

The Suffering Saviour

We know a strong, sturdy boy, who was six or seven years of age before he could bear his mother to tell the story of the Saviour on the cross. When she had gone a certain way with it, he would burst into sobs. The mother was wise, and forebore ; giving him the story from time to time, and bit by bit, as he was able to listen to it, until he knew it all.

If we are to be honest with God's revelation of redemption to us, we must tell the whole sad story ; for the way of the cross is like a dark tunnel through the mountain, leading to the glorious light of day beyond. It is the cross that brings life. But we shall be wise to dwell much on the bright flowers that bloom even in Gethsemane and on Calvary. The following outline for the quarter has this in view.

The general topic is JESUS HONORED AND DISHONORED. In detail we see :—

1. Jesus honored in the home, Matt. 26 : 6-16.
2. Jesus honored in the street, Matt. 21 : 1-17.
3. Jesus honored by the heathen, John 12 : 20-33.
4. Jesus honored by His foes, Matt. 22 : 42.
5. Jesus honored by watchful ones, Matt. 25 : 1-13.
6. Jesus honored by the faithful, Matt. 25 : 14-30.
7. Jesus honored by believing ones, Matt. 26 : 17-30.
8. Jesus honored by His Father, Matt. 26 : 36-46.
9. Jesus dishonored by a disciple, John 18 : 1-14.
10. Jesus dishonored by the Church, Matt. 26 : 57-68.
11. Jesus dishonored by the State, Luke 23 : 13-26.
12. Jesus dishonored in death, Luke 23 : 35-53.

AN ORDER OF SERVICE

For Primary Classes or a Home Lesson

First Quarter, 1901

- I. SING—Dear Father in Heaven, on this
Thine own day,
We little ones meet here to sing
and to pray.
Oh help us to please Thee in all
that we do,
And worship aright, with hearts
pure and true.

II. PRAYER.

III. COLLECTION.

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY LESSON. Teach
Isaiah 53 : 6 and 40 : 11.

V. SINGING.

VI. BIRTHDAY offering and prayer.

VII. RECITE GOLDEN TEXTS for quarter.

VIII. LESSON.

IX. LESSON HYMN for quarter. Hymn
45, Book of Praise.

Thou did'st leave Thy throne
And Thy kingly crown
When Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home
Was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity ;
O ! come to my heart, Lord Jesus.
There is room in my heart for Thee !

X. IN CONCERT. This God is our God for
ever and ever ; He will be our guide even
unto death,