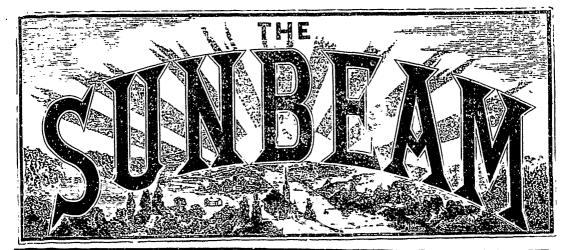
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OUR PET IN A PET.

S this not a sad sight? See little Annie

King sulking and crying because her mamma will not let her go out to play in the damp. She is naughty, and will not play with the baby, or even with her lovely dollie. Because Annie is so bad, her mother will not give her any jam for tea. She is generally a very good little girl, and it grieves her mamma to see her in such

a pet, and to have to punish her. Thus, children often—yes, and grown people, too—make not only themselves miserable, but also all who are around them.

CHRIST'S LOVE.

HRIST is merciful and mild;
He was once a little child;
He whom heavenly hosts adore,
Lived on earth among the poor.

Every bird can build its nest; Foxes have their place of rest; He by whom the world was made Had not where to lay his head.

He was poorer far than I, That I might hereafter be Rich to all eternity.—Selected.

A MOTHER'S HEIGH-HO!

Heigh-ho, handle the dough!

How I do wish that dinners would grow

A sponge-cake vine, or a doughnut tree—

What a refreshing sight to see!

Heigh-ho, measure and sew!

How I do wish that garments would grow!

An overskirt bush or roundabout tree—

What a refreshing sight 'twould be!

-Wide Awa'se.

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, APRIL 16, 1881.

TOTTY'S ARITHMETIC.

NE little head worth its whole weight in gold
Over and over a million times told.

Two shining eyes full of innocent glee, Brighter than diamonds ever could be.

Three pretty dimples, for fun to slip in, Two in the cheeks and one in the chin.

Four lily fingers on each baby hand, Fit for a princess of sweet Fairy-land.

Five on each hand, if we reckon Tom Thumb Standing beside them so stiff and so glum!

Six pearly teeth just within her red lips, Over which merriment ripples and trips.

Seven bright ringlets as yellow as gold, Seeming the sunshine to gather and hold.

Eight tiny waves running over her hair, Sunshine and shadow they love to be there.

Nine precious words that Totty can say, But she will learn new ones every day.

Ten little chubby, comical toes, And that is as far as this lesson goes.

-St. Nicholas.

A CHILD'S FAITH.

N the Highlands of Scotland there is a mountain gorge twenty feet in width and two hundred in depth. Its perpendicular walls are bare of vegetation (trees and plants) save in the crevices in which grow numerous wild flowers of rare beauty. Desirous of obtaining specimens of these mountain beauties, some scientific travellers once offered a Highland boy a handsome gift if he would consent to be lowered down the cliff by a rope and

would gather a little basket full of them. The boy looked wistfully at the money, for his parents were poor, but when he gazed at the deep chasm he shuddered, shrank back and declined. But love for his parents was strong within him. After another glance at the gift and then at the terrible depth his heart grew strong and his eye flashed, and he said "I will go if my father will hold the rope." And then with unshrinking nerves and heart firm he suffered his father to put the rope about him and lower him into the wild abyss, when he filled the basket with the beautiful flowers. It was a daring deed, but his faith in the strength of his father's arm and the love of his father's heart gave him courage and power to perform it.

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN.

"ONCE heard of two little children," said a Sunday-school speaker, "a boy and girl, who used to play a great deal together. They were converted. One day the boy came to his mother, and

said, 'I know that Emma is a Christian.'
'What makes you think so, my child?'

'Because, mother, she plays like a Christian.'

'Plays like a Christian!' said the mother. The expression sounded a little odd.

'Yes,' replied the child, 'if you take every thing she's got, she doesn't get angry. Before, she was selfish; and if she didn't have everything her own way, she would say, 'I wont play with you; you are an ugly little boy."—Frank Leslie's Sunday Mag.

Eddie loves to watch the fire-flies
As the summer evenings pass,
Flashing like a shower of diamonds
In and out the meadow-grass.

"What are all the lights?" I ask him.

"Why, dear papa, don't you know? God has sent these little lanterns, So the plants can see to grow." THE
SUNDAY-SCHOOL
LESSON.

