

ENTERING IN.

THE church was dim and silent
 With the hush before the prayer ;
 Only the solemn trembling
 Of the organ stirred the air.
 Without, the sweet, still sunshine,
 Within, the holy calm,
 Where priest and people waited
 For the swelling of the psalm.

Slowly the door swung open,
 And a little baby girl,
 Brown-eyed, with brown hair falling
 In many a waving curl ;
 With soft cheeks flushing hotly,
 Shy glances downward thrown,
 And small hands clasped before her,
 Stood in the aisle alone.

Stood half abashed, half frightened,
 Unknowing where to go,
 While like a wind-rocked flower,
 The form swayed to and fro ;
 And the changing colour fluttered
 In the little troubled face,
 As from side to side she wavered
 With a mute, imploring grace.

It was but for a moment ;
 What wonder that we smiled,
 By such a strange, sweet picture
 From holy thoughts beguiled ?
 When up rose some one softly,
 And many an eye grew dim,
 As through the tender silence
 He bore the child with him.

And I—I wondered (losing
 The sermon and the prayer)
 If when sometime I entered
 The "many mansions" fair,
 And stand abashed and drooping
 In the portals' golden glow,
 Our God will send an angel
 To show me where to go !

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 THERE is now and then a thing which
 the more it is cut the longer it grows. A
 ditch, for example.

LESSON NOTES.

B.C. 4004] LESSON I. [July 4.

THE CREATION ; or, The First Life.

Gen. 1. 1-3; 2. 4-8. Commit to memory verses 1-3.

GOLDEN TEXT.

In the beginning God created the heaven
 and the earth. Gen. 1. 1.

THE LESSON STORY.

Long ago, so long that we do not know the
 time, God created the world. By his word
 everything began to be. At first the earth
 was all dark and desolate. God's Spirit moved
 over it, and God said, "Let there be light,"
 and light came upon the dark world. Then
 God created all the trees and plants, all the
 beasts and birds, all the fishes and creeping
 things. Last of all he made man, his body
 coming from the dust, and his soul from the
 breath of God. Then God planted a beautiful
 garden in a place called Eden, and there he
 placed the man whom he had made, and told
 him to care for it. The first man was called
 Adam, and his wife, whom also God made, was
 named Eve.

B.C. 4004.] LESSON II. [July 11.

THE FALL AND THE PROMISE ; or, The First Sin.

Gen. 3. 1-15. Commit to memory verses 9-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

By one man sin entered into the world, and
 death by sin. Rom. 5. 12.

THE LESSON STORY.

God told Adam and Eve that they might eat
 of the fruit of every tree in the garden of
 Eden, except one, which was called "the tree
 of the knowledge of good and evil." God said
 that if they ate of the fruit of that tree they
 should surely die. Satan, the evil spirit, the
 enemy of God and man, took the form of a
 snake, and said to Eve that if they should eat
 that fruit they should *not* die, but would be-
 come like God in knowledge. Eve then broke
 God's command, took some of the fruit of the
 forbidden tree, ate it, and gave it to Adam,
 who also ate. At once they knew that they
 were guilty, and were afraid to meet God, so
 that they tried to hide from him. God called
 them, and said, "Hast thou eaten of the for-
 bidden fruit?" Adam tried to place the blame
 on Eve, and on God, who had given Eve to
 him. Eve tried to excuse herself by blaming
 the snake. God told them what each must
 suffer for their sin in disobeying him ; but
 promised that One should come, "the seed of
 the woman," One descended from her, to bruise
 the serpent, and save men from the penalty of sin.