

scarcely ever secure a glance at the features of the bride until he finds her in his absolute possession, unless she belongs to the lower classes of society." To his mother Sarah's tent. According to Eastern custom a sheikh's wife may have a tent for herself and her women and children. Thus Gen. 31:33 shows that Rachel and Leah had each her tent. Though Sarah was dead some time, the tent might still be called hers (Bennett). He loved her. The choice made for Isaac had been a fortunate one. Was comforted after his mother's death. Sarah had now been dead three or four years.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON (On Easter Lesson)

The location of CALVARY AND THE TOMB OF JESUS are asserted by tradition to be inside the city, covered by mediæval and modern buildings. But scholars are generally agreed that both were outside the city. The place where it is most likely our Lord's body was laid is a cave room partly natural, partly hewn in the side of a cliff near the north gate of the city. It was evidently new, as it is unfinished, while there are signs showing to be within the means of a rich man only. This tomb probably was the scene of the world's greatest triumph.

LESSON QUESTIONS

58-60 Why did Abraham wish that Isaac should not marry from among the Canaanites? Who was

sent to get a wife for Isaac? Where was he told to go? How did he seek for guidance? For what sign did he ask? Who fulfilled this sign? What did this show in her character? Who was her father? Who was her brother? How was her family connected with Abraham? Who arranged the marriage of Isaac and Rebekah? Who went with Rebekah when she set out? What was her nurse's name?

61-67 What circumstance shows that Rebekah was a person of standing and rank? Where did Isaac meet with the company? Why was this place so called? Where was Isaac when the company came in sight? What was he doing there? What was the time of day? What was the character of Isaac? What did Rebekah do when she saw Isaac? Into whose tent did they go?

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus' resurrection brought joy.

Shorter Catechism—Review Questions 48-50.

The Question on Missions—12. What responsibility rests upon us for the evangelization of Africa? Our share of the foreign mission work of the world lies not in Africa but in other lands, but we can help and ought to help God's work everywhere by earnestly praying for its success and going or giving as we have opportunity.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 7 (Supplemental Lesson), 52, 53, 60, 320 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 61.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How did Abraham's servant show wisdom in his mission?
2. Tell briefly what Rebekah did at the well.
3. Tell about the meeting of Isaac and Rebekah.

Memorize vs. 6, 7. EASTER LESSON—Mark 16: 1-11.

AN ALTERNATIVE LESSON

GOLDEN TEXT—Now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are asleep.—1 Corinthians, 15: 20 (Rev. Ver.).

I. THE OPEN GRAVE.—1-4. When the Sabbath was past; the Jewish Sabbath, our Saturday. Jesus had been in the grave Friday night, Saturday and Saturday night,—three days, each part of a day being counted as the whole. Bought spices (Rev. Ver.); perhaps on the Saturday evening: the Sabbath ended at sunset. Anoint; not "embalm;" embalming was not practised by the Jews. The sepulchre; "hewn out of a rock," ch. 15: 46. The stone; which closed the mouth of the sepulchre. Very great; too heavy to be moved by woman's strength.

II. THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE.—5-8. A young man. Matthew (Matt. 28: 2) says an "angel," while Luke (Luke 24: 4) speaks of "two men . . . in shining garments." Long white garment; such as angels wear. It is thus implied, though not stated, that the "young man" was an angel. Amazed; utterly, out and out amazed or affrighted, the Greek means,

at the sight of one in the appearance of a man and wearing heavenly apparel. Be not amazed. The friends of Jesus have no cause to fear like the soldiers, Matt. 28: 4. He is risen; he is not here. No one saw Jesus rise. Angel messengers declared the fact; the empty grave witnessed it; and the appearances of Jesus confirmed it.

III. THE RISEN SAVIOUR.—9-11. The first day of the week; our Sabbath. The change in the holy day was due to the resurrection of Jesus, and is a striking witness to that fact. Mary Magdalene. "Those saw Jesus first who loved Him most." Seven devils. See Luke 8: 2. Mourned and wept; lamenting the death of Jesus and looking least of all things for His rising again. Disbelieved. The more difficult it was to convince the disciples that Jesus had risen, the more worthy of confidence is their subsequent testimony to that fact.