619 HIS is little Alice Maude learning her lesson for Sunday-School. Her kind teacher has promised her a pretty card if she will say her lesson well. am sure that she will know it because she appears to be pondering it so thoughtfully. I have heard children saying over their lessons like parrots, and not thinking of their meaning, so of course they forgot them at once.

I hope my young readers will follow Alice Maude's example, and not only please

their teachers but do themselves a lasting benefit. Any verses you learn when you are young you will remember when you are old. I heard a Sunday-school superintendent say that it was quite a trouble for him to learn the lessons now, although he remembers well the verses he learned while a little boy in Sunday-school.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord.



THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON.

WORKING FOR JESUS NOW.

"If I can't teach people to be good, I can . get them to come to Sunday-school, and then somebody else can teach them, said a little boy to himself."

Now is the word; do for Jesus now. Let every one of us find some work to do for Jesus now; to-morrow is not ours—it may never come.

LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 27.] LESSON IV. [April 24.

COVETOUSNESS; or, Worldly Lusts Reproved.

Luke 12. 13-21 Commit to memory verses 13-15.
GOLDEN TEXT.

Take heed, and beware of covetousness. Luke 12. 15.

OUTLINE.

- 1. Christ's Question, v. 13-15.
- 2. The Rich Man's Question, v. 16-19.
- 3. God's Question, v. 20-21.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. Christ's Question, v. 13-15.—What did one person ask Christ to do? To speak to his brother. What did this man want from his brother? His share in the property. What did Jesus say to him? "Man, who made me a judge over you?" Why would not Jesus act as a judge? Because he had greater work to do. What was his work? To teach men how to be saved? What warning did he give to all present? [Golden Text.]
- 2. The Rich Man's Question, v. 16-19.—How did J-sus show that coverousness is useless and foolish? By the parable of the rich man. What happened to this rich man? His fields gave a great harvest. What question did he ask? "What shall I do for room for my truits?" What might he have done with some of his harvest? He could have given it to the poor. What did he resolve to do? To pull down his barns and build greater ones.
- 3. God's Question, v. 20, 21.—What did God say to this rich man? 'Thou fool, to-night thy soul shall be taken from thee." How was this to happ n? By his death. What question did Granak of him? Who should have these things which he must leave? What does this show? That riches are of no use to men when they die. What person alone is really rich? He that is rich toward God. How may we have these riches? By giving our hearts to Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

- Do not think too much about the things of this life.
- Lay up your best treasure in heaven, by giving Christ your heart.
- 3. Remember that all you have comes from God.
- 4. So live as not to fear death, whenever it may come.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The true aims of life.

TINY TEXT.

Thou shalt not covet. Exod. 20. 17.

A.D. 29.] , LESSON V. [May 1.

LOST AND FOUND; or, The Joy of the Angels.

Luke 15. 1-10.

Commit to memory verses 4-7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth. Luke 15. 10.

OUTLINE.

- 1. Lost, v. 1-4.
- 2. Sought, v. 5-8.
- 3. Found, v. 9-10.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

- 1. Lost, v. 1-4. Where was Jesus now preaching? In Perea, east of the Jordan. Who came to hear Jesus? Many publicans and sinners. Who were the publicans? People who took the taxes. What kind of people were they? Many of them were unjust, and wronged the people. Why did they come to hear Jesus? Because his words touched their hearts. What did some of the Pharisees say? They found fault with Jesus for going among such people. How did-Jesus answer them? By the parable or story of the lost sheep
- 2. Sought, v. 5-8. -What does the shepherd do for his lost sheep? He leaves the flock and seeks it. Why is Christ the good Shepherd? Because he seeks and saves us. How does he seek us? By his Holy Spirit. What does the stepherd do with his sheep when he finds it? He brings it home rejoicing. What does he say to all his friends? "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost." What does Jesus say is like this joy? [Golden Text.]
- 3. Found, v. 9, 10.—To what also did Jesus say the sinner was like? A piece of money found in a house. What does the woman in the house do? She sweeps the house carefully to find it. What does she do when she has found it? She calls on her neighbors to rejoice with her. What does this show us? How much God cares for us and loves us.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—Salvation for sinners.

TINY TEXT.

Christ died for our sins 1 Cor. 15. 3.

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