



### Song for Easter.

BY MRS. LUTHER KEENE.

THE tiny buds begin to wake,  
Down in their dark, cold bed,  
As swift the kisses of the sun  
Fall on each nestling head,  
"We must rise," they say,  
"To meet the spring's birthday!"

The bonny birds in distant clime  
The secret message hear;  
We catch the answer floating back,  
In carols glad and clear;  
"Homeward we fly and sing,  
Sing for the beautiful spring."

And shall our hearts alone be still,  
When sky and stream, bright bird  
And flowers, and God's sweet  
grace are ours?  
Nay, let glad thanks be heard;  
"We wake, we live, we sing  
To greet our risen King!"

## LESSON NOTES.

### SECOND QUARTER

LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF OUR LORD.

A. D. 30.] LESSON III. (April 21)

#### WATCHFULNESS.

Matt. 24. 42-51. Memory verses, 44-46

#### GOLDEN TEXT.

Take ye heed, watch and pray.—Mark 13.33

#### OUTLINE.

1. Faithfulness, and its Results, v. 42-47.
2. Neglect and its Results, v. 48-51.

TIME.—The afternoon of Tuesday, April 4, A. D. 30; the third day before our Lord's death.

PLACE.—The Mount of Olives.

RULERS.—Tiberius, emperor at Rome. Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea. Herod Antipas, tetrarch of Perea and Galilee. Caiaphas, high priest of the Jews.

#### HOME READINGS.

- M. Watchfulness.—Matt. 24. 42-51.  
Th. The ten virgins.—Matt. 25. 1-13.  
W. Ready.—Luke 12. 31-40.  
Th. Not ready.—Luke 12. 41-48.  
P. Pray always.—Luke 21. 29-36.  
S. Spiritual watchfulness.—1 Thessa. 5. 4-11.  
Su. The day will come.—2 Peter 3. 9-15.

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. Faithfulness and its Results, v. 42-47. What sayings of Jesus led to this discourse? Verse 2.

What three questions did the disciples ask? Verse 3.

What was Jesus' answer to the first question? Verse 36.

What duty is then commanded?

What motive is set before us?

When will anyone watch against thieves?

How will such watchfulness result?

Why should we be always ready for the coming of Christ?

What honour has a faithful servant from his master?

When is this servant blessed?

What reward will he then receive?

What says Jesus about his own coming?

See Rev. 16. 15.

What injunction ought we all to heed? (Golden Text.)

2. Neglect, and its Results, v. 48-51.

What will an evil servant say to himself?

What evil conduct will he fall into?

What surprise will overtake him?

What punishment will come on him?

Where will the negligent servant be cast? See Matt. 25. 30.

What expressions of sorrow will follow?

#### TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.

What are we taught in this lesson—

1. About Jesus coming again?
2. About the time of his coming?
3. About our duty in view of his coming?

#### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What does Christ say might happen to the householder who did not guard his house? It might be broken into. 2. What did he say would happen to the evil servant who neglected his duty? He would be cut

asunder. 3. What lesson did Jesus teach from these two illustrations? "Therefore, be ye also ready." 4. What did he call such a one who was always ready for his coming? "A faithful and wise servant." 5. What did he say which shows that these teachings were meant for more than the twelve to whom he spoke? "What I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." 6. What is the Golden Text? "Take ye heed, watch and pray."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION—  
The second coming of Christ

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

Does the law of God promise the pardon of sin to those who have transgressed it?

No; pardon is promised only in the Gospel, and through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## JAPANESE CHILDREN.

THE Japanese are trained to civility from babyhood. Before a baby can speak, it is taught to lift the hand to the forehead on receiving a gift. Should a child fail to make this signal of respect and gratitude, it would be reproved by some bystander.

Mr. Albert Tracy, who rambled through Japan without a guide, while strolling about a town, stopped to see the children coming from school.

They walked sedately and quietly with books and slates under their arms. The sight of a bearded foreigner startled the first to come, but they made a respectful bow and passed on. The next one repeated this civility, and then as fast as the pupils came they made a profound reverence.

The innate gentleness of the people impressed the Rambler. He records that he never saw a single instance among the boys of that tyrannical, bullying spirit, so often observed in other countries, that de-

lights in inflicting pain on weaker companions. Japanese children are well behaved, even toward each other.

## A Song of Easter Day.

O LOVELY day of Easter! Thou art the dearest thing  
That comes with joy and solace in all the happy spring;  
The fairest flowers and purest, the song most glad and clear  
That stirs with buoyant music the pulses of the year.

Fair is April sunshine; strong the March wind's breath,  
Calling all the little leaves from frozen sleep of death;  
Precious is the fragrance that scents the locks of May;  
But what is all their beauty to the blessed Easter Day.

Laugh the meadows snooded in ribbons green of grass,  
Silver-breasted swallows in long homeward flight do pass,  
All the land is smiling with the little flowers at play,—  
But the promise of thy message is more jubilant than they.

Lilting go the bright streams, singing as they run;  
Hide the dimpling shadows from seeking of the sun;  
Small wee lambs are bleating in safe and sheltered fold;  
The newer day is dawning on the darkness of the old.

Still art thou the fairest. When thy feet pass o'er  
Through God's silent acres, all the seeds that lie  
Waiting for his harvest, planted still and deep,  
Thrill beneath thy footsteps, waken from their sleep.

Rise to joy and glory; rise to hope and love;  
Rise to bloom and burgeon in fairer fields above,

Rise to lift and strengthen, with healing touch and kind,  
The hearts that else were broken, the eyes that else were blind!

O come thou in the dark time, or come thou in the bright,  
Thou art the chiefest treasure of all the year's delight;

Of all its best and rarest the one divinest thing;  
Thou fadeless lily shining! thou crown and soul of spring!



## Easter Lilies.

BY LUCY A. BOCRNE.

O LILIES, with your pure white lips  
Tell me the Easter tale again;  
How sweet-winged Purity "arose,"  
By Victory's hand, in love to reign.  
Teach me, how like thine own my lips  
From worldly stain may be kept free,  
Calling to life but purest thoughts,  
Like echoes coming back to me

O lilies, with the heart of gold  
And heaven's touch of dewy down,  
Show me by inspiration pure  
His heart of gold and starry crown  
That spread o'er earth a blending glow  
While angels sang a "Risen Lord,"  
That Easter morning long ago.

## WE THINK

that every Canadian Sunday-school library should have for the reading of the boys that entertaining book

## A VETERAN OF 1812

THE LIFE OF

Lieut., Col. James FitzGibbon

BY

MARY AGNES FITZGIBBON

Cloth, with portrait and illustrations \$1

Miss FitzGibbon did a noble work for the youth of Canada in presenting this entrancing story of the life of her grandfather, giving as it does so vivid an account of the war of 1812-14, and of the rebellion of 1837. There are lessons of sturdy pluck, manly ambition, devotion to duty, and lofty patriotism that will be a stimulus to every reader. Be sure to get it into your Library.

## WILLIAM BRIGGS,

METHOD BOOK AND PUBLISHING HOUSE, TORONTO

C. W. COATES, Montreal, Que.

S. F. HURST, Halifax, N.S.