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ME HARRY.
 is little Harry
 who has just
 out for a morning
 It is such a
 fresh, spring
 that his mother
 he had better go
 and get a little
 air. Poor little
 although he is
 and cannot run
 ay with his com-
 as out in the nice
 fields, is very
 because he is
 trying to be
 and good.
 We see him
 g in from his
 g walk. He
 nice bunch of
 flowers in his
 which he intends
 to his mother
 very fond of
 We see her
 g at the door
 to let in her
 little son. "Well,
 said Mrs. Wal-
 ! how did you en-
 ever walk." "Oh,
 rately," replied
 y, "and I went
 to see little
 Wood, and she
 two nice bou-
 one for you and
 er for myself; but as I was coming
 met poor old Mrs. Smith up the
 so I gave her one."



LAM HARRY.

A SERGEANT'S DEFEAT.

BY T. L. CUYLER, D.D.

shows what a kind disposition Harry
 and I hope my little readers will try
 a lesson from this and be kind also.

SOME time ago I opened a daily journal
 and read this touching paragraph. I read
 how there was brought out one morning
 from the prison of one of our police sta-

tions in New York a
 man whose very coun-
 tenance showed that
 he was made for a
 better place and a
 higher calling. He
 carried an empty
 sleeve. Called up to
 the bar of the police
 magistrate, he was
 asked his name. He
 said: "I am Sergeant
 Maxwell, of the Fifth
 United States Cavalry;"
 and then, drawing
 out a half-empty
 flask from his pocket
 and holding it up, he
 said: "In Sheridan's
 raid in the valley of
 Winchester, when our
 commander came down
 to rally us, I swung
 out that arm, and the
 shot of the enemy
 carried it off;" and
 then holding up the
 flask he said, "The
 only enemy I have
 ever met who has con-
 quered me is that."
 The police magistrate
 sentenced him back
 to his cell, and carrying
 his empty sleeve, and
 his empty purse, and
 his empty character,
 and his empty life,
 this young man, born

for better things, went off to take his place
 among the victims of strong drink.

THAT which a man suffers for this world
 fills his heart with darkness, but that which
 he suffers for the other fills it with light.

A LITTLE LADY.

I KNOW a little lady
Who wears a hat of green,
All trimmed with red, red roses,
And a blackbird on the brim.

She ties it down with ribbons,
Under her dimpled chin:
For oftentimes it's breezy
When she comes tripping in.

She'll drop a dainty courtesy,
Perhaps she'll throw a kiss;
She brings so many hundred
That one she'll never miss.

With laughing, sunny glances
She comes, her friends to greet:
There's not another maiden
In all the world so sweet!

Her name? The roses tell you!
It is the blackbird's tune;
This smiling little lady
Is just our own dear June.

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A CONVERSATION.

"I DO wonder when Jesus will come again," said Bessie to her older sister Mary.

"I do not know," said Mary; "but when he comes the sight will be wonderful. He will come in great brightness, more glorious than the sun, and many of the holy angels will come with him."

"Do you think we shall be glad to see him?" asked Bessie again.

"I hope so," said Mary, "and if we love him I am sure we shall. For he will come to take all who love him to his beautiful home in heaven."

"Then I am sure I shall want to love Jesus with all my heart," continued Bessie.

And Mary said, "Yes, we will love Jesus. We will pray to him every day, and we will be kind and good and keep his holy commandments. Jesus said, 'If ye love me, keep my commandments.'"

LITTLE THINGS.

A CUP of water timely brought,
An offered easy chair,
A turning of the window blind
That ~~can~~ feel the

An early-flower unasked bestowed,
A light and cautious tread,
A voice to softest whispers hushed
To spare an aching head—

O, things like these, though little things,
The purest love disclose,
As fragrant atoms in the air
Reveals the hidden rose!

"MISS POSITIVE."

THE girls called her that, because she was always so sure she was right. Her real name was Ida. In Miss Hartley's school, the scholars each said a verse from the Bible every morning at prayers. One morning Ida had such a funny verse it made the scholars all laugh, and even Miss Hartley had to pucker her lips a little to keep sober.

This was the verse, repeated in Ida's gravest tone:

"It never rains but it pours."

Now all the girls knew enough about the Bible to be sure there was no such verse in it; except Ida—she was "just as sure it was in the Bible as she was that she had two feet!" so she said; and if they didn't believe it, they might ask Miss Hartley.

