



CORALS.

I Live For Those Who Love Me.

I live for those who love me,
And for those I know are true,
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too.
For all human ties that bind me,
For the task my God assigned me,
For the bright hopes left behind me,
And the good that I can do.

I live to learn their story,
Who've suffered for my sake,
To emulate their glory,
And follow in their wake.
Bards, martyrs, patriots, sages,
The noble of all ages,
Whose deeds crown history's pages,
And time's great volume make.

I live to halt that season,
By gifted minds untold,
When man shall live by reason,
And not alone for gold;
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
The whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old.

I live to hold communion
With all that is divine,
To feel that there is union
'Twixt nature's heart and mine;
To profit by affliction,
Reap truth from fields of action,
Grow wiser from conviction,
Fulfilling God's design.

I live for those who love me,
For those who know me true;
For the heaven that smiles above me,
And awaits my spirit, too;
For the wrongs that need resistance,
For the cause that needs assistance,
For the future in the distance,
And the good that I can do.

A GREAT MAN'S DEED.

Dr. Broadus told a Sunday school this incident:

"An old man used to sweep the street crossings for gratuitous pennies near the House of Parliament for many years. One day he was absent. Upon inquiry, he was found by a missionary in a little attic chamber, barely furnished with cot and stool.

"'You are lonely here,' said the missionary. 'Has any one called upon you?'"

"'Oh, yes,' he replied; 'several persons have called. Mr. Gladstone for one. He called and read to me.'"

"'Mr. Gladstone called? What did he read?'"

"'He sat on the stool there and read the Bible to me.'"

"'What a beautiful position—the greatest statesman in the world sitting on a stool in an attic reading the word of God to a street sweeper! Great men lose none of their greatness by kindness to God's poor.'"

CORALS.

BY ELLA R. CHURCH.

Of the numerous animals and insects which are at work a great portion of the time for our benefit, none are more remarkable than the coral zoophytes. Fathoms deep under the sea they toil patiently year after year, building great masses of reefs, or coral islands, of which human beings take possession, while often their finer work is torn away from its sea-bed and the little workers are destroyed.

For a long time coral was supposed to be a plant, and a famous naturalist declared that he had found the flowers of the coral. The pictures which illustrated his book certainly looked like flowers and on examining a branch of coral it is seen to be full of small holes. Through these holes appear little live blossoms in the shape of milk-white rosettes which belong to the same family as the sea-anemones. Another naturalist, who discovered this, said, "I put the flower of the coral in vases full of sea-water, and I saw that what had been taken for a flower of this pretended plant was, in truth, only an animal like a sea-nettle or polyp. I had the pleasure of seeing the

feet of the creature move about, and, having put the vase full of water which contained the coral in a gentle heat over the fire, all the small animals seemed to expand. The polyp extended his feet and showed what we had taken for the petals of a flower. The calyx of this pretended flower, in short, was the animal, which advanced and issued out of its shell."

The little coral polyp has eight arms around its mouth, which is really a very convenient place for them, as they are bordered with fine fringes constantly in motion, which agitate the water about them and bring into their mouths their necessary food. Sometimes these arms roll themselves up very much after the fashion of fern-leaves in bud, and they are seldom altogether quiet.

The queer little workers produce various kinds of coral, some of which is much more valuable than others; but it is for the "jeweller's coral," as it is called, with its beautiful tints of red and pink, that men go down into the sea in ships. Next to pearls, this species of coral is the most valuable product found in the sea. White coral is far more common, and in some places large branches of black coral have been discovered.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY JOHN.

LESSON V.—APRIL 30.

THE COMFORTER PROMISED.

John 14. 15-27. Memory verses, 25. 26.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter.—John 14. 16.

OUTLINE.

1. The Comfort of the Spirit, v. 15-20.
 2. The Comfort of Love, v. 21-25.
 3. The Comfort of Knowledge, v. 26.
 4. The Comfort of Peace, v. 27.
- Time.—Thursday evening, April 6, A.D. 30.
Place.—Jerusalem.

