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

The Beavers and Otters.

A FABLE.

A colony of beavers had settled along the bottom of a certain creek, and built several dams, causing a series of quiet little lakes upon the stream and their very picturesque beauty. They had also built many beautiful subterranean chambers where they ate, slept, and reared their young.

These beavers were very industrious people, and many a stamp borer witnessed to where the mighty had fallen, before the relentless tooth, not of time—as the poets say—but of Mr. Beaver.

Now it happened one bright morning in early spring that there was a general assembly of these people, held at one of the principal beaver homes, to elect some one to do great work before them. After the meeting had convened, one of the older members of the colony, who announced his name as Double Dam, I think, arose and said:

"My fellow-beavers, have you ever, during your work, cast your eyes to the opposite side of the stream and the bluffs beyond, and observed what a working people our neighbors, the otters, are? Being out one day, on an exploring expedition, I fell in with some of that tribe, and was very much pleased with their activity. I accompanied them to their hill-side home, and discovered that they are very much like us. I was very much pleased with their activity. If we could only be united in one colony, what a work we could do!"

It was resolved to appoint a committee to visit this company of otters, and if the way was clear, to unite with them.

In due time the committee reported to the beavers assembled. It was announced that not only were the otters very active, but followed a similar occupation; that although they were a feeble folk, yet they had finer fur, and were such diggers. At this there was a shock of surprise, so that the work undone, and the balance of the report was not heard. It was proposed to move on their works immediately, and every morning the beavers would find the otters had progressed, and the whole colony would be left high and dry, when it was resolved they should go to the regular work with their accustomed activity, and labor at the big monument some other time.

The Torn Lamb.

As I was passing along a road not long since, I noticed an interesting sight. A small, white object lying beside the road, which was nothing else but a once pretty, white lamb, now all mangled and bleeding. Though, this is the work of some cruel dog, and where was the keeper of this helpless lamb, that it should thus be taken from the fold.

When I thought of the tender care which Jesus, the great Shepherd, manifested for the lambs, or children, when upon earth, in laying his hand upon them, and blessing them; also his injunction to the apostle Peter: "Feed my lambs."

I also thought of the many dear children who, for want of proper watchcare, or other cause, will surely fall a prey to the cruel snares of Satan. And now, dear children, let me entreat you to watch against the cruel devices whereby he is trying to deceive you, so that you may live that day that is so soon to come, you may receive the blessing, and enjoy the society of Him who, when upon earth, took the little ones in his arms, and fold them in his bosom.

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A Good Name.

The wisest man who ever lived says, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." Prov. 22:1.

Lot of the people of this world think that riches are of more account than anything else.

How can the Instructor would prefer a good name to riches? How many, if they had their choice between a good name and a thousand dollars, would prefer the good name? I think it is perhaps no one, except He who knows all things, can tell; but I am sure there are some that are there, and they may be poor youth, too, who would not sell their good names for all the riches of the Crown of Russia.

The fact is, young reader, moral worth is not to be put up on my store, and here is a small, white object lying beside the road, the people of God. G. W. Amazon.

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WILL WE GATHER OR SCATTER?

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THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

Although most of you are strangers to me, I am strongly attached to you, and your good little paper. My sincere desire is that you may be overcomers, and at last enter the kingdom.

You have an old and experienced enemy to contend with—many bad associates and temptations to gain, before you can enter the golden city. Satan is besetting you on every side. He knows well that if he can succeed in convincing your minds, and so divide your affections, you will fall an easy victim to his devices when you are older.

His first and most effectual warfare against us is to lead us into bad company. This is done so artfully a manner that, before you are aware of it, your mind is so poisoned that you never can fully recover from it. Shun such company as you would the approach of a wild beast. Bears and wolves are better associates than evil companions in human form. As you are young and inexperienced, you may not always be able to know whether it is best for you to associate with certain ones; then be sure to make a confidant of your parents or guardians that they may give you proper advice. The very fear of God and you astray, point them to the word of God, reform them if you can. If you can’t do this, leave them before they pollute your soul.

The bright and fair, and lovelier than our most dazzling light in the world; or, had those whom I have led into iniquity either reformed or left me, I would now have less sin and iniquity to bear. The value of your parents is beyond all price. They are the only ones you have. They have given you life in the world, and they will give you life in the world. A number were hung, and others were transported to the country in the reign of King George III. fathers were separated from their children, and children from their parents, never to meet again in this world. A number were hung, and others were transported.

Among those who were sentenced to be hung was a young man who must have been eighteen years old. He was not accusation of the court, but the thing that transpired seemed to show. He was fastened to a post, and his grave was near by. There, also, were standing twenty-five soldiers, with their loaded guns, waiting for the captain to give them the signal to fire. At this moment, a messenger, with a red flag in his hand, appeared, running swiftly, and crying out, "Life! Life!"

