

into the world ; to woman the first announcement was made of the resurrection. (Hilary). And Peter—Jesus' heart was sore for Peter's bitter sorrow at having denied him and he wished to comfort him with a special loving remembrance. "It will be more welcome news to him than to any of them, for he is in sorrow for sin, and he will be afraid lest the joy of this good news do not belong to him." (M. Henry). The view that Peter is named because he was the "chief of the apostles" is contradicted by the fact that he did not hold any such rank. Goeth before you—"Leadeth you as a shepherd." (Lindsay). See Mark 14: 28; Matt. 26: 32. Galilee—The home of most of his disciples and the scene of the greater part of his public ministry.

8. Fled—Luke adds that "they remembered his words." For the first time the real meaning of the sayings which had so puzzled the disciples, and which they had doubtless often talked about among themselves, flashed upon them, and in a tumult of excitement they rushed off to tell the others. Trembling

and astonishment had come upon them (R. V.)—Matthew says "with fear and great joy." The commingled feelings of the women can hardly be analyzed and described fully by words. There were present awe, wonder, hope and, swallowing up all others, unutterable joy. They did not stop to speak to anyone but hastened to tell the wonderful news to the broken-hearted band of disciples. (2 John 20: 3-10). We read that Peter and John to whom Mary Magdalene had gone in haste came running to the sepulchre after the women had departed and seeing the proof of the resurrection also went away to spread the news. Mary, who had returned with them, stood weeping, still thinking that the body of her dear Lord was stolen, when Jesus appeared, first of all, to her, (Mark 16: 9-11; John 20: 11-18). As the other women went to tell the disciples, Jesus met them and repeated the message of the angel. He next appeared to Peter (Luke 24: 34), but to that sacred interview there were no witnesses.

LESSONS. 1. The disciples were careful to observe the Sabbath. 2. We should give the first and freshest moments of the day to Jesus. 3. Jesus has a loving message for every patient disciple. 4. His resurrection is a proof that he has redeemed his people. 5. It is also a pledge of our resurrection from the dead.

THE BLACKBOARD.

HE IS NOT HERE.

BEHOLD THE

PLACE.
ROOF.
ROMISE.

"Then shall ye see him."

LESSON X—June 9th, 1895.

The walk to Emmaus. LUKE 24: 13-32.

(Commit to memory verses 25-27).

GOLDEN TEXT: "He opened to us the Scriptures." Luke 24: 32.

PROVE THAT—Christ is present with us. Matt. 28: 20.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 81, 104, 178, 245.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 24. *How doth Christ execute the office of a prophet? A.* Christ executeth the office of a prophet, in revealing to us, by his word and spirit, the will of God for our salvation.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* The walk to Emmaus. Luke 24: 13-24. *Tuesday.* The walk to Emmaus. Luke 24: 25-32. *Wednesday.* Thomas convinced. John 20: 24-31. *Thursday.* Testified beforehand. 1 Pet. 1: 1-12. *Friday.* Not understood. Luke 18: 28-34. *Saturday.* Slow to believe. Mark 16: 9-14. *Sabbath.* Moses and the prophets. Acts 3: 19-26. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the women returning from the sepulchre, and to Peter; the soldiers had brought the story of the resurrection to the chief