

## BE A WOMAN.

FT I've heard a gentle mother,  
As the twilight hours began,  
Leading with a son on duty,  
Urging him to be a man.

But unto her blue-eyed daughter,  
Though with love words quite as ready  
Points she out the other duty,  
"Strive, my dear, to be a lady."

What's a lady? Is it something  
Made of hoops and silks and airs,  
Used to decorate the parlour,  
Like the fancy rings and chairs.

Is it one that wastes on novels  
Every feeling that is human?  
If 'tis to be a lady,  
'Tis not this to be a woman.

Mother, then, unto your daughter  
Speak of something higher far  
Than to be mere fashion's lady—  
"Woman is the brightest star."

If you in your strong affection  
Urge your son to be a man,  
Urge your daughters no less strongly  
To arise and be a woman.

Yes, a woman! Brightest model  
Of that high and perfect beauty,  
Where the mind and soul and body  
Blend to work out life's great duty.

Be a woman! Naught is higher  
On the gilded crest of fame;  
On the catalogue of virtue  
There's no brighter, holier name.

## FOLLOW ME.

WHILE speaking to some of the little girls in my class one day, I asked them what two words the Lord Jesus said to Philip when He found him.

"Follow Me," was the prompt reply. "Then," said I, "those two words also apply to you. What is your answer?"

One said, "I mean to follow Him some day." Another, "I should like to follow Him." But one little girl did not make any answer. She was very attentive and thoughtful, and so our little class broke up.

The next Sunday, the silent little girl put a small note into my hand, which ran as follows. "I came to Jesus this afternoon, and my answer to that question is this: I will arise and follow my own dear Saviour."

## KEEPING THE MOMENTS.

We do not realize the importance of moments. Only let us consider those two sayings of God about them, "In a moment shall they die," and, "We shall all be changed in a moment," and we shall think less lightly of them. Eternal issues may hang upon any one of them, but it has come and gone before we can even think about it. Nothing seems less within the possibility of our own keeping, yet nothing is more inclusive of all other keeping. Therefore let us ask Him to keep them for us.

Are they not the tiny joints of the harness through which the darts of temptation pierce us? Only give us time, we think, and we should not be overcome. Only give us time, and we could pray and resist, and the devil would flee from us! But he comes all in a moment; and in a moment—an unguarded one, unkept one—we utter the hasty or exaggerated word, or think the un-Christlike thought, or feel the un-Christlike impatience or resentment.

But even if we have gone so far as to say "Take my moments," have we gone the step farther, and really let him take them—really entrusted them

to him? It is no good saying "take," when we do not let go. How can another keep that which we are keeping hold of? So let us, with full trust in his power, first commit these slippery moments to him—put them right into his hand—and then we may trustfully and happily say, "Lord, keep them from me! Keep every one of the quick series as it arises. I cannot keep them for thee; do thou keep them for thyself!"

## WILLIE WISP'S TEMPERANCE LECTURE.

MOTHER went to a funeral one day last spring and left me home alone. I went out to the hen-house for the eggs, and there I saw Speckle sitting all humped up and looking very dumpish. I thought she was going to die. I picked her up and carried her into the house. I hardly know what to do; but I remembered what mother does for young lambs when they are chilled, so I warmed a little milk and put in a few drops of the whisky she keeps on purpose for the lambs. I tried to feed Speckle some of the stuff with a teaspoon, but she would not eat it. She shook her bill and spat it all over my velvet suit. I tried it over and over again, till I was about as speckled as she was. Then I gave it up, and carried her back to the hen-house; and she went to eating corn, as much as to say, "I won't make believe sick any longer if I've got to take that stuff!"

I went back to the house and tried to make my kitty eat the rest of the milk and whisky. She tasted of it, and then went behind the stove and washed herself all over. I wonder if she thought that one taste made her so dirty.

I thought I'd call Bose and have him eat it. Dogs know something! But Bose only smelled it, and then wouldn't taste it at all.