LESSON HELPS.

15. "Keep my commandments"—The word "my" is emphatic. The commandments are those which he gave the disciples during his ministry. The better rendering is, "Ye will keep."

16. "I will pray"—The pronoun I is emphatic. The prayer is to the Father and for the disciples. The word "pray" implies greater nearness of approach than the word "ask" in verse 14. "Another Comforter"—That is, another Advocate or Helper. The Comforter is

literally one who responds to a call. "Another" implies the advocacy of Christ. "Abide with you forever"—In contrast with Christ, who was about to depart from them.

17. The Spirit of truth—Because his work is to bring divine truth to the hearts of men, with power to their life. Whom the world cannot receive. Because it has only natural eyesight and not spiritual. He dwelleth with you.—Hence is known by you. Dwells because seen and invited. A voluntary reception.

18. "Comfortless"—Better still, fatherless. "Desolate" is the word in the Revised Version. "I will come to you"—In the spiritual presence of the Comforter.

8. "Because I live, ye shall live also"—Mark how the two lives are connected. The higher the eternal life, is meant.

20. "At that day"

—The day of the gift of the Comforter. The first reference is to the day of Pentecost, but it may refer to every spiritual awakening.

"Ye in me, and I in you"—

That is the oneness of the Father

and the Son, and the presence of Christ

to the believer.

21. "Hath my commandments"—More

than hears or knows them, but bears in

mind and keeps in the life. "He it is"

—And he only.

22. "Not Iscariot"—To make it clear

that he was not the traitor. "Not unto

the world"—For Judas was surprised as

he thought of an earthly Messiah who

must display to the world the glory of

an earthly king.

26. "The Comforter"—Or Advocate;

the Holy Ghost, or Spirit. "He shall

teach you"—More than teach is meant;

impression through truth is implied, and

through truth once spoken by Christ, but

which has faded from the minds of the

disciples.

27. "Peace . . . my peace"—My is

emphatic. Men in the East said then,

as now, as they met and parted,

"Peace!" Christ gave no empty salu-

tation. "He is our peace!" (Eph. 2.

14), and this peace was his farewell gift

to the disciples, and precious indeed. He

purchased and brought it to the race.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The Comforter promised.—John 14. 15-27.
 Tu. To testify of Christ.—John 15. 17-27.
 W. The Spirit of truth.—John 16. 1-15.
 Th. The Revealer.—1 Cor. 2. 9-16.
 F. Led by the Spirit.—Rom. 8. 12-17, 26-28.
 S. The prophecy.—Joel 2. 23-32.
 Su. The Spirit given.—Acts 2. 1-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Comfort of the Spirit, v. 15-20.
 What proof of our loves does Jesus ask?
 For what does he promise to pray?
 Golden Text.
 What other name for the Comforter is here given?
 Who cannot know him?
 What assurance does Jesus give his disciples?
 What prophecy does he make in verse 19?
 What does that mean?
 What, then, would the disciples know?
2. The Comfort of Love, v. 21-25.
 What reward is promised to those who love Jesus?
 What question did Judas (not Iscariot) ask?
 What was Jesus' answer?
3. The Comfort of Knowledge, v. 26.
 Who sends the Comforter?
 What other name is here given?
 What will the Holy Ghost do?
 Is there any school or college where spiritual knowledge can be acquired?
 Can we get it even from the Bible without the help of the Holy Ghost?
 Is he promised to all Christians? Yes. Verses 16, 17.
4. The Comfort of Peace, v. 27.
 What blessing did Jesus leave to his disciples?
 How does the peace he gives differ from that of the world?
 Is it possible for any ordinary Christian boy or girl to have heavenly peace in his heart at all times?
 What final encouragement does our Lord give?



IN THE CRADLE OF THE DEEP.

One of the most impressive sights at sea is a full-rigged vessel riding the billows. Sometimes she is heaved up high and then apparently swallowed up by the waves. Sometimes it seems as though she would never come into view again, so long does she remain concealed behind some huge, intervening wave.

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