

YOUNG FOLKS COLUMN.

THE WORK REVIEWED.

LULLABY FOR A LITTLE LASSIE TIRED AND READY TO SLEEP.

QUESTIONS FOR THE REVIEW BY REV. R. S. M'ARTHUR, D. D.

Pretty Legends That Have Become Associated With Feathered Musicians—A Russian Fable With a Moral Applicable to All Countries.

How to Reconsider the Work of the Quarter That Began with the First Sunday in July—Golden Text, Luke iv, 43.

The following fable is of Russian origin, but it contains an interesting lesson applicable to boys and girls of every country.



THE PEASANT AND THE GOOSE.

A Russian peasant was one day driving some geese to a neighboring town where he hoped to sell them. He had a long stick in his hand and, to tell the truth, he did not treat his flock with much consideration. He was anxious to get to the market in time to make a profit, and not only geese but men must expect to suffer if they hinder him, while the geese were doing every time they stopped to "cackle." The geese, however, did not look on the matter in this light, and, chancing to meet a traveler walking along the road, they poured forth their complaints against the peasant who was driving them. "Where can you find geese more unhappy than we are? See how this peasant is hurrying on this way and that, and driving us just as though we were only common geese. Ignorant fellow, he never thinks how he is bound to honor and respect us; for we are distinguished descendants of those very geese to whom Rome once owed its salvation, so that a festival was established in their honor." "But for what do you expect to be distinguished yourselves?" asked the intelligent traveler. "Because our ancestors—" "Yes, I know; I have read all about it. What I want to know is, what good have you yourselves done?" "Why, our ancestors saved Rome." "Yes, yes, but what have you done of the kind?" "We? Nothing." "Of what good are you, then? Do leave your ancestors at peace. They were honored for their deed, but you, my friends, are only fit for roasting."

Bird Legends.

Following are a few of the many bird legends that people with bright imaginations and ready inventions have connected with feathered musicians, as collated by Harper's Young Folks:

The poor cuckoo, whose mournful cry sounds so desolate in the quiet wood, is always mourning for the death of a beloved brother. The cuckoo was originally a beautiful young maiden. She caused her brother's death unintentionally, and was changed into the bird whose sad cry is an expression of her bitter grief.

The owl was also once a beautiful young girl. She was a baker's daughter. One day a good man, passing by, asked for a piece of bread. She refused it, and as a punishment was changed into an owl. In Germany the swallow and the lark are sacred birds, and their morning song is considered a hymn.

The nightingale, you know, only sings at night. This was not so formerly. One night a nightingale fell fast asleep, and the tendrils of the vine it sat upon grew round its feet, so that it could not get away, and finally it died. Since then the other nightingales never dare sleep at night.

How School Globes are Made. The manufacture of school globes was begun in this country in 1852, according to The Troy Times, which claims Troy as the largest producer of these globes. The first one made was only five inches in diameter, but the sizes were rapidly increased as the globes came into popular use.

The balls on which the maps are pasted are many of them made in Boston from, whence they are sent to Troy to be covered and mounted. The balls are composed of paper mache, and the maps are printed in small sections on drawing paper. These sections are so carefully put on the ball that not a line or break occurs; the globe is next painted and varnished. It requires three months to construct one of these miniature worlds from the time the ball is begun until it rests in its frame or sits aloft upon a brass, bronze or nickel standard. The sizes manufactured range from three to thirty-three inches in diameter, and cost from \$2 to over \$200 in price, and are mounted in forty different styles.

Mr. Dream Maker. (A Lullaby).



GOOD NIGHT.

Come Mr. Dream Maker, sell me to-night The loveliest dream in your shop; My dear little lassie is weary of light, Her lids are beginning to drop. She's good when she's gay, but she's tired of play, And the tear drops will naughtily creep; So, Mr. Dream Maker, hasten, I pray, My little girl's going to sleep. —St. Nicholas.

It is always difficult to prepare and to teach the Review Lesson. Some schools may prefer the temperance lesson in Romans xiii, 8-13, which is suggested by the committee; other schools the missionary lesson in Matthew iv, 12-15; still other schools may use the occasion as a prayer and inquiry meeting. This we have known to be done with great success. After the texts are recited and the records made the leader may give this direction to the occasion. Recent converts may give brief testimonies, the older Christians may add their riper experience, and those who desire to become Christians may manifest their desire by rising. Then, after prayers have been offered, the general school may be dismissed, while those who wish for religious conversation may meet in some smaller room. It is our firm conviction that occasions of this sort should be more frequent. We often cut down golden grain which we never gather into sheaves. During the past few years we have seen admirable results from the use of these means. Children while young should be encouraged to give their hearts to Christ and connect themselves with his church. But it is fitting that a review should be given for those who wish to go over the lessons in their order.

