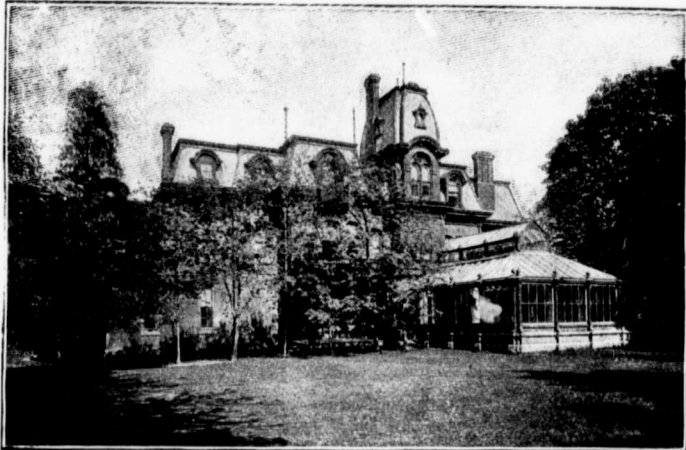
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