"Well," I thought, "if hens and cats and dogs know enough not to drink whisky, it's a pity a boy shouldn't know as much." I made up my mind then and there that I'd never drink and give folks a chance to say that I was no' as wise as a hen, a cat, or a dog.—*Youth's Companion.*

The best recipe for going through life in a commendable way is to feel that each one needs all the kindness he can get from others in the world.

## LESSON NOTES.

## FOURTH QUARTER.

A.D. 80.] LESSON IV. [Oct. 24.

## JESUS CRUCIFIED.

John 19. 17-30. Commit to mem. vs. 17-19.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

It is finished. John 19. 30.

## OUTLINE.

1. The Cross, v. 17-22.
2. The Soldiers, v. 23, 24.
3. The Friends, v. 25-27.
4. The End, v. 28-30.

TIME.—Friday morning.

PLACE.—Jerusalem: Calvary.

EXPLANATIONS.—*Bearing his cross*—The criminal was compelled to carry upon his back the pieces of the tree upon which he was to suffer. *A title*—A heading to announce to the passer-by who was the criminal. *Took his garments*—The regular habiliments of a Jew. The under garment, and long cloak which served as the coat or over covering. *Cast lots*—They divided the property of the criminal by lot. A pequisite of the guard at crucifixions. *All things*

accomplished—The earthly ministry finished. The prophecies concerning his earthly life all fulfilled. Death only remained. *Vinegar*—The sour wine which was provided by the Roman government. *Hyssop*—A branch of a wild shrub, which, doubtless, grew near, upon which they fastened the sponge.

## TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we shown—

1. The Divine sacrifice for sin!
2. The willing offering for sin!
3. The filial love of Jesus!

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where was Jesus crucified? Near the city of Jerusalem. 2. What title was placed upon the cross by Pilate? Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. 3. What did the soldiers do after they had crucified Jesus? They parted his garments among them. 4. What woman was standing near the cross? The mother of Jesus. 5. To whom did Jesus commit her? To John, the beloved disciple. 6. What dying words of Jesus are given in the GOLDEN TEXT? "It is finished."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The way of salvation.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

53. In what else is your soul different from your body? My soul is that within me which thinks and knows, desires and wills, rejoices and is sorry, which my body cannot do.

54. Is not your soul then of great value? Yes; because it is myself. [Luke ix. 25.]

A.D. 80.] LESSON V. [Oct. 31.

## JESUS RISEN.

John 20. 1-18. Commit to mem. vs. 16-17.

## GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. Luke 24. 34.

## OUTLINE.

1. Mary and the Disciples, v. 1-10.
2. Mary and the Lord, v. 11-18.

TIME.—The resurrection morn. Easter. The first Lord's day.

PLACE.—Near Jerusalem. In Joseph's garden. It is not certainly known where this place was.

EXPLANATIONS.—*First day of the week*—Our Sunday, or Lord's day. *Sepulchre*—Not a grave like ours, but a cave or tomb cut in the solid rock. *The stone taken away*—This tomb was closed by a great stone laid just over the opening, and would not be taken away except to remove a body. *Linen clothes*—The wrappings with which it was usual to dress the body for the grave. *The gardener*—Jesus was buried in the private grounds of Joseph of Arimathea. This would be the keeper of the grounds. *Touch me not*—She was probably casting herself at his feet to embrace and worship him.

## TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. Hope in the midst of sorrow!
2. Love in the midst of sorrow!
3. Joy in the midst of sorrow!

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb? From Friday afternoon until Sunday morning. 2. What then took place? Jesus rose from the dead. 3. Who first saw him after his resurrection? Mary Magdalene. 4. What did Jesus tell her? "I ascend unto my Father." 5. How many times did Jesus appear on the day of his resurrection? Five times. 6. What is said in the GOLDEN TEXT? "The Lord," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Victory over death.

## CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

55. Did God create you? Yes; he made me, both body and soul. [Psalm c. 3; Job x. 11; Num. xvi. 22; Heb. xii. 9.]

56. Does God care for you? I know that he care's for me, and watches over me always by his Providence.

It is a great deal easier to build castles in the air when you are young than it is to live in them when you are old.

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