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There is no rose without a thorn.
The young man was quickly untied from the post, the thick vail was removed from his eyes, and he was informed of the good news. He was half dead, and could not speak at all. After being referred to his former state of mind, he was requested to state what his thoughts were while the preparations were being made for his execution. He replied that the only thought in his mind was, "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; what can man do unto me?" Ps. 118: 6. Thinking of this passage, the mind was calm.

Now, dear children, let us learn a lesson of this young man, who, even in view of death, felt no fear of the power of man, but was happy because the Lord was with him. Let us all try to have the Lord near us. Let us try to love God with all the heart and soul, so that God's Spirit will not depart from us, and that we may have the Lord God around us and within us. If we do this, we shall have nothing to fear, but will try to live like the angels of Heaven, harmless, peaceable, cherishing the enjoyment of the present life in the fear of God and the love of Jesus, and looking forward to the life which is to come.

M. B. LICHTENSTEIN.

THE CHILDREN'S CORNER.

**I CAN'T, AND 'TILL TRY.**

There were two little sisters, Luella and Bell, In their proper place no difference you'd say; But Luella endeavored to do all things well, While Bell would not even try.

If a difficult task were proposed by their aunt, One might almost forget the request; Bell would always draw out a languid, "I can't!" While Luella would answer, "I'll try." When a new piece of music to either were sent, Why, Bell would at once lay it by, But, "I'm sure I can't learn it," and rest quite content That Luella should take it, and try.

A church they both sketched from a copy well drawn, And each made the tower awry; "I can't do it straight," Bell exclaimed, with a yawn; But Luella still said, "I will try." When now which of these girls do you think would excel? I am sure you will instantly cry, "Not the languid, inactive, and indolent Bell, But Luella, who always would try.

Let all, then, who wish to be happy and wise, With zeal to their duties apply; If the sad words, "I can't," to their lips should arise, Let them change them to the true "I'll try.""""What Two Apples Did.

Two other day, I stood looking at a noble elder-flower tree. I got a handful of flowers, walked and while the leg was being taken off, he continued to curse and swear all the time. "See," said the physician, "you have a point of conscience about not teaching the child to pray; but Satan has no conscience about teaching him to swear." "I think that to make good Sabbath-school teachers, we must be thorough knowledge and appreciation in your souls of the things you have to teach. I was in Italy last year, and in crossing the Alps with my wife, the sun was so hot that it scorched her face. I asked her to get her some elder-flower water. I started off to a chemist's, and as I did not know a word of the Italian language, I looked through the bottles and jars in his shop, but could not find anything of the kind. I tried to jabber something in French; but he did not understand me, because it was not language at all. I went down to a little brook that ran through the town, and walking along the edge, I came to an elder-flower tree. I got a handful of flowers, walked off to the shop, and held it up to the man; and he knew in an instant what I meant. I think it is not easy to convey the gospel to the heart by merely talking, though language may be the life of Christ, this is the joy of the Christian," he said. The lesson to be learned from this is, that we can conquer best by kindness.—ED.

**THE ONE TALENT.**

"To every man according to his several ability," Him not thy talent in the earth, However small it be, Its faithful use, its utmost worth, God will require of thee. The humblest service rendered here He will as truly own, As Paul's, in his exalted sphere, Or our neighbor's here. The cup of water kindly given, The widow's cheerful mites, Are worthier in the sight of Heaven, Than pride's most costly rites.

His own, which he has lent on trust, He asks of thee again; Little or much, the claim is just, And thine excuses vain. Go, then, and strive to do thy part, Though humble in thy name; The ready hand, the willing heart, Are all God asks of thee.

—William Cotton.

**BIBLE LESSONS FOR CHILDREN.**

**LESSON EIGHTY-SEVEN.**

JOSEPH APPOINTED RULER OVER EGYPT.


2. Why was it necessary to lay up so much corn? (Verse 36.)

3. How did Pharaoh receive the counsel given by Joseph? (Verse 37.)

4. What did Pharaoh say to his servants? (Verse 38.)

5. What did he say to Joseph? (Verse 39-41.)

6. What clothing did he put upon him? (Verse 42.)

7. What other mark of honor did he bestow upon Joseph? (Verse 43.)

8. Who remained at home? (Verse 34.)

9. Which one remained at home? (Verse 35.)

10. How did Joseph say he would prove them? (Verse 36.)

11. How did they approach Joseph when they came into his presence? (Verse 6.)

12. How did he receive them? (Verse 7.)

13. Did he know them? (Verse 8.)

14. Did they know him? (Verse 8.)

15. What came to Joseph's mind when they bowed before him? (Verse 9.)

16. What were these dreams? Gen. 37.

17. What did he say to them? (Gen. 42: 9.)

18. What answer did they make to the accusation? (Verse 12, 13.)

19. How did Joseph say he would prove them? (Verse 15, 16.)

20. What did he then do with his brethren? (Verse 17.)

**My Pearls.**

I want to tell you about my string of pearls—a class of little girls and boys that I had in Sabbath-school last summer. They numbered about ten, and aged from four to ten years, always bright and joyous, with good manners. Two of the little girls I called "gems." Besides their other lessons, they committed to memory Christ's sermon on the mount. I love such gems; and I have sometimes felt after meeting with my class that I could wish every day in the week were Sabbath. If I had committed a place on the earth made new, I am sure I shall seek a place among the little ones.

