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TELLING STORIES.

WHERE are Alice and Lou and Maud, sitting on the door-step, telling stories. Lou is telling the story that her Mamma read to her from her Sunday-school Library. Mamma read the story to Lou, because there were so many hard words in it that Lou could not read it herself. And whenever Mamma came

to a hard word Lou would say, "What does it mean, Mamma?" and her Mamma would tell her, and she remembered, and thus she learnt a great many words. She was not like some children, who read and pass over the words they do not know without finding out the meaning of them.

THE STRAYED LAMB.

A GIDDY lamb one afternoon
Had from the fold departed;
The tender shepherd missed it soon
And sought it broken-hearted;
Not all the flock that shared his love
Could from the search delay him,
Nor clouds of midnight darkness move,
Nor fear of suffering stay him.

But night and day he went his way
In sorrow till he found it;
And when he saw it fainting lie,
He clasped his arms around it;
And, closely sheltered in his breast,
From every ill to save it,
He brought it to his home to rest,
And pitied and forgave it.

And so the Saviour will receive
The little ones that fear him;
Their pains remove, their sins forgive,
And draw them gently near him;
Bless while they live, and when they die—
When soul and body sever—
Conduct them to his home on high,
To dwell with him forever.

The Sunbeam.

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LITTLE ROBBIE'S PRAYER.

T IRED Robbie, in his night-gown,
After playing all the day,
Kneels, with heavy drooping eyelids,
By his mamma's side to pray.

"Come, begin, my pet—'Our Father,'—
"No, not 'at," breaks in the elf,
"At too long, and me too sleepy,
Make a little prayer myself.

"Dod bless all the folks an' chilums,
Keep 'em safe till mornin' light,
Speshly me and my dear mamma,
Amen. Tiss me quick—dood night."

PHŒBE AND HER PAPA.

I T was a dark night, and little Phœbe was out for the first time after sun-down. Her papa was by her side and yet she felt a little afraid, the world looked so different from the one she knew in the sunlight.

"Papa," she said, drawing in her breath, "I don't know where we are going. I don't know where home is."

"But I do," said papa. "I can see the way. Take hold of my hand and I will bring you home all safe."

She held tight to the strong hand, and went along talking half to herself and half to her father.

"Yes, you do know the way, don't you, papa? You'll take care of your little girl, 'cause you love her, don't you, papa?"

So she trudged on happily in the dark, and reached at last her happy home.

Just so you want to trust God in the dark. He will take care of you, because He loves you.

GOD KNOWS BEST.

I T was raining very hard, and little Charley was looking out of the window and feeling very bad about it.

"I hate the rain," Charley said; "its always raining when I want to play. I wish it would go away and never come back again."

Just then a little bird in a tree began to sing merrily.

"Goodness sake," said Charley, "you'd better get into your nest, and pull the bed-clothes over you. How can you sing when it rains so hard?"

"I sing," said the bird, "to see the rain that has come to make the grass grow, and the flowers come out, and the little brooks run. The dear, kind rain!"

"I never thought of that," said Charley. "I suppose it is best." God knows what is best.

NELLIE'S HEN AND CHICKS.

BY THE CORPORAL.

NELLIE was the happy owner of a fine hen, which she called Specky, because her white feathers were mixed with brown ones. I cannot write how much pleasure Specky gave to the little girl.

One day, after three weeks' absence in the hennery, Specky strutted up to her mistress with half a score of fuzzy little chicks at her heels. This threw Nellie into an ecstasy of delight. Clapping her hands, she cried:

"O, you darling old Specky, what dear little chicks!"

Nellie was very gentle both with Specky and her restless little family. She fed them daily. She would even take her breakfast bowl of bread and milk into the yard and say:

"Good kind hen, come to me quick,
Brick each darling little chick;
They with us to-day shall dine
On this bread and milk so fine;
You shall watch them while they eat
Of this food so nice and sweet."

