

**A CRADLE HYMN.**

HUSH, my dear, lie still and slumber,  
Holy angels guard thy bed;  
Heavenly blessings without number  
Gently falling on thy head.

Sleep, my babe; thy food and raiment,  
House and home thy friends provide,  
All without thy care or payment,  
All thy wants are well supplied.

How much better thou'rt attended  
Than the Son of God could be,  
When from heaven he descended,  
And became a child like thee!

Soft and easy is thy cradle;  
Coarse and hard the Saviour lay,  
When his birthplace was a stable,  
And his softest bed was hay.

Blessed babe! what glorious features,  
Spotless, fair, divinely bright!  
Must he dwell with brutal creatures?  
How could angels bear the sight?

Was there nothing but a manger  
Cursed sinners could afford,  
To receive the heavenly stranger?  
Did they thus affront the Lord?

Soft, my child; I did not chide thee,  
Though my song might sound too hard;  
'Tis thy mother sits beside thee,  
And her arms shall be thy guard.

Yet to read the shameful story,  
How the Jews abused their King,  
How we served the Lord of glory,  
Makes me angry while I sing.

See the kinder shepherds round him,  
Telling wonders from the sky!  
Where they sought him there they found  
him,  
With his Virgin Mother by.

See the lovely babe addressing;  
Lovely infant, how he smiled!  
When he wept, the mother's blessing  
Soothed and hushed the holy child.

Lo, he slumbered in his manger,  
Where the horned oxen feed;  
Peace, my darling, here's no danger,  
Here's no ox a-near thy bed.

'Twas to save thee, child, from dying,  
Save my dear from burning flame,  
Bitter groans, and endless crying,  
That thy blest Redeemer came.

May'st thou live to know and fear him,  
Trust and love him all thy days;  
Then go dwell forever near him,  
See his face and sing his praise!

**LESSON NOTES.**

**FIRST QUARTER.**

**TEMPERANCE LESSON.**

A.D. 64] [March 31

Eph. 5. 1-21. Comm. to mem. vs. 17, 18.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph 5. 18.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Wise, v. 15-17.
2. Temperate, v. 18, 19.
3. Thankful, v. 20, 21.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

What is it to walk circumspectly? To walk carefully.

Who show themselves foolish? Those who live careless lives.

What is time given us for? To use for God.

What are we told to do? To redeem the time.

What does this mean? To make the most of our opportunities.

What must we try to understand? The will of the Lord.

What will hinder our understanding God's will? The drinking of wine.

What does this lead to? Evil of all kinds.

With what should we be filled? With the Spirit.

How may we praise our God? By singing and speaking our joy.

For what should we give thanks? For all things.

Whom should we thank? Our Father, in the name of Jesus.

What will the right spirit lead us to do? To be obedient to rightful authority.

Who may be filled with the right spirit? All who desire and ask it.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

The Spirit of Alcohol	The Spirit of Jesus
Makes people foolish,	Makes people thought-
careless, reckless, and	wise, reasonable and
evil.	good.

"Take not thy Holy Spirit from me."

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—Self control.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

26. *Who was Lydia?* A devout woman whose heart the Lord opened when St. Paul preached.

**SECOND QUARTER.**

**STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.**

A.D. 30] **LESSON I.** [April 7

**THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY.**

Mark. 11. 1-11. Comm. to mem. vs. 8-10.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee. Zech. 9. 9.

**OUTLINE.**

1. The King, v. 1-7.
2. His coming, v. 8-11.

**QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.**

Where were Jesus and his disciples going? To Jerusalem.

How did they travel? On foot.

Where did they stop? At Bethany.

What village was near Bethany? Bethphage.

Whom did Jesus send to Bethphage? Two of the disciples.

What did he tell them to bring him? A young colt.

What did he mean to do with it? To ride upon it to Jerusalem.

Why did he wish to ride into Jerusalem? To fulfil the word of the Lord. (See Zech. 9. 9.)

What did the disciples spread upon the colt? Their garments.

Who followed Jesus to Jerusalem? A great crowd of people.

What did they cast before him? Branches of trees, and their own cloaks.

Why did they do this? To honor him as a king.

What did they sing? A psalm of praise.

Where did Jesus go when he entered Jerusalem? To the temple.

To what village did he go at night? To Bethany.

Who went with him? The twelve disciples.

**WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.**

**The Coming of Our King.**

He comes to each child this very day!  
How do you receive him? With love and praise?

Do you go out to meet him with gladness?

Do you honor him by obedience?  
"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee."

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The King of kings.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

27 *Who was Apollus?* An eloquent teacher, whom Priscilla and Aquilla instructed in the Christian faith.