In love for the little folks,

M. F. DEVERE.

Spurgeon on Sabbath-Schools.

Mr. SPURGEON, in a speech at a Sabbath-school meeting held in Edington, uttered some thoughts worth the consideration of parents and teachers:—"If we do not teach the children, Satan will teach them. I have heard of a father who objected to teaching his child to pray. The child broke his leg, and while the leg was being taken off, he continued to curse and swear all the time. "See," said the physician, "you have a point of conscience about not teaching the child to pray; but Satan has no conscience about teaching him to swear." "I think that to make good Sabbath-school teachers, we must be thorough knowledge and appreciation in your souls of the things you have to teach. I was in Italy last year, and in crossing the Alps with my wife, the sun was so hot that it scorched her face. I asked her to get her some elder-flower water. I started off to a chemist's, and as I did not know a word of the Italian language, I looked through the bottles and jars in his shop, but could not find anything of the kind. I tried to jabber something in French; but he did not understand me, because it was not language at all. I went down to a little brook that ran through the town, and walking along the edge, I came to an elder-flower tree. I got a handful of flowers, walked off to the shop, and held it up to the man; and he knew in an instant what I meant. I think it is not easy to convey the gospel to the heart by merely talking, though language may be the life of Christ, this is the joy of the Christian," he said. The lesson to be learned from this is, that we can conquer best by kindness.—ED.

**LESSON EIGHTY-EIGHT.**

**THE FAMILY.**

1. Did the famine come at the end of the seven plenteous years as Joseph had predicted? Gen. 41: 53, 54.

2. What did the people of Egypt do when they had eaten up all their food? (Verse 55.)

3. What did Pharaoh say to them? (Verse 56.)

4. How far did this famine extend? (Verse 56.)

5. Did any but Egyptians come to Joseph to buy corn? (Verse 57.)


7. How many brethren had Joseph? (Verse 42.)

8. How many of them came to buy corn? (Verse 43.)

9. Which one remained at home? (Verse 44.)

10. Why did not Jacob send Benjamin with his brethren? (Verse 45.)

11. How did they approach Joseph when they came into his presence? (Verse 6.)

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Letters from Little Folks.

Dear Instructor: I have been a reader of this little paper for several years. I have received much rich instruction from it. How thankful we ought to be for such helps as this. I have been a Christian for six years and I try to follow the example of Paul in the Ephesians. I am striving to do what is right in my path. I wish you to know that I am trying to be a Christian and I am hoping to be an overcomer. Pray for me.

EMILY HOWE.

The Best Riches.

Not long since, a gentleman took an acquaintance upon the top of his house to show the extent of his possessions. Vowing his hand about, he said:

"There are my estates, and these are the best riches I have!"

Then, pointing to a great distance on one side—

"Do you see that farm?"

"Yes."—"Well, that is mine.

Pointing again to the other side—

"Do you see that house?"

"Yes."—"That also belongs to me.

Then said his friend:—

"Do you see that little village out yonder?"

"Yes."—"Well, there lives a poor woman in that village who can say more than all this."—"Ah! what can she say?"

"She can say, 'Christ is mine.'"

He looked confounded, and said no more.

God Courts.

A brother and sister were playing in the dining-room, when their mother set a basket of cakes on the table, and went out. "How nice they look," said the boy, reaching to one. His sister earnestly objected, and drew his hand back, saying it was against their mother's directions.

"She did not count them," said he.

"Perhaps God did," said the sister.

So he withdrew from the temptation, and sitting down, seemed to meditate. "You are right," said he, looking at her with a cheerful, yet serious, air; "God does count; for the Bible says the hairs of our head are all numbered."

The Little Swiss Girl.

Is a Swiss family there was a little girl not quite eight years old. Every Sunday, at breakfast, the parents gave each child a small loaf of the finest and best kind of bread to eat. She always enjoyed her loaf as the rest. But she heard at the Sunday-school that, by bringing to her teacher every Sunday a few pie-shells, or something, such child might, after a few weeks, obtain a Bible of her own—quite her own, and to keep for herself.

At once, she made up her mind to ask her parents not to give her the best loaf at breakfast, but to allow her to eat the common bread, and give the difference in the prices of the two loaves to her. To this, her parents agreed; though not without some surprise; and the little girl, during nearly four months, went without the best bread, in order to obtain a Bible of her own.

Picking up the Minutes.

One of my little Sabbath-school boys earned a new suit of clothes, shoes and all, by picking up dandelions and selling them for greens.

"When did you find time, Jemmy?" I asked; for, besides being a very punctual and constant attendant at the Sunday-school, he was one of the very best scholars, and I was anxious to reward him.

"I haven't any time," said Jemmy. "I only pick up when I have nothing else to do." I looked confounded, and said no more.

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