1. July 3. The Infant Jesus. Matthew i, 1-12.—The word Jesus is explained for us in the Golden Text of the lesson. It is a precious word to every Christian ear and heart. He was the true Joshua. He came to deliver his people from bondage and to lead them to the true Canaan. The infancy of Jesus brings him near to the hearts of parents and children. He gloried and sanctified the cradle; he honored motherhood. The Christ must have his birth in every heart in order that his coming may bring to each one of us the largest possible blessing.

2. July 10. The Flight into Egypt. Matthew ii, 13-23.—Even as a babe Christ's presence developed hostility. Whoever he comes he excites the wrath of ignorant and wicked men. In our early Christian life we must expect persecution; but as God delivered his infant Son, so he will deliver all who put their trust in him.

3. July 17. John the Baptist. Matt. iii, 1-12.—The character of the noble Baptist is worthy of careful study. We need such stalwart believers and fearless preachers in our day. He rightly divined the word, he lived what he preached, but his highest honor was found in pointing inquirers to the "Lamb of God." He decreed that Christ might increase.

4. July 24. The Baptism of Jesus. Matt. iii, 13-17.—The central thought of this lesson is the obedience of Jesus Christ. He stood in our place; as our representative he submitted to baptism. God commended the act by an audible voice from heaven expressing approval. Afterward Christ gave the commandment to all believers to be baptized. We thus have both his command and example. It becomes us to have due regard to this ordinance as an act of obedience to our ascended Lord. It marked his entrance into his public ministry. It was also the occasion of his receiving fuller conceptions of heavenly work.

5. July 31. The Temptation of Jesus. Matt. iv, 1-11.—From the waters of baptism Christ went to the wilderness of temptation. His whole soul is aglow with holy enthusiasm; but no act of religious obedience, no condition of spiritual joy, can assure us of freedom from temptation. It was a moment of intense interest for the race. Satan had overcome the first Adam. If he can overcome the second Adam his victory will be complete. Christ's example in overcoming Satan is worthy of our imitation. He used no weapon but the "sword of the spirit, which is the word of God." Temptations are sure to come upon us; but Christ won, so we may win. Our Lord knew by experience what the struggle with temptation means; he therefore can sympathize with those that are tempted. We may claim that sympathy, and we may be sure that he will give us his divine help.

6. Aug. 7. Jesus in Galilee. Matt. iv, 12-23.—This is a lesson of great interest. Christ brought light to those who had sat in darkness. We see him here walking by the Sea of Galilee, calling two pairs of brothers into his service. The foundation of his church was thus laid. These men immediately left their daily duties and followed Jesus. Their prompt obedience we should imitate. Christ showed himself to be a great teacher, preacher and healer. All manner of sickness yielded to his power. He still possesses this characteristic. He will heal the souls of all who will come unto him. Our highest honor is to become his disciples.

7. Aug. 14. The Beatitudes. Matt. v, 1-16.—This lesson may Sunday school scholars know by heart. When Christ first opened his mouth, blessings fell upon all who sat at his feet. Never before nor since have such wonderful words been spoken. The world calls those who are rich the happy. Christ contradicts this opinion. He called the poor, the sorrowing, the meek, the hungry, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peace makers, the persecuted, the happy ones of the earth. We need still to learn the lesson which he here teaches. He also commands us to let our light shine. Every boy and girl has some light. We must keep the lower lights burning.

8. Aug. 21. Jesus and the Law. Matt. v, 17-26.—This is a continuation of the sermon on the mount. Many who heard Christ supposed that he had come to destroy the law. This was a great mistake. He had not come to destroy, but to fulfill. He lifted the law to a higher plane; he carried its truths from the outward act to the inward thought. He was its original author; he was, therefore, its best interpreter. This is true still; even to this hour he is the world's greatest teacher.

9. Aug. 28. Piety without Display. Matt. vi, 1-15.—There were many errors which Christ was obliged to rebuke. One of them was a tendency to make a display of piety. This was characteristic of the scribes and Pharisees. Christ shows that our good deeds are to be done with a regard for God's approval rather than man's; as in our prayers, so in our almsgiving. The man who prays to be seen of men will not be heard of God. Christ does not here prohibit family or public prayer, but he gives direction regarding our private prayers. "The Model Prayer," which he here gives, we ought all to know thoroughly and repeat often. Our whole lives ought to prove that we are striving to hallow God's great name.

10. Sept. 4. Trust in our Heavenly Father. Matt. vi, 24-34.—Our Lord continues to rebuke a lack of trust, as well as hypocritical display. God cares for the fowls of the air, and for the flowers of the field; it is certain then that he will not be indifferent to his children. Distrust of God is unbefitting on the part of his children. Uncare anxiety unites for the duties of today, and borrows also the burdens of to-morrow. We must seek first the kingdom of God. The man who seeks this kingdom shall have all earthly things which God sees best for him to possess.