So at recess they all asked Miss Hartley at once:

"Miss Hartley, is there such a verse?"

"Miss Hartley, there isn't! is there?"

And Miss Hartley had to say that, so far as she had read the Bible, or heard it read, she certainly had never heard any such verse in it.

But Miss Positive was not convinced. She shook her pretty brown head, and said she couldn't help it, it was in the Bible; in the Book of Proverbs, and she could bring the book to school to show them.

Miss Hartley said this would be the very best thing to do. So, the next day came Ida, looking pleased and happy, with a little bit of a book in her hand, and pointing her finger in triumph to the verse in large letters:

"It never rains but it pours."

"But, dear child," said Miss Hartley, "don't you know that this isn't a Bible?"

"Oh yes, indeed," said Ida; "it is in the Bible, every word of it; don't you see it says Proverbs on the cover? Every one knows that Proverbs is in the Bible."

Then the girls all laughed again; Miss Hartley explained that the book was a collection of the wise sayings of different men, and that they were called proverbs because they had so much meaning in them and were used so much.

"JESUS LOVES A LITTLE CHILD."

Jesus loves a little child,
Smiling in its childish glee,
Says of such, in accents mild,
"Let them come to me;"
Let them come, forbid them not,
They will sing around the throne
Millions now are singing there,
Millions more may come.

In the blessed Sunday-school
They are taught to fear the Lord
Here they find his holy way,
Learn to love his word;
Armed with this they may go forth
Triumph over every foe,
Spreading joy o'er all the earth,
Governing our world.

When life's toilsome work is done
When the stormy strife is o'er,
Then around his shining throne,
On the blissful shore,
Shall his happy children meet,
Sing and shout, their suffering
Cast their crowns at Jesus' feet,
Praise him evermore.

COULDN'T QUARREL.

IN the depths of a forest there live two foxes who had never had a cross word each other. One of them said one day the politest fox language: "Let's quarrel." "Very well," said the other, "please, dear friend; but how shall we quarrel about it?"

"Oh, it can not be difficult," said the first fox. "Two-legged people fall out all the time. Should not we?"

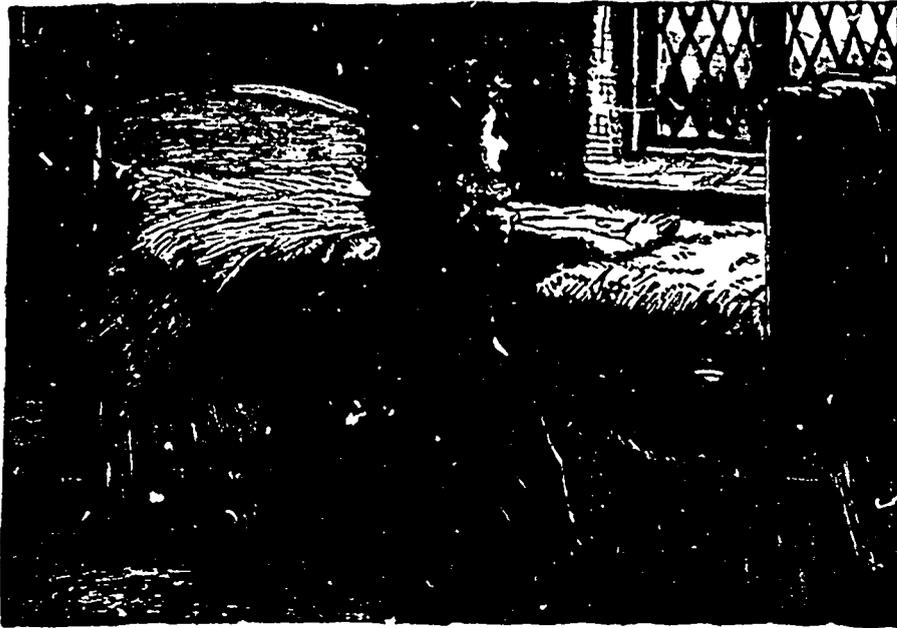
So they tried all sorts of ways, but could not be done, because each was a different way. At last number one brought some stones.

"There," said he, "you say they quarrel and fight and scratch. I begin. Those stones are mine."

"Very well," answered the other fox. "You are welcome to them."

"But we shall never quarrel at it," cried the other, jumping up and lit his face.

"You simpleton! don't you know that two make a quarrel, any?"
Christian Weekly.



A CHILD'S PRAYER.

