

## OPTIONAL HYMNS.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come.  
Hail, thou once despised Jesus!  
There is a fountain filled with blood,  
Rock of ages.  
Why do you wait?  
O happy day, that fixed my choice.  
O could I speak the matchless worth.  
My hope is built on nothing less.

## The Lesson Catechism.

[For the entire school.]

1. Why did many of the people believe that Jesus was the Christ? **No one could do greater miracles.**

2. What wonderful invitation did Jesus give? **"If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink."**

3. What did he say he would make every Christian? **A fountain of blessing to others.**

4. What did the people think? **They were confused and divided.**

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

13. In what manner then ought you to think and speak of God?

I ought to think of God with fear and love, and speak of Him with reverence and praise.

## Thoughts for the Quiet Hour.

— JESUS CHRIST is the gift of God—the richest token of God's love to us, and the richest treasure of all good for us; a gift, not a debt which we could demand from God, not a loan which he will demand from us again, but a gift, a free gift.—*Henry.*

— God, thou art love! I build my faith on that! I know thee; thou hast kept my path and made Light for me in the darkness—tempering sorrow, So that it reached me like a solemn joy;  
It were too strange that I should doubt thy love.

—*Browning.*

— O God, when thou callest to us for our five loaves we must forget our own interest; otherways, if we be more thrifty than obedient our good turns evil; and much better had it been for us to have wanted that which we withhold from the owner.—*Bishop Hall.*

— Every little river pays its tribute to the great sea, and shall we refuse ours to the great God?—*Secker.*

— Simple and sweet as virgin honey—if we will only live thereon—lies round us the angels' food;

clear and crystalline—if we will but drink thereof:—murmurs and shines about us the river of God's love.—*Farrar.*

— If thou go forward in My way thou shalt know the truth, and the truth shall so make thee free that thou shalt attain unto everlasting life.—*Thomas à Kempis.*

— We may know what Christ has done for us by what he has done in us.—*Mason.*

— Real glory springs from the silent conquest of ourselves; and without that the conqueror is naught but the first slave.—*Thomson.*

— Make others to see Christ in you moving, doing, speaking, and thinking. Your actions will speak of him if he be in you.—*Rutherford.*

— To go to Him and get the perfect idea of life and of every action of life, and then to go forth and by his strength fulfill it—that is the New Testament conception of a strong, successful life. How simple and how glorious it is!—*Phillips Brooks.*

— Love's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little ones.—*Faber.*

— As we must spend time in cultivating our earthly friendships if we are to have their blessings, so we must spend time in cultivating the fellowship and companionship of Christ.—*Drummond.*

— The slightest sorrow for sin is sufficient if it produce amendment; the greatest is insufficient if it do not.—*Colton.*

## At Home.

... The Board of Control of the Epworth League held its second session in St. Louis on the 14th and 15th of May. The members were received with unbounded hospitality, every effort being made to make their meetings a success. The corresponding secretary reported 5,577 chapters enrolled, an increase of 2,708 since the first meeting of the Board, in Chicago, in January, 1890.

... Whoever wishes to get a satisfactory account of the missionary work of the Church should not fail to take regularly *The Gospel in All Lands*, which is published by the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church under the editorship of the Rev. Eugene R. Smith, D.D. The number for May is especially interesting, giving several articles on Malaysia, and also taking the reader to Japan, Brazil, and Mexico.

... Our wide-awake missionary secretaries recommend that the week beginning September 27 be set apart as a week of self-denial for the cause of missions, the amount saved by this to be sent directly to the missionary treasury as a special offering in addition to the regular contribution for the year.