

EASTER TIME IS HERE.

BY ALICE JEAN CLEATOR.

Soft fell the snowflakes through the winter hours,
Now the fields are smiling with the spring-time flowers:
Would you know the reason? O 'tis very clear,
'Tis because the happy Easter time is here!
And the merry song-birds have been long away
Singing summer ballads in the Southland gay;
Now they're all returning with the opening year,
Singing, gaily singing, "Easter time is here."

Winter storms have vanished, clouds no longer frown,
Million little sunbeams now come hastening down;
Fields no longer barren, skies no longer drear,
Tell the happy story, Easter time is here!

Earth is bright with beauty, after Winter's strife:
Nature is rejoicing in a risen life:
Silver chimes are ringing in a chorus clear.
"Wake, O world, to gladness, Easter time is here."

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WRITINGS OF JOHN.

LESSON IV.—APRIL 23.

THE ENTRY OF JESUS INTO JERUSALEM.
John 12. 12-26. Memorize verses 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.—Matt. 21. 9.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon.* Read the lesson story carefully. John 12. 12-26.
- Tues.* Read of the children in the temple. Matt. 21. 12-17.
- Wed.* Find the words of a prophet. Zech. 9. 9, 10.
- Thur.* Find the Golden Text in a psalm. Psa. 118.
- Fri.* Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat.* Find what the Bible says about children's praise. Psa. 8. 2.
- Sun.* Tell the story of the lesson to some one.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

When did Zechariah live? Can you remember anything that he said about the coming King? When did Jesus go up to Jerusalem? Whom did he meet? Where did he send two disciples? What for? What did he do with it? Who followed him? Who came to meet him? What

did they carry? Where did the children sing later? Why did not Jesus ride upon a horse? What did the people spread on the ground before him? Could any understand how great a King he was to be? Why? Because the Holy Spirit was not yet given. Who were angry at all this? Who wanted to see Jesus? Who brought them to Jesus? What did he say about a grain of wheat? About being willing to give up one's life?

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

- We have learned that—
1. Once, when on earth, Jesus rode as a king.
 2. Little children chanted his praise the longest.
 3. He was, and is, and always will be, King.

LESSON IV.—(SPECIAL).—APRIL 23.

EASTER LESSON.

Luke 24. 1-12. Memorize verse 6, 7.
GOLDEN TEXT.

He is risen from the dead.—Matt. 28. 7.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon.* Find how and where Jesus was buried. John 19. 38-42.
- Tues.* Learn what his enemies did. Matt. 27. 62-66.
- Wed.* Read the lesson verses from your Bible. Luke 24. 1-12.
- Thur.* Read what happened early that morning. Matt. 28. 1-4.
- Fri.* Learn the Golden Text.
- Sat.* Learn a beautiful text about the resurrection. Rom. 8. 34.
- Sun.* Find who knew the voice of Jesus. John 20. 16.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

When was the first Easter morning? Where? Who went to the tomb in the early dawn? What were they carrying? What were they going to do? What did they find? And who was gone? Whom did they see beside them? What question did they ask? Can you remember what they told the women about Jesus? What did they help them to remember? What did the women then do? Can you give the names of the women? Did the disciples believe their word? What did Peter do? Who went with him? John, the beloved disciple. What must we do to know the whole story of the resurrection.

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

- We have learned that—
1. Christ died for our sins.
 2. He rose for our salvation.
 3. Because he lives we shall live also.

LESSON V.—APRIL 30.

JESUS WASHING THE DISCIPLES' FEET.
John 13. 1-14. Memorize verses 12, 13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

By love serve one another.—Gal. 5. 13.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon.* Read about the passover supper. Exod. 12. 3-11.
- Tues.* Read the lesson verses. John 13. 1-14.
- Wed.* Learn who is the greatest in the kingdom of God. Matt. 18. 4.
- Thur.* Learn what makes service sweet. Golden Text.
- Fri.* Find what happened to a boastful spirit. Luke 22. 55-60.
- Sat.* Learn how we may have a lowly mind. Phil. 2. 5.
- Sun.* Learn where we may go for humility. Matt. 29. 30.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What feast did Jesus hold with his disciples? What did it become? What lesson did he teach them there? Can you tell what had been brought to make the paschal feast? What did Jesus do when he rose from the table? What did he use? Why did he kneel? To show humility? What gives humility? Love. What had the disciples been talking about? Did Jesus hear them? Whose work was it to wash the feet of guests? What did Jesus say the greatest should be? What did Peter say? Can you remember any of the words of Jesus? What did Peter say again? And what at last? What did our Lord say that we all must be?

THREE LITTLE LESSONS.

- We have learned that—
1. The greatest man who ever lived was the humblest.
 2. To be like him we must have his humility.
 3. We cannot have humility until we have love.

BEAUTIFUL LILIES.

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Beautiful lilies,

Fragrant and sweet,
We thy glad presence
Once more would greet;
Once more we welcome
Thy words of love,
Telling of Jesus
Reigning above.

Out from the darkness
Of their low tomb,
Lilies of Easter
Burst into bloom,
Fair types and symbols
Unto us given,
Of life and gladness,
Waiting in heaven.

Fair Easter lilies,
Cease not to bring,
Message of Jesus,
The glorious King,
Till all shall welcome
Thy wondrous word,
Till all shall worship
The risen Lord.