



THE AGONY IN THE GARDEN.

EASTER CAROL.

Sing, children, sing! The lilies white you bring
In the joyous Easter morning, for hopes are blossoming;
And as the earth her shroud of snow from off her breast doth fling,
So may we cast our fetters off in God's eternal spring;
So may we find release at last from sorrow and from pain,
So may we find our childhood's calm, delicious dawn again.

Sweet are your eyes, O little ones, that look with smiling grace,
Without a shade of doubt or fear, into the future's face!
Sing, sing in happy chorus, with joyful voices tell
That death is life, and God is good, and all things shall be well.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE BOOK OF THE ACTS.

LESSON XIII. [March 30.]
EASTER LESSON.

John 20. 6-18. Memorize verses 13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life.—John 11. 25.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

What does resurrection mean? Life out of death. What life is rising out of death now? Plant life. What shall we do some day? Rise into another life.

Who has shown us the way? Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. When did he rise from the tomb? On a spring morning. What day was it? The first day of the week. Who first saw him? Mary Magdalene. What did she first see? An empty tomb. Who also came to see it? Peter and John. What did Mary do? She wept. Whom did she see? Angels. Who came and called her Mary? The Lord himself. What news did she take to the disciples. That she had seen the Lord.

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read the beautiful lesson verses John 20. 1-18.
- Tues. Read about the burial of Christ. Luke 23. 50-53.
- Wed. Learn the whole of the Golden Text verse. John 11. 25.
- Thur. See why Mary was not afraid. 1 John 4. 18.
- Fri. Find comfort for sad hearts. 1 Thess. 4. 14.
- Sat. Find a plant in your garden that has had a resurrection.
- Sun. Read a resurrection hymn. 242 in Hymnal.

SECOND QUARTER.

LESSON I. [April 6.]

SAUL OF TARSUS CONVERTED.

Acts 9. 1-12. Memorize verses 3-5.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out.—Acts 3. 19.

QUESTIONS ON THE LESSON.

Who persecuted the disciples of Jesus? Saul. Where did he go on this business?

To Damascus. What did he take with him? Letters from the high priest. What did they give him? Power to arrest people. What happened as they came near the city? Saul saw a great light. What followed? Saul fell to the ground. Who spoke to him? The Lord Jesus. What did Saul ask? What the Lord would have him do. Where did the Lord send him? Into the city. Why did the men lead him? He was blind. Who came to him after three days? Ananias. What did he receive? His sight. What else did he receive? The Holy Spirit. What did he begin to do? To preach. Who are blind in these days? Those who deny Jesus. Who wants to give sight to all blind souls? The Lord Jesus Christ. What does he say of himself? "I am the light of life."

DAILY STEPS.

- Mon. Read the lesson carefully. Acts 9. 1-12.
- Tues. Find what Paul says about it. Acts 26. 9-16.
- Wed. Learn what Paul found true. Golden Text.
- Thur. Find a good thing to say to the Lord in verse 6.
- Fri. Learn to what Paul was called. Acts 26. 16.
- Sat. Find whom Paul saw when he was blind. 1 Cor. 15. 8.
- Sun. Read another story of Paul's conversion. Acts 22. 6-16.

EASTER.

When the snow was deep, we said:
'Tis a coverlet, gently spread—
Spread and folded tenderly
Where the sleeping lilies lie;
Fold on fold of fleecy white,
Cold to touch and pure to sight,
Cold to touch and pure to sight,
Wrapped about the deep repose
Of the violet and the rose.
Softly speak and lightly tread,
Death is guarding life, we said.

When the spring was late, we said:
While the storm-wind blew o'erhead,
God's dear springtime doth but wait;
Come it soon or come it late,
Come it slow or come it fast,
It shall surely come at last.
Frosts may bite and buds be few;
Still the promise standeth true.
Though the earth seem sore bestead,
God doth not forget, we said.

When our souls were dark, we said:
Courage, soul, be comforted!
Every life some hardness knows,
Winter time and heavy snows;
Every heart must learn to wait,
Though the spring be cold and late;
Prayers in time shall change to praise,
Easter crown the Lenten days;
Christ is risen from the dead;
Christ shall raise us, too, we said.