

EASTER EGGS.

THE top-knot biddey, with yellow legs,  
Was Harry's, and every morn  
He gave her orders for Easter eggs,  
While he scattered the oats and corn.  
Day by day, for a week, he fed  
Rations of every hue:  
Chosen ears of yellow and red,  
And Squaw-corn, white and blue.

"Now, Biddey Top-Knot," I heard him say,  
"Easter will be here soon;  
A dozen eggs, at least, you must lay  
By to-morrow afternoon;  
Red ones, Biddey, the nicest kind,  
And yellow, and blue, real bright,  
Speckled and striped, and spotted; now  
mind  
Zat you make 'em sackly right."

But in spite of feeding and coaxing, too,  
His biddey would only lay,  
Instead of red and yellow and blue,  
Just one white egg a day.  
And Harry's patience was sorely tried,  
But he waited, and watched the nest,  
And stroked his biddey, and softly sighed,  
"I fink she will do her best."

On Easter morning, wasn't it fun  
To look at him through a crack—  
He went to the nest, as he'd often done,  
But soon came capering back  
With his apron full of Easter eggs,  
Striped and speckled and gay;  
The top-knot biddey with yellow legs  
Was petted and praised that day.

He told mamma just how it befell;  
She listened again and again:  
'Twas such a pleasure to hear him dwell  
On the skill of his wonderful hen.  
And when he had gone to share his prize  
With Susy and Katy and Ned,  
The dear mamma looked ever so wise,  
But never a word she said.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A.D. 30] LESSON IV. [April 28

DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE FORETOLD.

Mark 13. 1-15. Commit to mem. vs. 1, 2.

GOLDEN TEXT

But I say unto you, That in this place is  
one greater than the temple. Matt. 12. 6.

OUTLINE.

1. Prophecy, v. 1, 2.
2. Warning, v. 3-8.
3. Advice, v. 9-13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Who went out of the temple with Jesus?  
His disciples.

What did they ask him to look at? The  
beautiful buildings of the temple.

What did Jesus tell them? That the  
temple would be destroyed.

When did this really happen? About  
forty years after.

Where did Jesus go and sit? On the  
Mount of Olives.

Who began to ask questions of Jesus?  
The disciples.

What did they want to know? When  
the temple should be destroyed.

What did they ask Jesus to give them?  
A sign of his coming.

Does any man know when Jesus will  
come? No; only God knows.

Against whom did Jesus warn the dis-  
ciples? Against deceivers.

What did he say there would be? Great  
wars.

What other troubles? Earthquakes and  
famine.

What did Jesus say would come to the  
disciples? Sorrows and persecution.

What comfort did Jesus give? "Be ye  
not troubled."

What promise did he give? ver. 13.

Who has made salvation possible? Jesus

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Jesus is coming!

Where will he find me?

Little child, if Jesus finds you with love  
in your heart, you will be glad to see him.

But if he should come and find you un-  
loving and careless of his words, how  
troubled you would be to see him.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The end of the  
world.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

1. Who made you? God. 2. Who is God?  
God is our Father in heaven.

A.D. 30] LESSON V. [May 5

THE COMMAND TO WATCH.

Mark 13. 24-37. Commit to mem. vs. 35-37.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye  
know not when the time is. Mark 13. 33.

OUTLINE.

1. The Son Coming, v. 24-32.
2. The Servants Watching, v. 33-37.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What did Jesus foretell? His own  
coming.

Of what had he warned the disciples?  
Of great troubles.

What did he say would come after these  
troubles? The sun and moon would stop  
shining.

What did he say would fall? The stars  
in heaven.

Who did he say would then come? The  
Son of man.

How will he come? With great power  
and glory.

Whom will he send for the elect? The  
angels.

Who are the elect? Those who love  
Jesus.

Who knows when Jesus will come? None  
but God.

Whose words shall never pass away?  
The words of Jesus.

Why should we watch and pray? So  
as to be ready when Jesus comes.

What has he given to each of us? Some  
work to do.

When will Jesus come for us? When  
we do not look for him.

What do we want him to find us doing?  
Our work.

What does Jesus say to everybody?  
"Watch."

For whom shall we watch? For Jesus.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Three Questions	Three Answers:
Who is the master of my house?	"The Son of man—Jesus."
What has he left me to do?	"To every man his work."
When he comes, what ought I to be doing?	Watching, waiting, working.
	"Looking unto Jesus."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Christian  
watchfulness.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

3. What is God? God is a Spirit, One that always was and always will be.
4. Where is God? God is everywhere.

BOTH CANDID.

KING FREDERICK VI., of Denmark, while  
travelling through Jutland, one day entered  
a village school and found the children in it  
lively and intelligent, and quite ready to  
answer his questions. "Well, youngsters,"  
he said, "what are the names of the greatest  
kings of Denmark?" With one accord  
they cried out, "Canute the Great, Walde-  
mar, and Christian IV." Just then a little  
girl to whom the schoolmaster had whisper-  
ed something stood up and raised her hand.  
"Do you know another?" asked the king.  
"Yes—Frederick VI.!" "What great acts  
did he perform?" The girl hung her head  
and stammered out, "I don't know." "Be  
comforted, my child," said the king; "I  
don't know either!"