

their career established their character as a favored and providential people. It declared to the neighboring heathen nations that divine power was ever ready to break forth in fire and flood for the protection of Israel. It carried on and completed the terrible and tenfold demonstration of the plagues in Egypt. The mightiest elements in nature were seen to be the servants of Him who had chosen the Hebrew people for His own. It proclaimed aloud that the help of Israel was not in horses and chariots, but in the living God.

The first joy of escape from bondage has subsided, and now comes the reaction. The terrors of the desert, the mountains and the sea—the weariness, the hunger and thirst of the long march over yielding sand and rolling stones: all this springs up to their vision. They are out of the brick-yards, to be sure, and encamped by the sea; but what about the future? Is this the way to the land promised unto their fathers? Are they to be hedged in and lost among barren hills? To add to their despair, they lift up their eyes, and, behold! the Egyptians are almost upon them. Now they become wild and frantic. All voices are lifted up in reproaches and imprecations upon the head of Moses. "We knew it would be so—we told you this before!"

This is frail man. Does it not look marvelously like yourself? Have you ever been so situated as to tempt you to this despondency? If so, of one thing you could have been sure: *God does not desert His people.* In Him we live, move, and have our being. It is His business to open up our way, and ours to go forward in it. A grateful recognition of God's guidance lies at the foundation of all right conduct. Had not God given sufficient token to Israel of His trustworthiness? "Go forward." Do your duty at all cost. As you lift your foot, a path will be ready for it to step in. Is there not a way opened in Christ Jesus? Occupy it. "Forward!" is the watchword of Christian progress. Obedience to that command makes all the difference between success and failure. All the generations that have gone before us send back the cry, "Go forward!" The uncounted millions that are soon to fill our places press on us from behind, crying, "Go forward!"

The cabinet organ has done an immensity of good in promoting the cultivation of the worship of God in the home and Sabbath-school through sacred song. It is gratifying to see so many of our young men and young women able to aid in these services, by playing on the organ; but there is one word of admonition needed by many of these willing workers—don't drag! A dragging organist drags the singers, drags the song, and drags the whole affair, rendering what should be joyous praise a doleful, droning effort at spiritual life. Even solemn hymns need not be so accompanied as to tire out the singers and make the service depressing. If you perform on the organ, don't drag.

Opening Service—Second Quarter.

I. Silence.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us.

School. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Supt. Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.

School. He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Supt. Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: sing unto the Lord all the earth.

School. O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

III. Singing.

IV. Prayer.

V. Scripture Lesson.

LESSON SERVICE.

I. Class Study of the Lesson.

II. Singing Lesson Hymn.

III. Recitation of Title, Golden Text, Outline, and Doctrinal Suggestion, by the school in concert.

IV. Review and Application of the Lesson, by Pastor or Superintendent.

V. The Supplemental Lesson.

VI. Announcements (especially of the Church service, and week-evening prayer-meeting).

CLOSING SERVICE.

I. Singing.

II. Responsive Sentences.

Supt. Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.

School. The Lord shall reign forever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations. Praise ye the Lord.

III. Dismissal.

THE APOSTLES' CREED.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sin; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.