## SUMMER SILENCE.

BT MARY B. DODOK.

HERE is stillness, rapturous stillness, in the August afternoon, Though the low swung leaflets quiver to the

crickets' drowsy tune.

In the cornfields, gilded sentries face unmoved the cloudless sky,

While yellow moths, disdainful of rest, dart

wiftly by:

swiftly by;
Yet no rustle from such transit do we hear within the pause—
Not the faintest sound of motion from their pinions' floating gauze
Nay, so noiseless is the poising and the fitting of each wing.
That the silence is but richer for the golden

hush they bring.

The droning of the crickets-did it break the breathless swoon
Of the half-necoscious senses, in this August

Did it wake the smallest fairy in her rosy

aleep, pray, did it?
A thousand times we answer with the Katy-did: "Nay—did it?" A thousand times we answer to the crickets'

lazy drone,
That the silence is more silent for such tender

Oh the echoes of the silence of this strangely vocal hour,
Outflowing from the honey-bee that hums

above the flower,
Upwelling from the locust leaf in unseen

murmurs there,
And throbbing through a world of life whose
home is in the air!

Yes, the golden day is dreamful, through the music summer breeds—
Her myriad volces quickened like her myriad-

flowering seeds—
And the silence is intenser with its presence

whispered so. By the wolrd cicada-chorus and the moths'

By the word cross-carriers asrial glow:
By the thrill of praise ascending from the garden, field, and grove—
Tuneful silence keeping measure with untered peace and love.

## LESSON NOTES.

## THIRD QUARTER.

A.D. 30.] LESSON VII. [Aug. 15.

JENUS TRACKING HUMILITY.

John 13. 1-17. Commit to mem. vs. 13-16. GOLDEN TEXT.

If ye know these things, happy are yeif ye do them. John 13. 17.

## OUTLINE,

1. A Holy Thought, v. 1.
2. A Lowly service, v. 2-11.
3. A Lordly Example, v. 12-17.

-Thursday night. The night before TIME. the crucifixion.

PLACE — Jerusalem: the upper room

where he kept the feast.

EXPLANATIONS.—Supper being ended—The
passover feast which they were observing in
the upper room in Jerusalem. Laid aside his
garments—Put off his outer mautle, or seamless
robe, which was the usual dress in which he robe, which was the usual dress in which he appeared. It was customarily laid aside for work. Girded himself—He tied up about his waist his long flowing robe, as was customary. He puts himself thus in place of a servant. To wash the disciples feet—This was easy because the disciples were lying upon couches with their first behind and away from the table. Every Whit—Entirely, wholly.

## TRACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught. The divine example of love

2. The divine example of humility?
3. The divine example of forbearance?

## THE LESSON CARROLISM.

1. What took place on the evening before the Sariour's death? His last supper with the disciple. 2. What is said of his love to his disciples at that time? "He loved them to the fend." 8. By what act did he show his disciples at that time! The loved them to the end of the show his love! By washing their feet. 4. Why did he do this? To teach them humility. 5. What did he say in the GOLDEN TEXT! "If ye know," etc.

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#### Сатвониям Опинтини.

42. How is God righteous or just? His laws and government are righteous; and he will reward and punish justly.

Righteous and true are thy ways, thou King of the ages. -Revelation xv. 8.

A.D. 30.] LESSON VIII. [Aug 22,

WARRING TO JUDAS AND PETER.

John 15. 21-58. Commit to mem. vs. 30-55. GOLDEN TEXT.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Cor. 10.

#### OUTLINE.

1. The Servant of Satan, v. 21-30.

2. The Law of Love, v 81 35. 3 The Mistaken Disciple, v. 36-38.

TIME, PLACE. See preceding lesson
EXPLANATIONS. — Troubled in spirit—
Saddened, depressed to the depth of his soul
that a friend should be the one to betray him. Learning on Jesus boson.—To see how this could be the scholar should find out just how the tables were arranged, and it will appear at once a natural thing to do just what is described. A sop—A morsel or piece of bread dipped into the sauce of the passover feast. Salan entered into him - The devil filled him and hurried him forward to his evil work. The bag - The company purse. He was the bag—The company purse. He was the troasurer. Intile children—They were all large, strong men. This term shows the tender affection of Jesus for them. A new commandment—There were ten command-ments which they well knew. Jesus adds one more. The cock shall not crow—Morning shall not come.

#### TRACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. The treachery of formal service?

2. The forbearance of Jesus?

3. The duty of brotherly love !

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

Of what did Jesus forewarn his disciples at the last support That one of them should betray him. 2. Who was the betrayer of Jesus I Judas Iscariot. 3. What led him to betray him. Josus i Jud this act? The love of money. 4. What new commandment did Jesus give his disciples? To love one another. 5. What To love one another. 5. What cell Peter! That he should deny did Jesus tell Peter? That he should deny him. 6. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT of this lesson? "Wherefore," etc. DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION. -Deliverance to

Satan.

#### OATECHISM QUESTIONS.

43. How is God faithful and true! His words are always true, and his promises can

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent.

Numbers xxiii. 19.

#### A HARD SUM.

ARE you good at arithmetic? I will give you some losses to add up, and calculate how much they come to. They are the losses made by strong drink: Loss of money, time, health, business, character, friends, good conscience, feeling, mind, life, soul. It is a long and terrible account to run up; but it is an easy one to begin, and I see even boys beginning it at the beershop-young men adding to it at the tavern and billiard saloon. Stop! stop! and reckon up all the losses before you go further. Can you afford losses in the long run of eternity? Can you afford such

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