



### MOSES AND THE ISRAELITES.

After the Israelites left Egypt, they had a long and dangerous, and weary journey before them: they were a great multitude. The little food which they took with them could not be expected to last long, and they had the prospect of passing through a dreary desert, where neither meat nor drink was easily found.

But that God who had caused Pharaoh to let them go, would not permit the people to want: He led them over the pathless sands, by means of a cloudy pillar, which moved before them all day,—and a pillar of fire, which shone on their path by night. When they were to rest, these guides stood still; when they were to proceed, they again moved on.

Now when they were gone, the king of Egypt was sorry that he had suffered them to depart, and took all his chariots and horsemen, and went after them. When the Israelites saw them coming, they had arrived on the shores of the Red Sea, which they had no means of crossing. Behind them were their enemies, and before them the water. They feared to go on; but Moses commanded them to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord. Then God caused the waters of the sea to divide, and the people passed through on dry ground. But when the Egyptians attempted to pursue them, the waters returned to their place, and the whole of Pharaoh's host was drowned.

Thus they went on, meeting with many miraculous escapes, and led by

an all-powerful arm, until they came to the foot of Mount Sinai. There is much that is miraculous in the history of this wonderful people. Moses, their leader, may be said to have been preserved by a miracle.



### HOW THE ISRAELITES WENT TO THE LAND OF CANAAN.

After the death of Moses, their new leader led the people over the river Jordan. He who had so miraculously made for them a dry path through the Red Sea, also caused the waters of this river to divide when the priests stepped in: they thus safely entered into the promised land.

Then Joshua, at the command of the Lord, caused twelve stones to be dug from the bottom of the river Jordan, and set up at this place, as a memorial unto the children of Israel, forever.

While they were encamped before Jericho, He caused the walls of that city to fall down flat to the ground, that they might go in and possess it. Whilst they were fighting for the men of Gibeon, God caused the sun to stand still, and the moon to be stayed in her