

CHRISTMAS.

DAINTY little stockings
Hanging in a row,
Blue and gray and scarlet,
In the fire-lights glow.

Curly-pated sleepers
Safely tucked in bed;
Dreams of wondrous toy-shops
Dancing through each head.

Funny little stockings
Hanging in a row,
Stuffed with sweet surprises
Down from top to toe.

Skates and balls and trumpets,
Dishes, tops, and drums,
Books and dolls and candies,
Nuts and sugar-plums.

Little sleepers waking;
Bless me, what a noise!
Wish you merry Christmas,
Happy girls and boys!

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTERLY REVIEW. DEC' 25
REVIEW QUESTIONS.

Lesson I.—GOLDEN TEXT: The Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Who betrayed Jesus? Judas, one of his disciples. Where was he betrayed? In the Garden of Gethsemane. Who was angry when they took Jesus? Peter. What did the Jews do with Jesus? They bound him and led him to the high-priest.

Lesson II.—GOLDEN TEXT: I find in him no fault at all. Who found no fault in Jesus? Pilate, governor of Judea. What did the Jews want Pilate to do? To condemn Jesus to death. What did Pilate try to do? To set Jesus free. What did the Jews cry out? Not this man, but Barabbas. What was Barabbas? A robber and a murderer.

Lesson III.—GOLDEN TEXT: Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. Who delivered Jesus to the Jews to be crucified? Pontius Pilate. Why did Pilate do this when he found no fault in him? To please the people. What was the determination of the people? That he must die. What did Pilate know? That Jesus was innocent. What should he have done? Protected him from the people.

Lesson IV.—GOLDEN TEXT: It is finished. Who uttered these words? Jesus, when he hung upon the cross. What was finished? The work he came to do to save the world. How long did Jesus suffer on the

cross? Six hours. Why did he suffer and die? To save us from our sins.

Lesson V.—GOLDEN TEXT: The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. When did Jesus rise from the dead? On the morning of the third day. Who came to his tomb early on the morning of that day? Mary Magdalene. What did she tell Peter and John? That it was empty. What did John and Peter see when they looked into it? The linen grave-clothes lying. What did Mary see? Two angels in white. Who appeared to Mary as she wept at the tomb? Jesus, the risen one.

Lesson VI.—GOLDEN TEXT: And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Who refused to believe that Jesus was risen from the dead? Thomas. What did he tell the disciples? That he must see the prints of the wounds before he would believe. What did Jesus show him? The wounds in his hands and his side. Why did Thomas then believe? Because he had seen Jesus and his wounds. Who are more blessed than Thomas? Those who believe in Jesus without seeing him.

Lesson VII.—GOLDEN TEXT: He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. To whom was this charge given? To Simon Peter. Where? On the sea-shore. Before whom? The disciples. What had Peter done? Denied his Lord. What did Jesus wish to show Peter? That he loved him still. What did the Lord tell Peter? That he should be counted worthy to die for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Lesson VIII.—GOLDEN TEXT: If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin. What does Jesus tell us? That God is light. Why is God light and without darkness? Because he is pure and holy. What must we do? Try to be like him. What will take away all our sin? The precious blood of Jesus. If we love God, how will others know it? By our love to each other.

Lesson IX.—GOLDEN TEXT: I am he that liveth, and was dead, and, behold, I am alive for evermore. Who spoke these words to John on Patmos? Jesus the risen one. Describe him as he appeared to John. When shall every eye behold him in his glory? When he comes to earth upon the clouds of heaven. For what shall the earth tremble and mourn? For its sins. Who will be glad to see Jesus? All who have loved and obeyed him.

Lesson X.—GOLDEN TEXT: Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the

Lamb for ever and ever. Who sang a new song of praise unto God and to the Lamb? Every created thing in heaven and earth and sea. Why was the Lamb worthy of the new song? Because he was slain for the salvation of the world. What had he power to do? To open the book with the seven seals. Why was God worthy of the new song? Because he gave his dearly beloved Son to die for the sins of the world.

Lesson XI.—GOLDEN TEXT: Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple. Who stand before the throne of God and serve him? Those who wear white robes and carry palms in their hands. Who only can wear the white robes? Those who are washed in the blood of the Lamb. What must every one bear on earth before they can wear a white robe in heaven? Sorrow and pain for Jesus' sake. What does God promise them? To wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Lesson XII.—GOLDEN TEXT: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen. Who says he is coming quickly? The Lord Jesus. What will he bring with him? A reward for every man according to his work. What will he give to those who love him? A right to enter into the city and eat of the tree of life. To whom does he say "Come?" To every one. How will he give to all who come to him? Freely, without money and without price.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

THANK God for Christmas! It has a face so cheery that our own faces brighten as we look into it. It is so merry with bell-music and carol-singing that we find ourselves joining in its songs. And it is a friend true and warm that we welcome it with our hearts.

Christmas is coming; let us make it merry one. Let sorrow chasten and subdue, but not render us selfish and hard. Rather let us be more tender because of his presence—more anxious to lighten the burden of it for others. Let us do without something that a sick child may be fed, a cold room warmed. Let us invite as a guest of the festival some solitary individual; let us send parcels to the poor, and greetings to the aged. Let us think what he whose birthday we celebrate would do if he were in our place, and then let us do it joyfully and for his sake. What did he do? Feed the hungry? Heal the sick? Yes; and when he could no longer do that he said, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done."

Dear friends, God give you a happy Christmas!