



WINTER SCENE.

Winter Song.

BY M. N. B.

No more the little birdies sing,
The trees their rustling leaves have lost,
The snow lies deep o'er everything
The air is full of frost.

Oh, now the Winter time has come,
Bringing to us bright Christmas Day,
The babbling brook with ice is dumb
And children with their snowballs play.

We bid the leaves and flowers good-bye,
And let the birdlings southward go,
For when the Spring again draws nigh,
They'll all come back to us, we know.

All seasons bring their gifts of love,
To each Canadian girl and boy,
Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter prove,
The world is running o'er with joy.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE.

B.C. 6.] **LESSON I.** [Jan. 5.

THE FORERUNNER OF CHRIST.

Luke 1. 5-17. Memory verses, 15, 16.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways.—Luke 1. 76.

TIME.—B.C. 6.

PLACE.—In the temple at Jerusalem.

RULERS.—Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome. Herod the Great, king of Palestine; he was the first of the seven Herods mentioned in the New Testament; had a brilliant reign, and died a miserable death at Jericho.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Luke 1. 5-17.
- Tu. Luke 1. 59-66.
- W. Luke 1. 67-80.
- Th. Exod. 30. 1-10.
- F. Mal. 3. 1-6.
- S. Mal. 4.
- Su. Matt. 11. 7-14.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The Home*, v. 5-7.
What Herod is mentioned in the lesson?
How were the priests divided?
What is said about the piety of Zacharias and Elizabeth?
What was a great trial to a Jewish home?
Why was this?
2. *The Vision*, v. 8-12.
How was it decided what work a priest should do in the temple?
What fell to the lot of Zacharias?
When was the incense offered?
What did the people do while the priest ministered?
For what did Zacharias pray?
Of what was the angel's coming a sign?
How long since angels had appeared in Israel?
Mention some who were afraid of an angel?
Tell of cases where angels tried to remove fear.
3. *The Promise*, v. 13-17.
How was John to be great?
From what was he to abstain?
What gives joy and strength?
What was John to do for Jesus?
How did he resemble Elijah?
When is Christ precious?

To-morrow you have no business with. You steal if you touch to-morrow. It is God's. Every day has in it enough to keep every man occupied, without concerning himself with the things that lie beyond.

You cannot deceive God either by mock humility or by pride; he knows you better than you know yourself.

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