

ALMA MATER.

Lines written by a student returning to the Wesleyan Ladies' College, Hamilton.

Alma Mater! Gentle mother! We are come to thee once more. For our play time now is ended Will thou teach us as before!

We could not forget thy teachings While we were away from thee We remembered all thy counsels Though thyself we could not see.

Now, thou smilest once more on us. Kindly wisdoms in thy face; We look up to thee believing Thou wilt give us knowledge, grace.

Teach us how to guide our footsteps Through the Labyrinth of life. We are still upon its threshold And to enter in we strive.

Tell us gently, as thou knowest Surely, full well how to do, Where delusive errors linger, What is false and what is true;

What lives are most noble, holy; What joys safest, surest, best; What griefs wholesome and chastening; Where at last we may find rest.

Speak to us with patience, kindly, Alma Mater! Mother dear! We are young and very wayward, Careless, for we know no fear.

But the thoughts of truth and wisdom Which thou sowest in the mind Of each one of us, thy children, Shall return to thee in kind.

After many days it may be, Still the time will surely be When the fruit of all thy labors, This we promise—thou shalt see.

HAVE your children, until they are married and have powers of their own, to sit with you, their parents and the family, and not in the gallery or somewhere else. Keep the family bond as strong as possible; it is a bond both of happiness and safety. When boys and girls get too big to sit with their parents, it is ominous that they are getting too big to be the children of God.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

A. D. 29.] LESSON X. [Dec. 3.

AFTER HIS DEATH.

Mark 15. 38-47. Commit to memory vs. 45-46.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Truly this man was the son of God. Verse 39.

OUTLINE.

- 1. The Veil, v. 38. 2. The Witnesses, v. 39-41. 3. The Sepulchre, v. 42-47

TIME.—A. D. 29, afternoon of Friday in the Passover week.

PLACE.—Golgotha or Calvary.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 27. 51-61; Luke 23. 47-56; John 19. 31-42.

EXPLANATIONS.—Veil of the Temple—The veil between the holy place and the holy of holies. The centurion—The Roman officer in charge of the crucifixion of Jesus. So cried out—In the words given in Luke 23. 46, and John 19. 30. Salome—Who is supposed to have been the mother of James and John. Preparation—The hours near sunset were so called, because the Sabbath began in the evening. Waited for the kingdom—And who had been a believer in Jesus as the Christ. Boldly—This required courage, to face the hatred of the Jews, and, perhaps, the anger of Pilate. Marvelled—Because persons generally lived two or three days on the cross. Wrapped him—As was usual in burials, among the Jews. A sepulchre—It was his own, and a new tomb. Rolled a stone—Which probably fitted into the opening of the tomb.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

- Where in this lesson do we find— 1. A testimony of Christ's greatness? 2. A token of love? 3. A token of courage?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What took place when Jesus died? The veil of the temple was rent. 2. What did the centurion at the cross say when Jesus died? "This man was the Son of God." 3. Who were present and saw Christ's death on the cross? Some Galilean women. 4. Who asked his body of Pilate? Joseph of Arimathea. 5. What did he do with the body? He laid it in his own tomb.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The conquest of death.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

65. Did they continue afterwards to obey God, and dwell in their own land? After the return of the Jews from captivity in Assyria, though they were guilty of many sins, they never fell into the worship of idols again; nor were they ever wholly driven again out of their own land, till after the coming of the Messiah the Saviour.

A. D. 29.] LESSON XI. [Dec. 10.

HIS RESURRECTION.

Mark 16. 1-8. Commit to memory vs. 6-8.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. 15. 20.

OUTLINE.

- 1. A Mission of Love, v. 1-4. 2. A Mission of Life, v. 5-8.

TIME.—A. D. 29, the Sunday after the Passover.

PLACE.—Near Jerusalem.

PARALLEL PASSAGES.—Matt. 28. 1-10; Luke 24. 1-12; John 20. 1-18.

EXPLANATIONS.—The Sabbath—Here referring to Saturday, the seventh day. Had brought—On the evening before the Sabbath, but to late to use on that day. Anoint him—They may not have known that the body had been already anointed. John 19. 39, 40. The first day—Sunday morning, about a day and a half after the body had been placed in the tomb. Who shall roll—This they said before they reached the sepulchre. Entering—It was a cave hallowed in the rock. A young man—An angel. Matt. 28. 2, 5. And Peter—Specially named, perhaps because he had especially sinned. Into Galilee—Where took place the meeting named in 1 Cor. 15. 6. Neither said they—That is, they did not stop on the way to tell any one, but went at once to find the disciples.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where does this lesson show—

- 1. Love to Christ? 2. The power of Christ? 3. A promise of Christ?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb? From Friday until Sunday. 2. What then took place? He rose from the dead. 3. Who first knew of the resurrection? Mary Magdalene and other women. 4. Who told them of the resurrection? An angel at the sepulchre. 5. Where did the angel say that they would meet Jesus? In Galilee.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—The resurrection of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

1. Who is the Messiah, the Saviour of mankind? The Messiah, the Saviour of mankind, is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who was sent down from heaven to save sinners.

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