11. Sept. 11. Golden Procepts. Matt. vii, 1-12.—We now move forward to the most particular instruction given in this lesson. Christ here rebukes the tendency to judge others harshly and ourselves partially. This tendency is as unchristian as it is unchristian. It is as truly a form of hypocrisy as our giving of alms to be seen of men. We are encouraged in this lesson to pray for the good things which we need. Thus God is more willing to give than our earthly parents are to give good things to their children.

12. Sept. 18. Seven Warnings. Matt. 7, 13-29.—We are at the opening of the lesson exhorted to enter in at the strait gate. Not all men may walk through this gate and into the narrow way. Much must be left behind before we pass through the gate. This lesson, indeed, abounds in solemn warnings. Men must be judged by their fruits. This is a practical and universal test. A day of trial is coming; the storms of fierce temptation shall beat upon us; only those who have built their character upon the everlasting rock will be able to stand; that rock in its deepest meaning is Christ. The lessons for the quarter began with Christ, they end with Christ; his name is the believer's joy in life, and will be his hope in death and his song in eternity.—Sunday School World.

The Millionaire Humanitarian. Another notable who is apt to be met on Broadway, even in this terrestrial season, is Henry Bergh, the millionaire humanitarian, who may be caught on a flying trip down from Saratoga. He has worked hard for the better culture and years are piling high on his shoulders, so that it is no wonder if, as people say, he is less vigorous than he used to be. Of late there has been a marked decrease in his letters to the editors of the city papers, and the police justices who never succeeded in imposing sentences heavy enough to please him in cases of cruelty to animals are beginning to breathe a little easier.

But if Mr. Bergh is resting no one can say that it is because he is content. The sad and wearied expression of his impressive countenance truly reflects the sorrow he feels over the perversity of the worst of the brute creation, mankind. He feels so deeply that he actually seems to mourn for the republic, and not long ago he pointed out a place on Staten Island that he said "ought to be set apart for the American king." He explained that the king may not arrive in twenty or even fifty years, but come he will some day, "for this country has got to have a head sooner or later." Mr. Bergh is not what is called a popular man—men with one idea seldom are—but he is so much respected that he is spoken of as the one citizen now alive who is certain to get a monument when he dies.—Julian Ralph's Letter.

A Todying Tailor. The English tradesman is a toady. I had some clothes being built at a tailor's, patronized principally by army officers. Being only an American civilian, he did not treat me with any extraordinary politeness. Indeed, he was very unconvivial. When the major general called for me that day at the hotel, I told him I had to go to the tailor's to try on those clothes. "All right, I'll drive there and wait for you," and away we went. "I'll just go in," he said, when we got there, "and see what your taste is in coats." The tailor simply fell down when he saw me walk in with the major general. He groveled, he cringed—so much so that I laughed at him, and when he got up I told the major general.

"Yes," he said, "it is rather contemptible for a man to get down and cringe, but I suppose it helps his business." And when I went back alone the tailor couldn't get low enough to do me honor.—San Francisco Chronicle "Undertones."

In a carpenter shop in West Fifth street the other day the boss was stowing a lot of little mahogany knobs in a basket, along with a brace and a three-quarter inch bit. The knobs were about the size of a walnut, and each had a stem two inches long and three-quarters of an inch thick. "You could never guess what I'm going to do with these knobs," he said to a friend, "and so I'll tell you. I'm going over to one of the swelled houses in Fifth avenue, and after buying houses in Fifth avenue, and after buying houses in Fifth avenue, I'm going to stick these knobs into the holes and glue them fast. The owner has put three boys, and the eldest one has just learned how to ride down a stair rail. The house is four stories high above the basement, and the owner is afraid one of his kids will take a tumble instead of a slide, and so he's going to run that rail and the sliding at the same time."—New York Sun.

The "Parsee Chair." The "Parsee chair" is announced as the successor of the hammock. A seashore correspondent who has seen one describes it as a sort of box or cradle of mahogany, with a high back and low sides. It is covered with Hindu rugs and has two large, soft pillows woven in Turkish embroidery. At each corner the chair is supported by ropes which depend from the roof and which run through hollow pieces of mahogany, making the supports seem like slender and flexible wooden columns. "In the Parsee chair," it seems, "a lady may lounge and swing in the most picturesque of attitudes, without suffering that curvature of the spine which the hammock entails."—Exchange.

Fifteen American Inventions. The fifteen great American inventions of world wide adoption are: 1, the cotton gin; 2, the plowing machine; 3, the grass mower and reaper; 4, the rotary printing press; 5, navigation by steam; 6, the hot air engine; 7, the sewing machine; 8, the India rubber industry; 9, the machine manufacture of horseshoes; 10, the sand blast for carving; 11, the gauge lathe; 12, the grain elevator; 13, artificial ice making on a large scale; 14, the electric magnet and its practical application; and 15, the telephone.—Frank Leslie's.

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