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## THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

**O**NE of the most wonderful buildings in the world is the great Crystal Palace at Sydenham, near London. It is built almost entirely of glass and iron. The floors and stairs, of course, are of wood, and the lower part of the walls are brick; but the vast framework of the roof and galleries, as you will see, are iron, and the roof itself and upper part of the walls are of glass. The effect is singularly light and beautiful. Inside are different courts representing buildings in Egypt, Spain, Pompeii and elsewhere; and at one end is a great fountain, part of which is shown in the foreground of the picture, where are water plants, and foreign shrubs and trees, and the like. The great trunk you see in the picture is that of a palm tree, which rises to near the roof. In the evening rows of lamps around the front of the galleries are lit up, and the splendid gardens and fountains outside are often illuminated. I saw, last summer, the grounds thus lit up, and a splendid display of fireworks. The fountains, trees, and the vast Crystal Palace, lit up by the coloured light and by the moon's rays, looked like a fairy spectacle. I hope many of my young readers may some time see it for themselves.



THE CRYSTAL-PALACE.

**B**ETTER fail a thousand times, and in everything else, than attempt to shape for yourself a life without God, without hope in Christ, and without an interest in heaven.

## The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, OCTOBER 2, 1880.

### BE IN TIME.

**B**E on time for every call;  
If you can, be first of all:  
Be in time.

If your teachers only find  
You are never once behind,  
But are like the dial, true,  
They will always trust in you:  
Be in time.

Never linger ere you start;  
Set out with a willing heart:  
Be in time.

In the morning up and on,  
First to work, and soonest done;  
This is how the goal's attained,  
This is how the prize is gained:  
Be in time.

Those who aim at something great  
Never yet were found too late:  
Be in time.

Life with all is but a school;  
We must work by plan and rule,  
With some noble end in view,  
Ever steady, earnest, true:  
Be in time.

Listen, then, to wisdom's call;  
Knowledge now is free to all:  
Be in time.

Youth must daily toil and strive,  
Treasure for the future hive,  
For the work they have to do;  
Keep this motto still in view:  
Be in time.

PENNIES given to God's cause from  
love to Him are worth more than a  
ton of gold given for mere show.

### THE HONEST BOY.

**A** FEW days after a large fire in one  
of our cities, a gentleman who had  
kept a hat-store which was burned  
was accosted by a boy in the street, who  
said:

"Mr. H., I have a whole armful of hats  
which belong to you. I carried them home  
the day of the fire, so that no one could  
steal them. If you will tell me where to  
bring them, I will go right home and get  
them."

The gentleman appointed a place, and the  
boy ran toward his home. Soon he appeared  
with the hats; and, sure enough, he had all  
his two arms could carry.

When he had laid them down, the gentle-  
man began trying the hats on the boy's  
head. When he found one that fitted him,  
he said, "There! my little man, that is  
yours."

He was a poor boy, and a nice hat that  
was made "just a fit" was a greater treat to  
him than to many boys.

When the little fellow fully realized that  
the hat was his own, he began to caper  
about, and cried, "See! see! I've got a new  
hat; and I didn't steal it, either. I know  
another boy who has got an armful of hats,  
and I don't think he means to bring them  
back at all."

The boy that returned the hats can hold  
his head up straight and look every one in  
the face, because he is an honest boy.  
But, oh! that other boy! There must be a  
hard spot somewhere in his heart, which  
must feel very heavy when he thinks of  
those hats. Man may not know, but God  
sees; and when He looks down on that  
heart He sees "thief" written there.

My little readers, which boy would you  
rather be? Remember, "Thou God seest  
me;" and do not even let Him see "thief"  
written on your heart.

It is easy to wish for heaven, but  
difficult to get a heavenly mind.



#### THE BLACKBOARD LESSON.

**M**ISS ADDYMAN, the young lady in the picture, is teacher of the infant class in the Methodist Sunday-school in the city of T——. She is teaching her little class one of the most important lessons that the Bible contains,—that God is love, and that God ever sees us

wherever we are, and whatever we do. If we always realized this, what a restraint it would be upon our words and deeds, and even on our thoughts; for God sees them as well as our acts. How careful we ought to be not to grieve that love which has watched over all our lives, and given us everything of good that we possess, and,

best of all, has given us the blessed Saviour who died for us, and rose again from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where He ever liveth at the right hand of God to intercede for us. Oh, dear children, let these lessons sink deep into your minds, and let them be as a spell to keep your souls from sin:—THOU GOD SEEST ME; and  
**GOD IS LOVE.**

**LESSON NOTES.**

B.C. 1760.] **LESSON II.** [Oct. 10.  
**JACOB AND ESAU;** or, Blessed with Prosperity.  
*Gen. 27. 22-40. Commit to memory verses 33-40.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. Prov. 4. 27.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The blessing of Jacob, v. 22-29.
2. The blessing of Esau, v. 30-40.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.**

1. *The blessing of Jacob*, v. 22-29.—Who was Jacob? The younger son of Isaac. Who was Esau? Jacob's brother. What was the condition of their father Isaac? He was very old and blind. Which of his sons did he love best? Esau. What did he desire to give him? The blessing and the promise of God. What did he tell Esau to do? To go out and get ready some food for him. What was he then to do? To bring it to him, and receive the blessing. What did Jacob do? He came pretending to be his brother Esau. Was this right? It was very wicked. What is said in the **GOLDEN TEXT**? What did Isaac do to Jacob? He gave him the promise of a great blessing.

2. *The blessing of Esau*, v. 30-40.—What did Esau do? He came in just after Jacob had gone out. What did Esau do and say when he heard what had happened? [Read verse 34.] How did he feel? He was very angry with his brother. What did he ask for? Another blessing. What did Isaac give him? The promise of blessings less than those of his brother. What did Esau threaten afterward? That he would kill his brother Jacob.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

1. Never seek to gain any thing by lying.
2. Never try to deceive your parents.
3. Trust in God for His blessing.
4. Remember that blessings lost are not easily won.

B.C. 1760.] **LESSON III.** [Oct. 17.

**JACOB AT BETHEL;** or, Blessed with God's Presence.

*Gen. 28. 10-22. Commit to memory verses 12-16.*

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whether thou goest. Gen. 28. 15.

**OUTLINE.**

1. **The Vision**, v. 10-12.
2. **The Voice**, v. 13-15,
3. **The Vow**, v. 16-22.

**QUESTIONS ON THE LESSONS.**

1. *The vision*, v. 10-12.—Toward what place did Jacob journey? Toward Haran. How did he journey? On foot and alone. Where did he sleep at night? Out of doors, with a stone for his pillow. What was the vision which he saw? A ladder reaching up to heaven. Who were on the ladder? Angels passing up and down. Who stood above it? The Lord God.

2. *The voice*, v. 13-15.—Who did God declare Himself to be? The God of Abraham and of Isaac. What did He promise to Jacob? That the land on which he lay should belong to his descendants. What did God promise concerning Jacob's descendants? "In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." What other promise did God make in the **GOLDEN TEXT**?

3. *The vow*, v. 16-22.—What did Jacob say when he awaked? "Surely the Lord is in this place." What did he call it? The house of God, and the gate of heaven. What did he set up for a pillar? The stone on which he had slept. What was the vow he made? "Then shall the Lord be my God." What gifts did he promise? To give one tenth to God.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

1. Don't fear to be alone if God is with you.
2. Thank God that you rest at night on a softer pillow than Jacob's.
3. Remember that God is in every place.
4. Let God's mercies lead you to love and serve Him.

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