

HOME READINGS.

- M.* The journey to the sea. Exod. 13. 17-32; 14. 1-9.
Tu. The pursuit to the sea. Exod. 14. 10-18.
W. The escape through the sea. Exod. 14. 19-31.
Th. The song of Moses. Exod. 15. 1-23.
F. Baptism in the sea. 1 Cor. 10. 1-12.
S. Through Jordan dry-shod. Josh. 3. 7-17.
S. With Christ on Galilee. Matt. 14. 22-33.

GOLDEN TEXT.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee. Isa. 43. 2.

LESSON HYMNS.

- No. 109, Dominion Hymnal.
 Oh, sometimes the shadows are deep,
 And rough seems the path to the goal.
 No. 119, Dominion Hymnal.
 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah.
 No. 264, Dominion Hymnal.
 The sea is wildly tossing.

TIME.—1491 B. C. Just after the passover.

PLACE.—Pihahiroth. The sea.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The supernatural in religion.

QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

- The Cloud.**
 When did the cloud, mentioned in ver. 19, first appear?
 Where was it wont to be when Israel was marching?
 How long did this cloud remain as the guide of Israel? Exod. 40. 38.
 What ought to have been the effect of the cloud moving to the rear upon the minds of the people?
 What was the purpose of this cloud?
 Is it like any thing in secular history?
 What did it become to the people in their years of wandering?
- The Sea.**
 What part of the Red Sea did Israel cross?
 What led them to this entrapped position between the mountains and the sea?
 What was the means that opened the sea—natural or supernatural?
 What purpose did Moses's outstretched hand serve?
 Of what was the wide sea spread before them a type in our lives?
 What was the one essential to deliverance?
- The Foe.**
 How came Israel to have a foe in the rear?
 What was the first effect upon the people? ver. 10-12.
 What promise did Moses make them of deliverance?
 Why did these Egyptians follow so eagerly?
 How was their destruction effected?
 How complete was it? Psa. 136.
 How does the fact that the Israelites were not molested in the peninsula corroborate the Bible story?
 How generally was this story believed by the Jews even to latest times?

Practical Teachings.

In God's providence very often what is light to one man is dark to another. Why?
 The extremity of Israel was God's opportunity.
 The command of God was explicit: "Go forward."
 What God wanted was not vain cries for deliverance, but action.
 Let us learn these lessons:
 God is always ready to help when help is needed.
 God could not have helped them then if they had not obeyed.
 God never leads a man into difficulty without providing an escape.
 If there is no way of escape opened, be sure God did not lead you. You went by yourself.

Hints for Home Study.

- This is an exceedingly important lesson; therefore, study it with great care. Read over and over till you can tell it like a familiar story.
- Try to picture to your mind the whole scene. The

mountains in the rear; the sea before; a foe close at hand; no escape possible; a frightened people; a praying leader; and then the first sign of help; the slowly changing pillar of cloud.

3. Read chap. 15, to see how Moses describes the deliverance. Read also the Psalm which describes it.

4. Find other Scripture incidents where the waters of rivers or seas yielded obedience to God's servants acting under his direction. Can you think of four others?

5. Find for yourself two practical lessons not given already.

QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

- The Cloud.**
 Who removed from before the camp of Israel?
 What was the symbol of the divine presence?
 Between whom did the cloud come?
 How did it appear to the Egyptians?
 How to the Israelites?
- The Sea.**
 What did Moses do to make a path through the sea?
 What did God do?
 Where did the Israelites then go?
 What wall was on either side?
 What promise of safety does God give to all his people? (See Golden Text.)
- The Foe.**
 What foe pursued the Israelites?
 Who saw the Egyptians in the morning?
 How did the Lord "trouble" the foe?
 What discovery did they make too late?
 What command did Moses receive?
 What became of the Egyptians?
 How many of them escaped?
 What deliverance came to the Israelites?
 What did the people see?
 What promise was thus fulfilled? v. 13.
 What effect had the deliverance on Israel?

Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

- That God is the defense of his people?
- That God's enemies are sure of defeat?
- That miracles are an aid to faith?

Hints for Home Study.

When did the pillar of cloud first appear to the Israelites?
 How long was it their guide?

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

- Who pursued the children of Israel after they left Egypt? **Pharaoh and his army.**
 What moved and stood between the Israelites and the Egyptians? **The pillar of cloud.**
 Of what was this a sign? **Of the presence of God.**
 Where does God ever stand? **Between his children and their enemies.**
 What did the cloud bring to the Egyptians? **Darkness.**
 What did it give to the Israelites? **Light upon the way.**
 What did Moses do? **He stretched out his rod over the sea.**
 What happened? **God divided the waters by a strong east wind.**
 What did the Israelites do? **They passed over the bed of the sea on dry ground.** (Repeat the Golden Text.)
 Who followed after them? **Pharaoh and his soldiers.**
 What did God command Moses a second time? **To stretch out his arm over the sea.**
 What happened? **The waters rushed together.**
 What became of the Egyptians? **All were destroyed.**
 What effect did their great deliverance have upon the Israelites? **They believed in God.**
 What did they take Moses to be? **Their leader, given them of God.**

Words with Little People.

Beware lest your end be like Pharaoh's.
 Heed the warnings God has given you.
 Accept the Saviour he has sent you.
 Believe in his power to deliver you from Satan and his hosts.