

EASTER TIME.

THE little flowers came through the ground,
At Easter time, at Easter time,
They raised their heads and looked around,
At happy Easter time.
And every pretty bud did say,
"Good people, bless this holy day"
For Christ is risen, the angels say,
This happy Easter time"

The pure white lily raised its cup,
At Easter time, at Easter time;
The crocus to the sky looked up,
At happy Easter time.
"We hear the song of heaven!" they say;
"Its glory shines on us to-day;
Oh! may it shine on us always
At holy Easter time"

'Twas long and long and long ago,
That Easter time, that Easter time,
But still the pure white lilies blow
At happy Easter time.
And still each little flower doth say,
"Good Christians, bless this holy day"
For Christ has risen, the angels say,
At blessed Easter time!"

—Laura E. Richards.

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

A.D. 57] LESSON III. [April 20.

PAUL'S PREACHING.

1 Cor. 1. 17-31. Commit to memory verses 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

We preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness. 1 Cor. 1. 23.

OUTLINE.

1. Its Theme, v. 17-20.
2. Its Power, v. 21-25.
3. Its Result, v. 26-31.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What was Paul called to be? An apostle of Jesus.

What was he called to do? To preach Jesus.

To whom is the cross the power of God? To those saved from sin.

What has God made foolish? Worldly wisdom.

What has God exalted? The cross of Christ.

Why was the story of the cross a stumbling-block to the Jews? They believed that their Messiah could never die.

Why did it seem foolishness to the Gentiles? That Christ could save others, but not himself.

What is found in Christ? The power and the wisdom of God.

Who are called to be God's children? Those who are weak in their own strength.

Why cannot the wise and the mighty and the noble come to God? They believe in themselves, and do not feel the need of God.

Why does God choose the weak things of the world? So he can work through them.

Why must we not glory in ourselves? Because all flesh is sinful.

Who only is good and great? Christ, the Lord.

In whom, then, should we glory? In Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

Little children may come to Jesus
just as they are—

He will give strength to the weak.

He will give wisdom to the foolish.

He will give life to dead souls.

"In him was life, and the life was the light of men."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION. — Salvation through the cross of Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Let me hear you repeat the Lord's prayer Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A.D. 57.] LESSON IV. [April 27.

ABSTINENCE FOR THE SAKE OF OTHERS.

1 Cor. 8. 1-13. Commit to memory verses 10-13.

GOLDEN TEXT.

If meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth. 1 Cor. 8. 13.

OUTLINE.

1. The True Knowledge, v. 1-6.
2. The Weak Conscience, v. 7-12.
3. The Total Abstinence, v. 13.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What were the people of Corinth? Idolaters.

What did they sacrifice to their idols? Costly meats.

What did they do with the meats after the sacrifice? Made a feast of them.

What was the eating of these meats considered among the Corinthians? An act of worship.

Was it really an act of worship? No because it was given to false gods.

Who is the one true God? God, our Father.

What is God? The Creator and Giver of all things.

Does it make any difference to God what we eat or drink? No, he looks on the heart.

Do all people believe this? No, some believe in outward things.

What was the eating of the meat of the sacrifice? One of the outward things.

Was it right, or wrong, for Christians to eat of it? It made no difference.

To whom might it be a stumbling-block? To those who were weak.

In what were they weak? In their knowledge of God and the liberty of God.

What should all true Christians be able to do? Give up anything that might lead our brother away from Christ.

Against whom do we sin if we do not? Against Christ.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

God gave his only Son to die for you—

Are you willing to deny yourself to help others?

Are you willing to give up anything that may seem wrong to others?

Are you doing all you can to help others live for Christ?

"To him, therefore, that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The unity and spirituality of God.

CATECHISM QUESTIONS.

Rehearse the articles of your belief. I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

A LITTLE fellow of five, going along the street with a dinner-pail, is stopped by a kind-hearted old gentleman, who says: "Where are you going, my little man?" "To school." "And what do you do at school? Do you learn to read?" "No." "To write?" "No." "To count?" "No." "What do you do?" "I wait for school to let out."