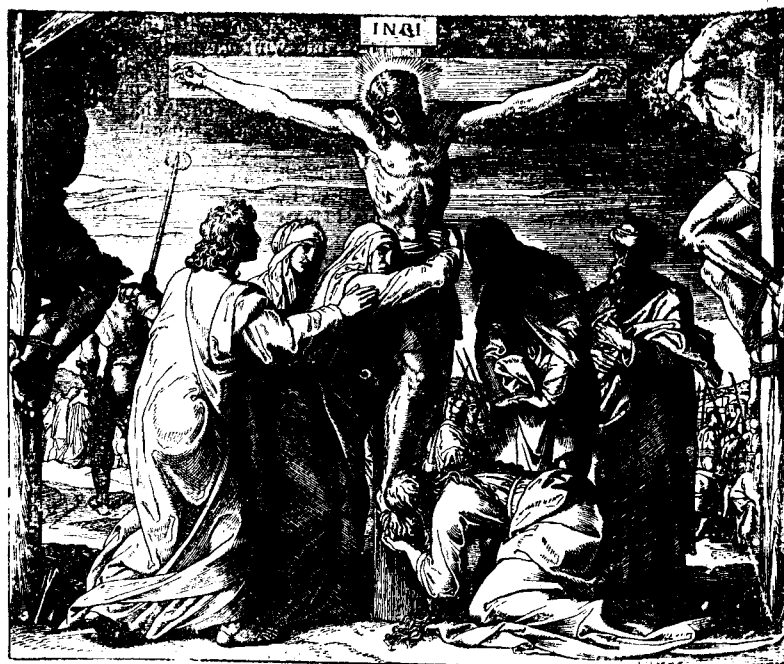




SIMON BEARING THE CROSS OF JESUS.



THE FIRST GOOD FRIDAY.

Finding a Place.

BY MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

You are looking about,
I have never a doubt,
For a foothold upon this fair earth,
Oh! laddie, so trim,
With the well-rounded limb,
And pride in the place of your birth.

Surveying life's steep,
Your young pulses leap,
And your heart gives a rapturous bound;
You would fain turn your hand,
To some work in the land,
If your place in the world can be found.

That is easy enough;
The way may seem rough
At first, and your heart sometimes fail;
But, with resolute mind,
Your place you may find,
And speed on with a favouring gale.

Make not a false dash,
By being too rash,
But let your good sense have fair play;
"Be brave, honest, and true."
Be your watchword straight through,
Though meagre at first seem your pay.

Above all, don't shift,
And aimlessly drift
With the tide as it comes in and goes;
If you do, oh! my lad,
Your life will be sad;
Small joys with a great many woes.

As I look at your face,
Your limbs supply grace,
Your hands that have laid by their toys,
At your nimble young feet,
In pathway and street,
My prayer is, God bless all the boys!

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTERLY REVIEW,

MARCH 25.

GOLDEN TEXT.

I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.—Matt. 22. 32.

I. THE LESSON FRAMEWORK.

The Titles and Golden Texts should be thoroughly committed to memory. No intelligent and profitable review is possible without these.

1. T. F. A. - - - So God created man—
2. A. S. and G. G. For as in Adam all—
3. C. and A. - - - By faith Abel offered—
4. G. C. with N. - I do set my bow—
5. B. of the H. N. I will bless thee, and—
6. G. C. with A. - He believed in the Lord—
7. G. J. on S. - - Shall not the Judge of—
8. T. of A. F. - - By faith Abraham—
9. S. the B. - - - The life is more than—
10. J. at B. - - - Behold, I am with thee—
11. W. a M. - - - Wine is a mocker.

II. SOME LESSON DETAILS.

1. What was God's work on the sixth day? Over what was man given dominion? What was he given for food? Why was the seventh day sanctified?
2. Who was the first liar? Who was the first sinner? What was the first sin? What penalty was pronounced on the sinners? What was the penalty on the tempter?
3. Who made the first recorded offering to the Lord, and of what? What was the first acceptable offering? What act of violence sprang from these offerings? What was Cain's punishment?
4. What was God's covenant with Noah? What was the token of that covenant? How long was the covenant to last? Who were included with Noah in the covenant?
5. What was God's first promise to Abram? Who went with Abram to Canaan? Where did Abram first erect an altar? Where did he build a second altar? Which way did he then journey?
6. What was Abram's age when his name was changed? What promise was then made to him as to posterity? What as to possessions? How long was the covenant with Abraham to last?
7. For whom did Abraham pray? How many pleas did he make for Sodom? What was the first plea? What was the last plea? What answer was given to each plea?
8. What command was given in order to test Abraham? Who went with Abraham to Moriah? What question did Isaac ask? Who prevented the sacrifice of Isaac? What substitute took his place?
9. What two boys are named in this lesson? What was the occupation of each? With whom was each a favourite? What

bargain did Jacob make with Esau? How did Esau regard his birthright?

10. What night vision did Jacob have? What promise was made to him? What memorial did he set up? What vow did he make?

11. What is always a deceiver of man? What man is called foolish? Who is sure of poverty? What man is hard to find! Whose children are blessed?

III. SOME MEMORY TESTS.

What lesson tells of the first sin and of the first promise of a Saviour? (Answer with Title). What lesson tells of the first covenant and the first sign? What one of the first man and the first Sabbath? What one of the first altar in Canaan and the first promise of the Hebrew nation? What one of a crafty buyer and a foolish sale? What one of the first sacrifice and the first murder? What one of a vision of angels and a solemn vow! What one of the changed name of an old man? What one of a great trial and a great deliverance? What one of two fools and the fruits of their folly? What one of six prayers, all granted?

FIRST QUARTER.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON XII.** [March 25.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

Mark 16. 1-8. Memory verses, 6, 7.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But now is Christ risen from the dead.—1 Cor. 15. 20.

OUTLINE.

1. The Visitors, v. 1, 2.
2. The Stone, v. 3, 4.
3. The Angel, v. 5-8.

TIME.

A. D. 29.—The Sunday after the Passover.

PLACE.—Near Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.

"The Sabbath" here referred to is Saturday, the seventh day. "Had bought"—On the evening before the Sabbath, but too late to use on that day "Anoint him"—They may not have known that the body had been already anointed (John 19. 39, 40), or the work that they proposed to do might not have been completely done. "The first day"—Sunday morning, about a day and a half after the body had been placed in the tomb. "Who shall roll"—This was said before they reached the sepulchre. "Entering"—It was a cave hollowed in the rock. "A young man"—An angel (Matt. 28. 2, 5). "And Peter"—Specially named, perhaps, because he had specially sinned. "Into Galilee"—Where took place the meeting named in 1 Cor. 15. 6. "Neither said they"—That is, they did not stop on their way to tell anyone, but went straight to the disciples.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

Where in this lesson are we taught about—

1. The ministry of angels?
2. The resurrection of Jesus?
3. The duty of testifying for Jesus?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. How long was the body of Jesus in the tomb? "From Friday until Sunday." 2.

What then took place? "He rose from the dead." 3. Who first knew of the resurrection? "Mary Magdalene, and o'her women." 4. Who told them of the resurrection? "An angel at the sepulchre." 5. Where did the angel say that they would meet Jesus? "In Galilee." 6. Repeat the Golden Text. "But now is Christ risen from the dead."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The resurrection from the dead.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

How is Christ a King?

Christ is the Lord of every believer. As the supreme and only Head over all things to his church, he rules and defends his people, brings to fulfilment the Father's purpose, and is subduing all things unto himself.

What is the Gospel?

The good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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