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“PLEASANT HOURS.”

MAUDE has been waiting all week for *Pleasant Hours*; and here it is at last. Maude is not home from school yet, but Mamma is reading it to baby Ethel. But Ethel likes the *SUNBEAM* better, for she is too little for such a big paper as the *Pleasant Hours*. Evie and Grace, in the corner of the picture, are reading the *SUNBEAM*. They all think it is such

a nice paper. Evie and Grace got it last Sunday in Sabbath-school. Maude's big brother, Harry, is as fond of *Pleasant Hours* as Maude herself. Here you see how eagerly he is looking at it. Both *Pleasant Hours* and *SUNBEAM* are soon to be greatly enlarged and improved, so that all—young and old—will await their coming just as eagerly as the group in the picture.

LITTLE CHILDREN.

LITTLE feet may find the pathway
 Leading upward unto God ;
 Little hands may help to scatter
 Seeds of precious truth abroad.

Youthful hearts may be the temple
 For the Spirit's dwelling-place—
 Childhood's lips declare the riches
 Of God's all-abounding grace.

Little ones, though frail and earth-born,
 Heirs of blessedness may be,
 For the Saviour whispered gently,
 “Suffer such to come to me.”

And, in that eternal kingdom,
 'Mid the grand triumphant throng,
 Childish voices sweet may mingle
 In the glorious choral song.

The Sunbeam.

TORONTO, AUGUST 6, 1881.

"THAT'S ME."

A POOR Hottentot in Southern Africa lived with a good man who had family prayers every day. One day he read, "Two men went up into the temple to pray."

The poor savage, whose heart was already awakened, looked earnestly at the reader and whispered, "Now I'll learn how to pray."

The man read on, "God, I thank thee that I am not as other men."

"No, I am not; but I am worse," whispered the Hottentot.

Again the man read, "I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all I possess."

"I don't do that; I don't pray in that way. What shall I do?" said the distressed savage.

The good man read on until he came to the publican, who "would not so much as lift his eyes unto heaven."

"That's me!" cried his hearer.

"Stood afar off," read the other.

"That's where I am!" said the Hottentot.

"But smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner.'"

"That's me! *that's my prayer!*" cried the poor creature; and, smiting on his dark breast, he prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner," until, like the poor publican, he went down to his house a saved and happy man.

A beau-ti-ful answer was once given by a little girl in one of the London homes for the des-ti-tute. The question was asked why Jesus is called an "un-speak-able gift." There was silence for awhile, and then, with trembling voice this dear child said, "Because he is so precious that no one can tell *all* his precious-ness."

"THE KING OF HEARTS."

HIS kingdom is the nursery,
And mother's lap his throne;
His subjects—all the household

O'er which he reigns alone.
Wee monarch of our hearts is he,
This white-robed, blue-eyed "Willie wee."

We speak in softest whispers
Whene'er he lies asleep,
And at the dainty slumberer
Take many an anxious pèep;
And e'en a fly can scarcely dare
To brush the silken, golden hair.

And every twinkling dimple
In neck, and cheek, and chin,
Is where we snuggle kisses
-And kiss them deeply in;
For loving baby so, you see,
A bundle of sweet love is he.

And when our king awakens,
For his first glance we run,
And fast the glad news travels,—
"The monarch's nap is done!"
And on his throne he sits in state,
While loyal subjects on him wait.

No king e'er ruled a kingdom
As rules our Willie wee,
O'er hearts as fond and loyal
As ever hearts could be.
Long live our little king so fair,
With sweet blue eyes and golden hair!

IN GOD'S HOUSE

A dear little girl who was taken to church for the first time, and who had been frequently told that it was God's house, looked anxiously around, as if expecting to see some one, and then twitching her mother's sleeve, inquired eagerly, "Mamma, where's God?"

If we accustom ourselves to going to church with the expectation of seeing God, we will be more likely to feel his presence than if we went in a less reverent spirit.



