

The Angel at the Sepulchre.

BY MISS F. L. BALLARD

Behold those sorrowing women come
Grief-stricken to the Saviour's tomb,
Nor wait until the morning light
Dispels the shadows of the night
Love lingers not for light,
Faith carries not for sight.

And, hastening on their mournful way
Who shall roll back the stone?" they
say.

That we may come into the tomb,
Bearing our spices and perfume?"
Who shall the stone remove?
Death cannot bar our love

But, lo! the stone is rolled away
The night is gone. The dawning day
Shines brightly on the open tomb,
Dispelling it of all its gloom.
God's angel sits above
The grave of buried love.

But the dear body is not here.
They stand perplexed, and full of fear,
The angel speaks: "Be not afraid,
The Lord is risen as he said."
The Lord that came to save
Is stronger than the grave.

LADY ABERDEEN ON HOMES AND HOME-MAKERS.

Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen visited the Presbyterian Ladies' College the other day and in the course of a very thoughtful and interesting address to the students spoke specially of the opportunities for usefulness afforded women in Canada. "I am deeply impressed," she said, "as I go about the country, by the splendid openings for womanhood in this new land, and I would count it a great thing if I succeeded in awakening in the hearts of you college girls a sense of the opportunities lying before you to be a woman in this day, and in Canada is to have a chance to do something worth while. And believe me, there is no sphere greater, nobler, holier, than the home. To be a woman in a Canadian home! With that before you it becomes you to be earnest and true during these years of your girlhood and school life.

In spending some time in various new settlements in the great West the opportunities and responsibilities of womanhood came home to me. There are there on the plains, out on the ranches, in the mining towns and elsewhere hundreds of men who are away from home and from everything that would restrain the bad and stimulate the good. Many of those men are kept from going to utter ruin by the presence in their community of one good, true, thoughtful woman who knows how to make a home for her own husband and children, which becomes to homeless ones in their "shacks" a haven and a little heaven.

And what is true of these new settlements is true of life everywhere in Canada. There is not a social circle anywhere but needs the refining, elevating, ennobling influences of good, intelligent women. I look into our faces to-day, you young women with your lives before you, and I think of the good you might do, and I trust you will do, when you pass out of this college into the great world.

There is something about a good home, which is the result of woman's influence there, but which can hardly be defined, a certain simplicity and beauty, a something in the very atmosphere, and in the tones of the children's voices, a refinement, a culture, which impresses a guest at once and which is of the very essence of home. To be sure, love must be everywhere. The very life of home is love and knowledge. Women must know. And you, young women, should use these precious years in learning everything possible and learning it well. There will be no time afterwards, when home responsibilities come to you. See that your knowledge is such as will be available in after life.

Those of us whose girlhood is past, who are growing old, and who have had to learn so many things about life and about home-making, not from teachers and books, but through experiment and experience, which involved us in such mistakes and blunders to our own and our loved ones' hurt—those of us who can look back over a few years of real effort for our homes almost envy the

girls of to-day. And we look to you who are now in training to make right our mistakes, and to do perfectly the work we have tried to do and failed to have done blunderingly through ignorance. I would have you believe that every branch of your education is of importance, and most of all would I have you remember that the great work of home-making cannot be done excellently, as it should be done, unless you are actuated by the highest motives and live the truest life.—The Westminster

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL BY MATTHEW.

LESSON II.—APRIL 10.

(Easter Lesson.)

THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS.

Mark 16, 1-8. Memory verses, 6, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

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

What difficulty did they look forward to?

How was this difficulty set aside?

What did Mary Magdalene suppose, and to whom did she go? See John 20, 2.

What did two disciples do? See John 20, 3-10.

2. Finding the Living v. 5-8.

Whom did the women find in the tomb?

How were they affected by the sight?

How did the visitor calm their fears?

What did he say of their mission?

What good news does every Easter recall? Golden Text.

To whom did he bid them go?

What message were they to bear?

How promptly did they obey?

How did they feel over what they had seen and heard?

Why were they silent by the way?

To whom did Jesus first show himself? See John 20, 14-17.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. True love for Jesus?
2. True faith in Jesus?
3. True service for Jesus?

The Bible is the freshest of all books. It is the real interpreter of life at all times.

She, amazed, her watch was keeping,
Blinding mists her vision steeping.
"Woman, why art thou a-weeping?"

Was the startled woman chary?
Was she in her answering wary?
What a change when he said, "Mary!"

Once the piteous supplication,
Now the glad ejaculation,
"Master!" in rapt adoration.

No more mocking, no more scourging,
Priest and mob the soldiers urging,
While the rage of hell was surging.

Crown of thorns no longer wearing,
Cruel taunts no longer bearing,
Nails no more his body tearing.

Majesty and gracious sweetness,
Join in him with perfect meekness,
God and man in full completeness!

Lord Jehovah! low before thee,
Ransom'd by thee, we adore thee;
Glory in the highest! Glory!

—Philadelphia Inquirer.

WHAT IT DOES.

The following short temperance lecture will be found truisms that cannot be disproved:

"Drunkenness never causes a victory to be gained, it causes some to be lost; it never prevented shipwrecks, it often caused some."

"Liquor leads thousands of persons to poverty, not a single one to wealth."

"It has destroyed thousands of healths and has not restored a single one."

"It has shortened thousands of lives, and has not lengthened a single one."

"It has lost forever thousands of immortal souls, and never saved one."

"A woman never became more virtuous by beginning to drink; how many have become less?"

"Never did a son become kinder to his parents through the use of alcoholic drink; how many have become less so, how many have become their shame and their sorrow?"



THE ANGEL AT THE SEPULCHRE.

OUTLINE.

1. Seeking the Dead, v. 1-4.
 2. Finding the Living, v. 5-8.
- Time.—"Sunday," April 9, A.D. 30.
Place.—The tomb at Golgotha.

HOME READINGS.

- M. The resurrection of Jesus.—Mark 16, 1-8.
Tu. Foretold.—Matt. 16, 21-28.
W. Witnesses.—Acts 2, 22-32.
Th. Risen with Christ.—Rom. 6, 1-11.
F. Crucified.—Mark 15, 25-38.
S. Glad tidings.—Acts 13, 26-37.
Su. Joy and wonder.—Luke 24, 36-48.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Seeking the Dead, v. 1-4.
What women sought the tomb of Jesus?
For what purpose did they go?
On what day and at what time of day did they go?

Easter Hymn.

Christ is risen! O the wonder!
Rending bands of death asunder,
Rising to glory yonder!

Silently as morning breaking,
Came the wonderful awaking,
Christ again his Godhead taking.

In the stillness of the morning,
Angels heralding no warning,
Though the world's new light was dawning.

Last she saw him faint and dying;
She whose heart with pain was reeking,
Tears her pallid cheeks bestreaking.

Last she saw him faint and dying;
Stark and cold her Lord was lying,
Ere she left him, weeping, sighing.

Lone she stood in tearful wonder;
Who had rent his tomb asunder?
Who so vile the grave to plunder!

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