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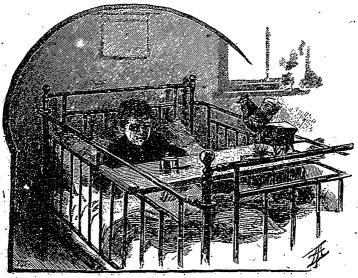
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### DEW DROPS.

As drops of dew from heaven fall, And shed their sweetness over all, So come thy precepts which declare That God o'er all extends His care.

As beams of morn from heaven flow, And evening's gentle breezes blow, So come the truths thy leaves unfurl'd— A flood of light upon the world.



NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH THE SICK CHILDREN-(see third page).

# SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, FIRST OUARTER.

LESSON 2.]

THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN.

[JAN. 10.

Acts 2, 1-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.—They were all filled with the Holy Ghost.—Acts 2.4.

MEMORY VERSES, 1-4.—And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing

mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

To the folks at home: Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

#### LESSON STORY.

After Jesus had gone up into heaven his followers and friends met every day in a large upper room to pray and praise God. At the end of ten days while they were all together they heard a strange sound like the roaring of the wind about the house. Then a strange light filled the room and they saw what looked like little tongues of fire of flame on the forehead of everyone in the room. Then a holy joy filled their souls and they began to speak with words they had never learned—but words which the people from far countries knew. This caused great wonder in Jerusalem; some of the people mocked and said, These men are drunk; but others were very glad and told the story of Jesus and his love to everyone they met. That is what we should do every day. Though we cannot go to China or Japan, nor speak so that John Chinaman or Johnny Jap can know what we say, yet we may help to send the good news of the Gospel to those far-off lands and strange people.

# LESSON QUESTIONS.

- 1. What were the disciples doing on the day of Pentecost? They were all in one large room praying to God.
- 2. What took place on this day?

There came a sound like a wind and filled the house.

3. What did they see?

They saw what looked like little flames on every head.

- 4. What else took place?
- "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost" and began to speak strange words they had not learned.
  - 5. What did the people think?

Some had great joy, but some mocked.

6. May little children still receive the Holy Spirit?

Yes, like John, who was filled with the Holy Ghost from his birth.

### DEW DROPS.

We hope our little friends will be pleased with this bright and pretty paper. You have all seen the dew sparkling in the morning on the grass and flowers. How bright it is and how fresh it makes the grass, the roses and lilies. It is hoped that your own little paper will be like the pure, sweet dew, that its holy lessons will come to your hearts and make glad and bright your lives.

God has said that his Word will distil as the dew. His favour is as the dew on the grass. He has also said that he will be as the dew to his people, so that they may grow as the lily. His children shall have the dew of their youth, the sweet, fresh beauty of childhood, when they grow up to be big boys or girls. We can wish nothing better for the little folk whose paper this is. May God bless you all and make you grow as lilies pure and white in the garden of the Lord.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY WITH THE SICK CHILDREN.

There is a big building in Toronto for sick children. Here are large rooms with long rows of nice little iron bedsteads like that shown in the picture. In each of these is a poor sick boy or girl. Many of them are lame and cannot run and play as you do. So a little board is fixed across the bed, on which their toys are placed. At Christmas and New Year's they get many presents, and though sick and often in much pain they are very bright and happy. Kind hands wait on them and loving hearts point them to the Saviour who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." Tiny Tim is a merry little fellow. He is happy as the day is long, and sings over his toys, even when he is in pain; and tries to bear it like a little man. Everybody loves Tiny Tim.



## LITTLE MISS MUFFET.

"Little Miss Muffet sat on a tuffet, sewing and sewing away." She sat cross-legged just like a tailor and made believe she was very busy. Her stitches were awfully long and were not very even, but she did the best she knew how, and who can do better than that? Her poor dolly lay helpless on the floor, deprived of all care from its little nurse. Little Toby, the kitten, had fine fun knocking about her spool, and getting her thread all tangled up. We will see next week what happened to dolly and Miss Muffet.

## THE BABY'S FUTURE.

"I tell you, mamma, it's a good thing we have a baby," said little Harry Willis a few days after the new baby came.

"Yes, indeed," said his mamma. "But why do you think so? You know he has taken your place; you are not the baby any more."

"Why, I'll tell you," said Harry. "When he is four years old, and I start to school and the cows get in the yard, he can make Pomp—Pomp was the dog—get the cows out."

His mamma assented. But when she told his papa about it, she admitted that was a look into the future she had never taken.

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