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Easter.

It was an Easter morn. Fair rose the sun,
And waked the world to beauty and to light;

But, as I knelt beside my grave, within
My hungry, longing soul it still was night.

"Where is my Lord? Where is my Christ?" I moaned,
When suddenly there fell upon my ear
A faint, sweet sound, like distant angel tones,
Which every moment seemed to draw more near.

The children, chanting loud their Easter hymn!

Out rang the clear, glad sound, "He is not here!"

Once and again, and yet again it came,
"He is not here! Our Christ, he is not here!"

"Not here! Then I can never find my Lord:

Where have they lain him? Master, help, I pray!"

The answer came, my grave seemed open wide,
As though an angel rolled a stone away.

And, looking in, I saw no light, no life,
It was a dark, a cold, a dreary prison—
Then rose again these childish voices sweet,

"He is not here, not here: he is arisen!"

And lifting up my eyes I saw once more
The Sun, the Day-star fair, the world's pure Light,
Blinding these tear-dimmed eyes, so used to see
Nought but the tomb's dark loneliness and night.

"Rabboni, Master!" penitent, I cried,
"Forgive!" And still the silvery voices sang,
"But go your way, and my disciples tell."

And I—while yet upon the air it rang—

Obedyed my Master's order, and went back

His poor to feed, to clothe; to show the way

To wandering ones, his little lambs to lead.

And so I found my Lord that Easter Day.

A Weekly Review.

A good preparation for a brief weekly review is effected by placing in the hands of each pupil, at the close of the session, a sealed envelope containing one or more questions upon the day's lesson, to be answered in numerical order upon the next Sunday. These questions should be only a re-collection of lesson facts and truths as developed in the class on the previous Sunday. This plan, in regular operation, is a strong inducement to close attention during the lesson hour.—S. S. Times.