

QUESTIONS AND SUGGESTIONS.

and the young birds sing their early songs :

which send an answering thrill through every leaf in the wood ;

and the gold-belted bee among the blossoms and shrubs seeks honey for the hive ;

and from the peaceful nook everything sings its own hymn of praise to the Creator ;

such is the time to feel the quickening charm of the sunny woods :

then, while the slothful are idly dreaming,

let us thoughtfully walk through the depths of the old, but sunny woods.

While the birdlings sing their morning hymns,

And each leaf in the grove replies ;

When the golden-zoned bee
Flies from flower to tree
Seeking sweets for its honied cell,

And the voice of Praise
Sounds its varied lays
From the depths of each quiet dell :

Oh, such is the hour
To feel the power
Of the magic bright old woods.

Then, while sluggards dream,
Of some trifling theme,

Let us stroll,
With studious soul,
Through the depths of the bright old woods.

2. How did the old woods look before sunrise ? And how, after the sun had risen ?

3. Where was the sun at our first visit ? Where at our second visit ?

4. How did we find the leaves occupied before sunrise ? And how, afterwards ?

5. What of the birds at each visit ?

6. To find the old woods in a joyous humor when must we visit them ? And when, if we would find the old woods in a serious humor ?

7. Instead of these words give others having nearly the same meaning : **grave (adj.), tinged, slumbering, gloomy, floweret, dismal, birdlings, ascends, golden-zoned, varied lays, trifling theme.**

8. Write these words in the plural number : **leaf, sky, lay.**

9. Parse **Oh, come away to the bright old woods.**

10. Who was the author of these lines, and how long ago was he born ?

11. Write down other words pronounced like these, but differing in meaning : **dew, hour, cell, sun, some.** Group the words in pairs, with their meanings.

12. (P. 10) Spring-Time in Canada.

13. On the title-page of this book you will find the arms of Canada within a wreath of maple-leaves, because Canada has taken the maple-leaf as her emblem : England, ages ago, took the rose for her emblem ; Ireland the shamrock ; Scotland the thistle ; France the lily, &c. Now tell me something of the maple tree, beginning with the very early Spring and ending with the fall of the leaf.

14. When trees are just budding out at Kingston, how would you find them at Lake St. Clair ? and how at Montreal ?

15. How long would you be in going by steamer from Montreal to Quebec ? How long does Summer take to go that distance ?

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