

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

Take the name of Jesus.
I need thee every hour.
Lead, kindly Light.
Will Jesus find us watching?
Heaven is my home.
Jerusalem the golden.

No. 2.

Lift up your hearts to things above.
Come, Holy Spirit, raise our songs.
Our blest Redeemer, ere he breathed.
Come, let us use the grace divine.

The Lesson Catechism.

[For the entire school.]

1. Where did Jesus tell his disciples he was going? **To prepare a place for them.**
2. What did he say he would do when he came again? **Receive them unto himself.**
3. What did he promise in our GOLDEN TEXT?
I will pray the Father.
4. How did he tell Judas God would manifest himself unto his disciples? **God the Father will make his abode with such.**
5. What does Jesus leave us as an inheritance?
Peace I leave with you.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. Did God create you?

Yes; He made me, both body and soul.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us.—Psalm c. 3.

Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews.—Job x. 11.

Thoughts for the Quiet Hour.

— O Saviour, we are all dead and buried in the grave of our sinful nature; the stone of oblation must be taken away from our hearts ere we can hear thy reviving voice. . . . O, let thy faithful agents by the power of thy law and the grace of thy Gospel take off the stone, that thy voice may enter into the grave of miserable corruption.—*Bishop Hall*.

— The spirit of man is an instrument which cannot give out its deepest, finest tones except under the immediate hand of the divine Harmonist.—*Shairp*.

— Without a belief in personal immortality religion is surely like an arch resting on one pillar, like a bridge ending in an abyss.—*Müller*.

— Give me the homely vessel of humility, which God shall preserve and fill with the wine of his grace, rather than the varnished cup of pride, which he will dash in pieces, like a potter's vessel.—*Secker*.

— Knowledge is good and light is good, yet man perished in seeking knowledge and moths perish in seeking light; and if we who are crushed before the moth will not accept such mystery as is needful for us we shall perish in like manner.—*Ruskin*.

— Never to tire, never to grow cold; to be patient, sympathetic, tender; to look for the budding flower and the opening heart; to hope always, like God; to love always—this is duty.—*Amiel*.

— Would that the days of our human autumn were as calmly grand, as gorgeously hopeful, as the days that lead the aging year down to the grave of winter.—*Macdonald*.

— Dull duties a little way off may become God's rainbows to men.—*Beecher*.

— Fruitless is sorrow for having done amiss if it issue not in a resolution to do so no more.—*Bishop Horne*.

— How prompt we are to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our bodies; how slow to satisfy the hunger and thirst of our souls!—*Thoreau*.

— The world may misunderstand God's rebukes, or put an unkind construction upon them; his children cannot, for they know "God is love."—*Bonar*.

— We speak to God in prayer; he speaks to us in his word. We should take the candle of God's word and search the corner of our hearts.—*Mason*.

— The God who is better to you than all your fears, yea, better than your hopes, perhaps intends the affliction to remain with you until it lifts the latch of heaven for you and lets you into your eternal rest.—*Spurgeon*.

— If Christians lived nearer God they would have no difficulty in loving one another.—*Hamilton*.

At Home.

. . . THE importance of preserving the historic documents relating to the churches is becoming more recognized as the years go by. A contribution to these materials for the future historian of the Church is given in *Glimpses of Nearly One Hundred Years of Methodism in Haverstraw, N. Y.*, by the pastor, the Rev. James B. Faulks, M.A. In this pamphlet of fifty-six pages are many facts of great interest and value. It is to be wished that other pastors all over the Church would do a similar work for their respective churches.