THE CONCERT.

TO-DAY is Jimmy's birthday. He and little Fred are having a gay time with his birthday presents. Little Jim feels quite proud, for he is four years old, and his loving, kind Aunt Alice has made him a present of a beautiful yellow drum, and his brother Jack, at college, has sent him a bright, red horn, almost as large as himself. They are having a grand concert now; and between them both Mamma

thinks she will be deafened with their noise. Poor Nurse had a hard time dressing them this morning, they were so interested in their gifts. As soon as they were dressed they marched in a procession to Papa's door, where they serenaded him.

The loving eye of God sees us not only when the sun shines, but when night comes He still guards us while our friends sleep.

LESSON NOTES.

THIRD QUARTER.—STUDIES IN THE PENTATEUCH.

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 14.
THE RED SEA; or, Going Forward.*Exod. 14. 19-27. Commit to memory verses 26-27.*

GOLDEN TEXT.

Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. *Exod. 14. 15.*

OUTLINE.

1. The Cloud, v. 19, 20.
2. The Sea, v. 21, 22.
3. The Foe, v. 23-27.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Cloud*, v. 19, 20.—Who led the Israelites out of Egypt? The angel of the Lord. In what form did he appear? In a pillar of cloud before the people. What did the cloud become at night? A pillar of fire. What did Pharaoh do after the Israelites had left? He followed them with his army. Where did Pharaoh come up to the Israelites? Near the Red Sea.

2. *The Sea*, v. 21, 22.—What did Moses do at God's command? He stretched out his hand over the sea. What did God send? A great wind which blew all night. What, then, took place? The sea was driven away from before Israel. What was left? The dry bed of the sea, with water on each side. What did God say to Moses? [GOLDEN TEXT.] What did the people of Israel do? They went through the sea.

3. *The Foe*, v. 23-27.—What did Pharaoh and his army do? They followed the Israelites into the sea. What did the Lord do to the Egyptians in the sea? He looked upon them and troubled them. How did he trouble them? With lightning and a storm. What did they try to do? To flee away from the Israelites. What did God command Moses to do? To stretch out his hand over the sea. What, then, took place? The waters rolled back in their place.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Remember that God leads his people still.
2. Never be afraid to follow where God leads you.
3. Never be afraid of enemies while you are doing God's will.
4. Remember that God can bring you safely through all trouble.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The fate of God's enemies.

TINY TEXT.

I will guide thee. *Psa. 32. 8.*

B.C. 1491.] LESSON VIII. [Aug. 21.

THE MANNA; or, Bread from Heaven.

*Exod. 16. 1-8.**Commit to memory verses 4, 5*

GOLDEN TEXT.

Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. *John 6. 32.*

OUTLINE.

1. The Bread of Egypt, v. 1-3.
2. The Bread from Heaven, v. 4-8.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

1. *The Bread of Egypt*, v. 1-3.—Where did the Israelites come after leaving Egypt? To Elim, near the desert. How long was it after leaving Egypt when they came to the desert? Six weeks. What was the desert called into which they came? The Desert of Sin. What trouble did they meet there? They could find nothing to eat. What ought they to have done? To have trusted God's care. What did they do? They found fault with Moses and Aaron.

2. *The Bread from Heaven*, v. 4-8.—How did God deal with the people? He was very kind to them. What did he say? "I will rain bread from heaven for you." How were they to have this bread? They were to gather it every day. Why was this? To prove their daily trust in God's care. How much were they to gather on the sixth day? Twice as much as on other days. Why was this commanded? Because none would fall on the Sabbath. What was this bread from heaven called? The manna. How long did the children of Israel feed upon it? Forty years.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

1. Never find fault with what God does toward you.
2. Trust in God for your daily bread, and all your needs.
3. Do not feel anxious to-day about the needs of to-morrow.
4. Feed your heart upon Christ, the bread of life.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The bread of life.

TINY TEXT.

I am the bread of life. *John 6, 35.*

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