"Hear Counsel, and receive Instruction, that thou mayest be Wise." Prov. 19:20.

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**AS WE MAKE IT.**

"The world is even as we take it, and life, dear child, is what we make it." Thus spoke a grandam, beat with care, To little Mabel, flushed and fair; But Mabel took no heed, that day, Of what the old one said."

Years after, when no more a child, Her path in life seemed dark and wild; Back to her heart the memory came, Of that quaint utterance of the dame: "The world, dear child, is as we take it, And life, be sure, is what we make it." She cleared her brow, and, smiling, thought, "This even as the good soul taught; And half my woes thus quickly cured, The other half may be endured." No more her heart its shadows wore; She grew a little child once more— A little child in love and trust, She took the world as we, too, must, In happy mood, and lo, it grew Brighter and brighter to her view. She made of life, as we, too, should, A joy; and lo, all things were good And fair to her, as in God's sight.

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**PREPARATION FOR THE COMING FLOOD.**

**BIBLE READING.—NO. 13.**

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The Bible, in a very few words, states the reason of the flood; who were saved; why they were saved; and how they were saved. This is the first of the great truths in the eyes of the Lord. He was just and perfect. He walked with God.

The Lord told Noah of the coming flood, and why he was about to destroy all living things from off the earth. And Noah and his family finally entered into the ark, and waited seven days before the rain began to fall. How this time was spent by them, may be a query with some. Not idle, for the animals must needs be secured in their proper places, and much else was necessary to be done, to prepare for the coming deluge.

We should have our minds being picturing that little company busily preparing for what was to come, we have forgotten, for the moment, those on the outside. There are many looking on, wondering what is going to be done; they do not know that the Lord is working out something for them, may be a query with some. Not idle, for the animals must needs be secured in their proper places, and much else was necessary to be done, to prepare for the coming deluge.

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A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The INSTRUCTOR wishes you all a "Happy new year." Yes, a happy new year to all, both great and small; old and young; rich and poor; high and low. To the sturdy farmer's boy; who builds the fires these frosty mornings; who feeds the cows, brings in the wood, and draws his little sister or brother away to school through the big snow-drifts.

To the farmer's girl; who rises early, helps her mother about the morning's work; gets the little ones ready for school, and cares for them through the day. Finally, to all good boys and girls; whether in city or country, town or village, mansion or cottage—boys and girls who obey and help their parents; who have good lessons at school; and who love to study the Bible and do as it tells them.

Yes; and to Idle boys; and lazy boys; and cruel boys—boys who do not obey their parents; who are unruly at school, who love and esteem no one. The Lord is very good to all his creatures, but who—Body but self, who are unkind to their playmates, headstrong, quarrelsome—and to girls who are silly; who care more to know the friends; who are foolish, and peevish, and petty; who are not aroused. No guardian angel is sent to waken them.

Let us imagine the parents, after their children had retired, filling the little stockings with presents, and thinking how happy the children would be in emptying them in the morning. What would have been their feelings if they had known that those little stockings would never be disturbed, and that the wearers of some of them had already lain down to sleep the sleep of death?

At last the fond parents retire, and all is still. The ground is covered with a heavy mantle of snow, and the cold is severe. The clock ticks solemnly on the wall, and the sleepers are enjoying their rest. Soon, however, smoke begins to fill the room. The house is on fire, but the fated family sleep on. The flames spread wider and grow fiercer; and yet the inmates of the burning building are not aroused. No guardian angel is sent to waken them.

The devouring element comes nearer and nearer to them, till the parents are finally awakened. They spring from their bed, but have only time to save themselves and two of their children. The other three must perish in the flames.

The half-distracted father makes every effort in his power to save them; but all is in vain. After being frightfully burned, he is forced to give up the attempt.

What anguish fills the hearts of the fond parents, as they look on and know that their dear ones are writhing in the agonies of death almost within their reach! There they stand in the snow, with bare feet, and almost devoid of clothing, exposed to the bitter cold and the cutting blasts of that winter night.

It was more than a mile to the nearest house, so the husband and father took the remnant of his family to the barn and covered them with a horse blanket; then mounting the horse, he hurried away for help; but in his almost naked condition, he became so benumbed with cold that when he arrived at the nearest house he could not speak. He was accidentally discovered, however, and his horses were sent back to find his two remaining children.

The man was so badly burned and frozen that he probably cannot live, and even while he writes he may be passing to his long home.

Dear readers, who protected your dwelling from fire on that Christmas eve? Who saved you from terrible suffering, and perhaps from death?—And will you not be grateful for such care?

Give your hearts to the Lord, and secure his protection; for without it we are not safe.

"Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman watcheth in vain; and the Lord will keep all that is his. Let us be sure that he owns and blesses us every day, and we shall have his protection; for which, may he ever give us a thankful heart.

THE CHILDREN'S GARDEN.

OUR GARDENS.

Who has a garden to plant? I know.

Each little boy and girl; and so

Each little boy and girl must get

Good seeds to sow, good grafts to set.

And when they have set and sowed, take care

To trim them and weed them till they shall bear

Such good and beautiful fruit that they

Will be glad for all they have done some day.