A CHILD'S PRAYER.

JESUS, the holy one,
 Jesus, the lowly one,
 Loveth to listen when little ones pray.
 What shall we say to him?
 How shall we pray to him?
 How shall we tell him our wants every day?

Jesus, so near to us,
 Jesus, so dear to us,
 Make our hearts still while we listen to thee.
 Teach us thy blessed way,
 Teach us, Lord, every day,
 Gentle and loving and truthful to be.

A BEAUTIFUL REPLY.

In visiting the poor families in a retired part of the town to find scholars for the Sabbath-school, a gentleman found a little girl only six years old trying to read her New Testament. She was a member of the school, and was very fond of it; and, though quite young, was a good scholar. She wanted a hymn-book, and the gentleman promised to give her one if she would learn to read the fifth and sixth chapters of the Gospel by Matthew in a fortnight. She did so; and when she read the first few verses of the fifth chapter, where it is said by our Saviour, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," etc., the gentleman asked her which of the blessings here pronounced she would like to have for herself. She paused a little, and then replied, "I would rather be pure in heart." The gentleman asked why she preferred this. The little girl said if she was only good she should have all the rest. Could you have made a better answer than this?

THAT'S WHY.

OUR Daisy lay down
 In her little night-gown,
 And kissed me again and again,
 On forehead and cheek,
 On lips that would speak,
 To make the matter more plain,
 There, close by her side,
 "Do you love me?" I cried;
 She lifted her golden-crowned head;
 A puzzled surprise
 Shone in her gray eyes—
 "Why, that's why I kiss you," she said.

"WHO'LL PRAY NOW?"

Is a family where there are two young children the mother has been a Christian for a number of years. The father commenced to live a Christian life only a few months ago. For some time the mother had asked a blessing at the table. A short time since she was taken sick and confined to her room. When the family came to sit at table without mother, the youngest child, a boy three years of age, said, "Papa, who'll pray now, mother's sick? Shall I say, 'Now I lay me down to sleep?'" The father took up his cross, and since then has performed his duty. "A little child shall lead them."

As the rays come from the sun, and yet are not the sun, even so our love and pity, though they are not God, but merely a poor, weak image and reflection of him, yet from him alone they come. If there is mercy in our hearts, it comes from the fountain of mercy. If there is the light of love in us, it is a ray from the full sun of love.

THE BIRDS IN THE WALL.

I SAW the prettiest sight to-day,
 And what does my baby think?
 A little brown bird, with a little brown head
 Just peeping out of a chink.
 Only a tiny hole in the wall,
 But there was hidden its nest;
 And just outside was the papa bird
 Chirping and smoothing his breast.

Smoothing his breast like a dandy king,
 For nobody knew so well
 How many eggs lay hid in the nest,
 And he was not going to tell.
 "Here is a bug, sweet Mistress Wren,"
 Piped the gentleman of the home;
 Sit still and keep your white eggs warm;
 For something is sure to come.

Something with legs and bits of wings,
 With a wide-open yellow mouth,
 That will keep us flying about all day—
 One north, the other south.
 At last they will climb close up to the chink,
 And poise on the edge of the nest;
 Then they will fly straight up to the sky—
 Fly away from the mother bird's breast.

That is the way since the world was young;
 The new drifts away from the old:
 No matter how warm is the nest to-day,
 In the future 'tis sure to be cold.
 But what is the use of grieving just now,
 When the sun is shining so warm?
 Let us do our duty and take our joy,
 And God will take care of the storm."

Baby, those brown little birds were wise;
 Though their home was a hole in the wall,
 They knew there was some one watching
 to hear

Their lowliest chirping or call
 That old philosopher in his tub
 Had climbed no higher than they;
 The best that bird or man can do
 Is simply to trust and to pray.

WOMEN AT THE TOMB.

In the sweetest lesson of the Resurrection of Jesus, we have been studying a little while ago, we learned about the women who went early to the tomb of Jesus to get his body. But Jesus had risen, and if they only had believed what he said before, they need not have been so scared. But Mary Magdalene loved him because of what Jesus had done for her.

WASHINGTON, visiting a lady in his neighbourhood, turned, on leaving, to a little girl who was directed to open the door, and said, "I'm sorry, my dear, to give you so much trouble." She replied, "I wish, sir, it were to let you in."

WHAT I CAN.

ONE gentle word that I may speak,
Or one kind loving deed,
May, though a trifle poor and weak,
Prove like a tiny seed;
And who can tell what good may spring
From such a very little thing?

