

The Company Who Try.

BY MARGARET E. SANORTER.

Yes, I love the little winner
With the medal and the mark;
He has gained the prize he sought for,
He is joyous as a lark.
Every one will haste to praise him,
He is on the honour list—
I've a tender thought, my darlings,
For the one who tried, and missed.

One? Ah, me! they count by thousands,
Those who have not gained the race,
Though they did their best and fairest,
Striving for the winner's place.
Only few can reach the laurel;
Many see their chance slip by,
I've a tender thought, my darlings,
For the earnest band who try.

'Tis the trying that is noble,
If you're made of sterner stuff
Than the laggards who are daunted
When the bit of road is rough.
All will praise the happy winners,
But, when they have hurried by,
I've a song to cheer, my darlings,
The great company who try.

CROWNS.

BY JESSE S. GILBERT.

If Queen Victoria were compelled to wear her crown all the time, she would



THE TOMB OF DAVID.

find it a very heavy burden, and give a literal turn to Shakespeare's declaration, "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown." It contains more than three thousand precious stones, of which over two thousand seven hundred are diamonds. It is valued at \$1,500,000, and is kept in the Tower of London in a great iron cage, which is at all times strongly guarded, as well it may be, as it contains other valuables to the extent of \$15,000,000.

History acquaints us with many other very precious and valuable crowns, as the Iron Crown of Lombardy, the crown of the German Empire, and that of Charlemagne. The Iron Crown of Lombardy is said to contain a nail from the true cross, which is covered with gold. There is no crown, however, that can be compared to the crown that the faithful Christian will receive when Jesus comes to reign. Paul declared that a "crown of righteousness" was laid up for him, and not for him only, but for all who loved the Lord's appearing. A "crown of life" will be the reward of all who continue faithful unto the end.

All may have the faithful Christian's crown. Is it not worth striving for? Souls that we lead to Jesus are sometimes said to be stars in the Christian's crown. A lady once dreamed that she had left this world and arrived at the gate of heaven. She saw a great number of crowns, and among them some full of shining stars. But the guiding angel



DINING IN THE EAST.—DIPPING IN A COMMON DISH.

took from among the crowns one that had in it no stars and gave it to her, at the same time showing her a very beautiful crown, flashing the light of many bright and beautiful stars, and telling her that this one had been intended for her, but that she failed to receive it because she had brought no souls to Jesus. Of course it was only a dream, but when she awoke, it made such an impression upon her, that she resolved to do more and better work for Jesus in the future. Those who turn "many to righteousness" are to shine "as the stars for ever and ever."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY MATTHEW.

**LESSON IX.—MAY 29.
THE LORD'S SUPPER.**

Matt. 26. 17-30. Memory verses, 26-28. (Read Matt. 26; Mark 14. 12-25; Luke 22. 7-20; John 13. 1-30; 1 Cor. 11. 23-34.)

GOLDEN TEXT.

As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.—1 Cor. 11. 26.

OUR LINE.

1. The Preparation, v. 17-19.
 2. The Passover Feast, v. 20-25.
 3. The Lord's Supper, v. 26-30.
- Time—Thursday, April 6, A.D. 30.
Place—In Jerusalem.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Preparation for the passover—Luke 22. 7-16.
- Tu. The Lord's Supper.—Matt. 26. 17-30.
- W. Gethsemane.—Matt. 26. 36-46.
- Th. Betrayed.—Matt. 26. 47-56.
- F. The living bread.—John 6. 47-56.

- S. Life laid down.—John 10. 11-18.
- S. Till he come.—1 Cor. 11. 23-38.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. The Preparation, v. 17-19.
For what Jewish feast did Jesus bid his disciples prepare?
By what other name is this feast known? Exod. 12. 11.
How many days did it last? Deut. 16. 3.
What question did the disciples ask? What answer did Jesus make?
How would they know the right man? Luke 22. 10.
What did the disciples then do?
How many disciples were sent? Mark 14. 13.
Who were these two? Luke 22. 8.
2. The Passover Feast, v. 20-25.
At what time did they eat the pass-over?
As they ate, what base act did Jesus foretell?
How were the disciples affected by this declaration?
What question did they ask?
What sign did Jesus give to indicate his betrayer?
What did he say about the betrayer?
Who then asked a question?
What was the question?
What was the reply, and what did it mean?
3. The Lord's Supper, v. 26-30.
What did Jesus then do with the bread?
What did he say to the disciples?
What did he do with the cup?
What did he say this represented?
When would he again drink wine?
What does Paul say concerning the Lord's Supper? Golden Text.
In what religious service did the disciples then engage?
To what place did they go?
Why did he go to the Mount of Olives? Luke 22. 39.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where are we taught in this lesson about—

1. The meaning of the Lord's Supper?
2. The duty of observing the Lord's Supper?
3. The spirit in which we should take the Lord's Supper?

ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE LESSON.

The first cut on this page shows the building on Mount Zion without the present walls of Jerusalem, in which tradition avers the last supper of our Lord with his disciples was celebrated. It is a large, plain, upper room, but there is no certainty of its being the actual place where this important event took place. The underground part of the same building is said to contain the tomb of David, whose sepulchre we read in the Scripture is with us to this day. This is more likely to be the case.

The second picture on this page shows the mode of dining in the East, dipping into a common dish. This will explain the meaning of the words of our Lord with reference to Judas, "He that dip-peth his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me." Most pictures represent our Lord as seated with his disciples on chairs at a table. That is not at all likely to have been the case. The last supper is much more likely to have been celebrated as shown in the larger picture on this page. The disciples, probably, as is still the custom in the East, sat on the floor around the table. The small cut on the previous page shows how the Romans reclined on couches around a small central table.

He Didn't Really Mean It.—"Good-bye, Professor," said the sweet girl graduate; "I shall always remember you kindly, for to you I am indebted for all I know." "Say no more," replied the professor, "say no more. Such a trifle is not worthy of a thought, I assure you."



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