Each little garden is such little heart,

Where the good seeds with the bad will start;

And we all must strive to destroy the bad

And protect the good. And last and last;

Who work the hardest to plant and sow

In their little hearts good seeds, may know

That their future lives will prove what care

They took, and what seed they planted there.

A Story for the Little Ones.

There was no help for it: Daisy must be drowned—little, gentle, two-months-old Daisy,—that was always so good and quiet, and yet so full of life and frolic! Little Katie's heart was bruised for days, and it would not calm down. The Lord had to speak directly to her.

"Dear Father," she said, clinging to her mother's dress.

"Daisy, will you be happy new year; yet we have

No one would take her as a gift. You would n't

Mind giving Daisy away, would you, Katie?

That would be better than drowning her."

"Indeed! a hundred times better!" answered the child, her face lighting up.

That night a little tear-wet face pressed Katie's pillow. The child was offering up her evening prayer. "Dear Father," she said, "please send some one long who wants a kitty. It is so awful to have Daisy drowned! and it hurts so! Please, dear Father, be good to Daisy, and do n't let her be drowned," and here the little voice grew choked, and great tears fell on the white pillow-slip. Soon, however, she fell asleep; her prayer had quieted her.

"Good-bye, Daisy. Oh! I wish God had thought it best. But he did n't, and you must go;" and Katie turned from her brother Reuben, who held Daisy in his strong arms.

"Do n't cry, Katie," said the boy, pausing a moment; "I 'll do it real quick; she won't suffer but a minute. I 'll tie a big stone to the back of it. It'll kill her in a minute.

Poor, blundering Reuben! He meant to comfort Katie; but his words only made her cry harder.

Reuben walked along, far from comfortable. There was the bag in his pocket, and Daisy in his arms, looking up in his face as confidingly as though he were the best friend she had in the world. In a few minutes, poor Daisy would be struggling in the water, and he would have to go back and face Katie, and tell her it was all over.

THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.
LESSON SEVENTY-FOUR.

REVIEW.—JACOB SECURES THE BIRTH-RIGHT AND THE BLESSING.

1. What portion of the world's history is embraced by the vision of Dan? (Gen. 41:1-7.)
2. Who pursued him? (17-23.)
3. What prevented Laban from doing any harm to Jacob? (3, 4.)
4. What happened to encourage Jacob as he went on his way? (Gen. 32:1.)
5. What would convey the meaning, which we believe in this instance to be incorrect? Perhaps his folks would like a kitten.
6. By what symbol is this papal power represented? Ans. The " City of the Holy King"; or, "The City of God." (51-56.)
7. What word did the messengers bring when they returned? (Gen. 32:41.)
8. How was the "place of his sanctuary" (Rome) in claiming infallibility and the power to forgive sins? Ans. At Rome, which is called the " Holy City," the " Ecclesiastical City," &c. (57-60.)
9. How has the pope trodden under foot the Son of God? Ans. By being treated as heretics and culprits. (61-65.)
10. How long shall these two desolating powers assume the authority of Heaven and war against the true worshipers of God? Ans. The answer to this question is given in the next verse. (66-69.)

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REVIEW.—JACOB'S RETURN.

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LESSON SEVENTY-ONE.

REVIEW.—THE TIME EMBRACED BY THE VISION.

1. What question is asked in verse 13? (Gen. 41:13.)
2. What appears to be the main idea, or point, in this chapter? Ans. "The 2300 days (literally, years) are the expiration of this prophetic period). See Note."
3. What power has the pope? Ans. "Papacy and the popery; see preceding lesson."
4. In what sense was the term "sanctuary" used in connection with the church? (57.)
5. How was Jacob received by Laban? (13, 14).
A little girl awoke one New Year's morning, and said, "I shall be happy to-day! I shall; I know I shall!" She was so positive about it that her cousins were quite anxious to know why she was sure. After breakfast, a little box came, containing a pearl necklace for her, from her rich grandpa. Rosa had had a hint of this before, and that was the secret of her being so positive. She was fairly wild with excitement, as she shouted, "Oh! oh! oh!" and capered about the room. She showed it to several of the school-girls; but they could not prevent her from saying, "Oh! I saw it in the paper! This displeased her, and she was ill-humored the remainder of the day. In the afternoon, I found her sitting on the table before the looking-glass twisting over her longest hair. "Oh!" she exclaimed with a sigh of discontent, "I do not think much of this, after all. I would rather have something else." She was so delighted that was masses of black hair, and with pleasure we will let the Instruc-tor, with its neat, new dress, go out everywhere.

Golden Words.

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CHARLIE RAY GARVIN.

That is right, Charlie. Do not be ashamed to own your Lord and his holy Sabbath. We will go more severely tried than ever before. We hope that you will prove faithful when that time comes.

MANTOULLE, Miss.

BRO. BELL: You said to us, in a recent number of your paper, Let your letters come in. As I love to read the children's letters, I will try to answer you. I have been encouraged at times, and feel determined to press onward. I feel, in some degree, that I am weak, and never can over- come it. I am trying to do better. I am awake to a true sense of our duty. When we think of the price that was paid for us, how earnestly we should strive to do our Fa- ther's will! Pray for me, that I may meet you on Mount Zion.

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