Of course Specky and the chicks soon



NELLIE'S HEN AND CHICKS.

understood that Nellie loved them. They showed this by obeying her call. The confiding chicks would hop into her hand, and, when they grew larger, fly up, light on her shoulders, and pick the golden grain from the palm of her hand.

I like Nellie for being kind to her pets. Don't you? I commend her spirit to you

all. I beg you to be kind to *your* pets—your kittens, pups, birds, rabbits, ponies, or whatever else your pets may be. All animals love kind treatment, and repay it with loving trust. Above all, my children, be kind to one another. If you have angry passions sleeping in your breasts, ask Jesus to put them away.

LESSON NOTES.

A.D. 29.] LESSON IX. [May 29.
 PARABLE OF THE POUNDS; or, The Personal Account.
Luke 19. 11-27. Commit to memory verses 26-27.

GOLDEN TEXT.

So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Rom. 14. 12.

OUTLINE.

1. The Trust, v. 11-14.
2. The Account, v. 15.
3. The Awards, v. 16-27.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Trust*, v. 11-14.—Where was Jesus at this time? At Jericho, on the way to Jerusalem. What did the people expect of him? That he would at once make himself a king. What did he wish to show them? That his rule was not to be all at once. By what parable or story did he show this? By the parable of the pounds. About whom was the parable? About one who went far away to be appointed king. What did he leave with ten of his servants while he was gone? With each servant a pound. What were they to do with the money? To trade with it and make more money. What does this show us? That Christ has given us all something to keep for him.

2. *The Account*, v. 15.—What came to pass? The man who had gone away came back a king. Whom did he call? The servants to whom he had given the pounds. For what did he call them? To give an account of their money. Who is this King? Jesus Christ. Of whom will he expect an account? Of all of us his people. For what will he expect the account? Of all that he has given us. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT?

3. *The Awards*, v. 16-27.—What did the first servant say to the king? "Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds." What reward did the king give the good servant? Rule over ten cities. What did the second servant say? "Lord thy pound hath gained five pounds." What did the king say to him? "Be thou also over five cities." What does this show us? That Christ will reward those who work for him. What did the third servant say? "Lord, here is thy pound." What did the king say to this? "Take the pound away from him, and give it to the one that hath ten pounds." Why was this done? To honor those who are faithful.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The judgment to come.

TINY TEXT.

Every tongue shall confess to God, Rom. 14. 11.

A.D. 29.] LESSON X. [June 5.
 THE CRUCIFIXION; or, The Uplifted Christ.

Luke 23. 33-46. Commit to memory verses 44-46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. John 12. 32.

OUTLINE.

Jesus on the Cross.

1. His Companions, v. 33, 34, 39-43.
2. His Title, v. 35-38.
3. His Death, v. 44-46.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *Jesus on the Cross—His Companions*, v. 33, 34, 39-43.—Where did Jesus die? At Calvary, near Jerusalem. How did he die? He was nailed to a cross. Why did he die? For the sins of the world. Who fastened him on the cross? Soldiers, by the order of Pilate. Who were crucified with Jesus? Two robbers.

2. *Jesus on the Cross—His Title*, v. 35-38.—How did the rulers of the Jews treat Jesus on the cross? They spoke cruel words to him. What did they say? "He saved others; let him save himself." Why did he not save himself from dying? Because he died to save others.

3. *Jesus on the Cross—His Death*, v. 44-46.—What took place while Jesus was on the Cross? There was darkness over all the land. What happened in the Temple? The veil in the holy place was torn apart. What were the last words of Jesus? "Father, into thy hands I give my spirit." What did this show? That he gave himself up to die. What then took place? The Saviour died on the cross.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Think how your Saviour suffered.
2. Remember that he suffered that you might be saved.
3. Do not fail to love him for all he has done for you. [ness.]
4. Try to be like him in meekness and forgive-

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The atoning sacrifice.

TINY TEXT.

I will draw all men unto me. John 12. 32.

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