

## Good Friday.

I SAW the vision of a clamorous crowd  
Tossing their arms aloft, with panting  
breath  
And vests ungirdled, imprecating loud  
Upon the Just One, Calvary's shameful  
death ;  
And from the crowd a child, with wide, wet  
eyes,  
And hair blown back with running, take  
the way  
Into Jerusalem, full of grieved surprise,  
And anxious anger at men's cold delay.  
His child heart, pure and true, thought all  
must fly  
To save the Lord. With sad reproach he  
said :  
"He loved you ! Did you good continually ;  
He healed the sick and blind ; the poor he  
fed !"  
Twas all in vain. The solemn darkness  
crept  
Through silent streets in awful mystery ;  
Women and children in their chambers wept,  
And men, with hidden faces, turned from  
Calvary.

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TO SCHOOLS OPENING IN THE  
SPRING.

It is important that schools opening in the spring, and desiring to take advantage of the Summer Series of our Sunday-school periodicals, should be organized for work before May 1st, and should send in their orders for papers or requests for grants as early in April as possible. With the first May numbers of both PLEASANT HOURS and Home and School will be begun interesting serial stories which will be continued for about six months. It is important to begin subscriptions with these numbers so as to get these stories without break. Special Jubilee numbers of all our Sunday-school papers will be issued in June, full of pictures and stories illustrative of the life and reign of the Queen.

## WISE MEN FROM THE EAST.

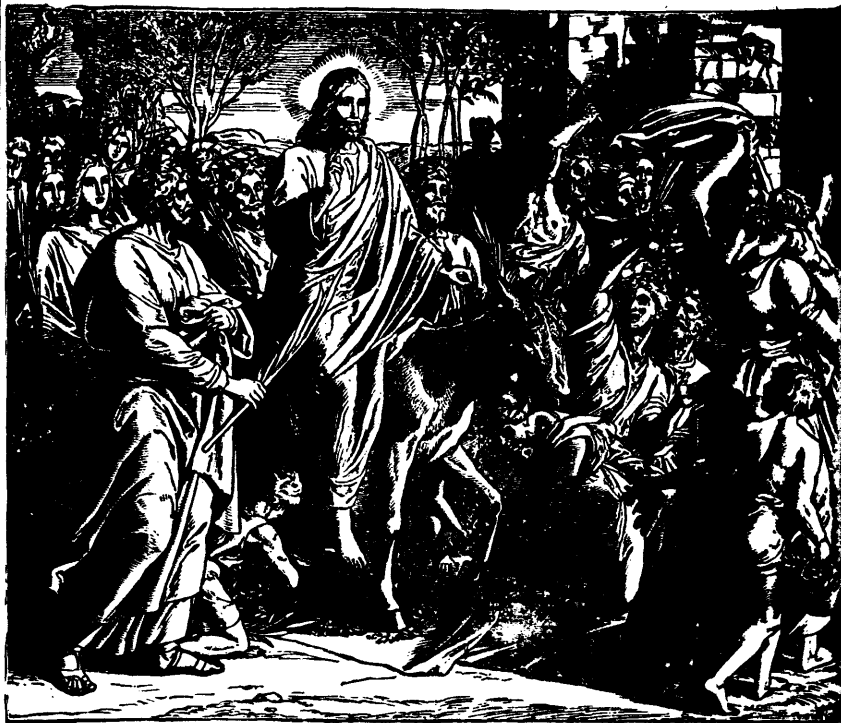
It is greatly to the credit of our friends in the Maritime Provinces that they have contributed so largely to the literature and science and public life of the Dominion—in a greater degree, we think, in proportion to their numbers, than has any other part of the country. Without stopping to investigate, the following occur at once to our memory, as wise men from the East: Sir William Dawson, Principal Grant, Edmund Kirk, Professor De Mille, Judge Haliburton and his distinguished nephew, Judge Wilmot, Joseph Howe, and others who have won very wide fame. Our own Methodist Magazine has contributed in no small degree in calling forth and giving the opportunity for the exercise of the talent of a large number of our ministers and laymen from the east. Its pages have been enriched by the contributions of Revs. Dr. Lathern, Dr. Stewart, W. B. Harrison, M. R. Knight, Dr. Pope, W. Percival. S. B. Dunn, G. O. Huestis, A. W. Nicolson, J. Ockley, Esq., and others. The literary reputation of Revs. E. Evans, Job Shenton, T. Watson Smith, Dr. McMurray, Dr. Pickard, Dr. Allison and Dr. Milligan, is well known even in this far-off west.

What led, however, to this train of thought was the announcement in the English Methodist periodicals, in republication in Great Britain from the Methodist Magazine, of that admirable sketch of Newfoundland life, "Skipper George Netman, of Caplin Bight," by the Rev. Geo. Bond, ex-President of the Newfoundland Conference. The thrilling story in this number of PLEASANT HOURS, "Adrift on an Iceberg," is from the same accomplished pen. The April number of the Methodist Magazine has also a vivid story by Brother Bond—"Captain Sam's Two Easters,"—which will touch all hearts. He has also promised a series of "Vagabond Vignettes," describing his recent wanderings in Europe. The Rev. Henry Lewes' sketches of Newfoundland life and of Welsh preachers have attracted much attention. Doubtless our eastern friends will think of several other names as worthy of mention as those above given.

## EASTER EGGS.

EASTER, as most of our little readers know, is an annual religious festival, appointed to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It occurs in the spring, when nature seems to be awakening to a new life, and in all Christian countries it is the season of various ceremonies and sports. Among the best known of these is the custom of making presents of colored eggs, which are sometimes beautifully ornamented.

A gentleman who once lived in Germany says: "The parents of the family in which I boarded hid the Easter eggs, and the children had to hunt for them. Out in the garden, from under the gooseberry-bushes, from among the ivy-



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vines, from out the long grass at the foot of the apple-trees, would come the glad cry, 'Ich habe eins!'—'I have one!' If the weather is rainy, the eggs are found in the house; but to look for them outdoors is what the children like best.

"It is a pretty sight, which I wish some of our children could have seen too; and the pleasure of watching the dear, happy round faces, all aglow with admiration of their prizes, and with cheeks rosy from the 'hunting,' is one of the brightest memories which I carried away with me from my trip to Germany."

We beg to call special attention to the fine cut on the first page. It is after a design by the famous French artist Doré, and is a fine example of his best style. It was purchased for this number of PLEASANT HOURS. Neither effort nor expense shall be spared to get the very best engravings that can be procured for our Sunday-school papers.

## EASTERN STREETS.

THE streets of Eastern cities often are not more than two or three feet wide. They are so narrow that in many places persons cannot safely pass a loaded camel. Many of them are very winding and circuitous. One in Damascus, an exception to the general rule, was distinguished by the name Straight; and there is still a street so named in that city, about half a mile in length.

In ancient times the streets of Jerusalem had names. Among those mentioned in the Scriptures are "Baker Street," from which Zedekiah ordered Jeremiah's food to be sent to him; "East Street," into which Hezekiah gathered the priests and Levites when exhorting them to cleanse the house of God and to carry forth the filthiness that had been allowed to

lie there in heaps in the days of Ahas; "Temple Street," or the "Street of the House of God," into which the men of Judah and Benjamin came together in the days of Ezra; and "Watergate Street," where the people met in the days of Nehemiah. Nor were the streets of the city few; for Jeremiah, when warning Israel against the increase of her false gods, says, "According to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing."

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AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them to me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. (Matt. xxi. 1-11.)