Then let me try, each day and hour,
To act upon this plan:
What little good is in my power,
To do it while I can.
If to be useful thus I try,
I may do better by and by.

HOW A CHILD CAN REPENT.

To repent is to be sorry for bad actions, stop doing them, and to do what we can to undo the evil. If you have been disobedient to father or mother, you must do those three things in order to fully repent. First, you must be sorry for your disobedience; second, you must stop disobeying; third, you must do what you can to stop the bad effects of your former disobedience. Suppose your example had made brothers and sisters disobedient; you are to set such an example that they will be inclined to obey. You are to confess your sin to father and mother, to confess it to God, to be sorry for it, and to determine not to do the like again. Some children think it is enough just to be sorry; but it is not. They may be sorry now, and do just the same thing at some other time when they are tempted. At any rate, if they stop doing the bad thing, they may let the mischief done by it stand, instead of trying to cure it. We should seek the forgiveness of God, in the name and through the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, and then the Holy Ghost will come to cleanse us from our sin and to give us the comfort of feeling that we are forgiven.

SEEKING A CROWN.

A FRENCH officer, a prisoner on his parole, met with a Bible, and was so struck with its contents that he was convinced of the folly of skepticism, and of the truth of Christianity. When his gay associates rallied him for taking so serious a turn he said:

"I have done no more than my old school-fellow, Bernadotte, who is become a Lutheran."

"Yes, but he became so," they answered, "to obtain a crown."

"My motive," said the officer, "is the same; we differ only as to place. The object of Bernadotte was to obtain a crown in Sweden; mine, to obtain a crown in heaven."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 58.] LESSON XI. [June 15.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF BELIEVERS.

Rom. 8. 28-33. Commit to memory verses 27-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

We know that all things work together for good, to them that love God. Rom. 8. 28

OUTLINE.

1. The Called, v. 28-34
2. The Conquerors, v. 35-39.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What must work for the good of true believers? All things, joy, sorrow, trouble, pain.

How do all these things work? Together, not separately. [Repeat GOLDEN TEXT.]

Toward what good? Spiritual good.

Whom does God call to himself? Every one.

Through whom are those who are called justified? Through Jesus.

Where will he bring his justified ones? To his glory.

In what image does he try to form us? The image of his Son.

Who is always on our side? God.

How may we know God will give us all things? Because he gave us his Son.

Can any one condemn those who love God? No, for he has justified them through Christ Jesus.

Who makes intercession for us? Jesus.

Where is Jesus? At the right hand of God.

Over what does Christ give us the victory? Over self and the world.

Of what does faith in Christ assure us? That nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

There is no one on earth who loves you so dearly as Jesus.

There is no one who can make you so happy as Jesus.

There is no one who can save you from sin and self but Jesus.

Why not love and trust him now?

"The glory which thou hast given me, I have given unto them."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The love of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Noah? That good man who was saved in the ark when the world was drowned.

Who was Abraham? The pattern of believers, and the friend of God.

A.D. 58.] LESSON XII. [June 22.

OBEDIENCE TO LAW.

Rom. 13. 1-10. Commit to memory verses 7-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. Rom. 13. 1.

OUTLINE.

1. The Powers that Be, v. 1-7.
2. The Law of Love, v. 8-10.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who are the higher earthly powers? Kings and rulers who make the laws.

Who gives them their power? God.

How should we obey these powers? As obeying God.

From whom comes all power? From God.

What will follow resistance? God's judgment.

For whom are rulers appointed? For the wicked.

How should we obey the laws? Not for fear of punishment, but for conscience' sake.

What is tribute? Any kind of a tax.

What does Christ say about tribute? "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

What should we render unto God? Our life and love.

What should we be careful to do? To keep out of debt.

What is the greatest of all the commandments? "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

What is the fulfilment of the law? Love.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

If you obey God you will obey the law. If you love God you will love your neighbour.

Love and obedience to God will bring peace and happiness.

"He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The Church and the State.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Who was Isaac? Abraham's son according to God's promise.

Who was Jacob? Isaac's youngest son, whose name was changed to Israel.

Who was Joseph? Jacob's beloved son, whom his brothers hated and sold for a slave.

A SENSIBLE ANSWER.—"Boys, which is the right side of a saloon?" asked a gentleman of a large meeting of children. "The outside, sir!" a thousand voices answered at once.