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When Love Repays

The nursery fire burns red as a rose,
And against the curtained window-panes
The purple twilight is pressing close,
And the wild, north wind at the lattice
strains.

Oh, scent of the woods! from the pine log
there,
Was there ever so safe and warm a nest?
Or up in the tree-tops anywhere
A drowsier birdling rocked to rest?

The lingering notes of a lullaby fall
Into silence more hushed and still
For the rockers' creak, the night wind's
call,
And the rose-leaf ashes that crumple and
spill.

Lie close, little burden of joy and delight!
Only for Mother the dream smile strays,
And the rapturous, sleepy sighs take flight.
This is the hour when Love repays.
—Scribner's Magazine

Some Bible Homes

By *Mary Isobel Houston*

THE HOME OF MARY AND MARTHA

What a flutter of excitement there must have been in the little home in Bethany where Martha and Mary lived with Lazarus, their brother, when they heard that Jesus was coming to visit in their home! They were not rich, nor were they numbered among the important people of this little village near

Jerusalem, but Jesus counted them among his warmest friends.

Nowhere in the little village, with its fine fig gardens and its terraced walls, could a better-kept house be found, not that the two sisters could afford servants to look after it, but Martha, the older sister, was known as a careful housekeeper. When Jesus honored the sisters and their brother with a visit, so busy was Martha preparing things for His comfort and getting the house in order, that she had little time to spend with the great guest. Mary loved Jesus quite as much as did her older sister, but when Jesus was with them she would neglect many of the tasks that Martha considered most important, and spend long hours listening to the wonderful words that the guest spoke to them.

Perhaps she felt that these precious visits must soon come to an end, and not a moment must be lost. Martha grew impatient with her sister's lack of interest in household things, while Mary could not understand Martha's indifference to the words of Jesus.

But they were alike in their great grief when Lazarus, the beloved brother, died. And when, three days later, Jesus came to the sorrowing home, they did not see how even He could do anything to help them. But He did help them, and by bringing the brother to life again, once more made the little home circle complete.

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Jesus, Saviour and King

By *Rev. J. M. Duncan, D.D.*

The title of the Quarter's Lesson, is, Jesus the World's Saviour and King, and in them