



THE PASSOVER.

The Point of View.

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SAID the Gray Horse to the Brown Horse :

" Eh, but life's a pull !
Half at least every day
My cart is full.
Half of every year—
Talk about the lark—
I must leave my warm bed
While it is dark.

" Half the food I live on,
Every day,
Is—I give my word for it—
Only hay.
Half my time, yes, fully,
Cold days and hot.
I must still keep going,
Whether I can or not."

Said the Brown Horse to the Gray Horse :

" My work is half play,
For my cart is empty
Half of every day ;
Half of every year, too,
I go to bed at night
Knowing I can stay there
Till it is light.

" Master likes his horses
With glossy coats,
So half my food is always
The best of oats.
What with nights and standing
While they unload,
Half my time I'm resting,
Not on the road."

Two little sparrows perched up on a beam,
Broke into laughter with a perfect scream.
Mr. Sparrow chuckled, " Who'd believe it,
dear ?
Their food and work are both alike all the
livelong year ?"

2. That a sacrifice was necessary to salvation ?
3. That God's mercies should be called to mind ?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What did God send upon the Egyptians before they would let the Israelites go out of Egypt ? " Ten plagues."
2. What was the last plague upon the Egyptians ? " The death of the firstborn."
3. By what feast was the departure of the Israelites from Egypt kept in mind ? " The passover."
4. What was done with the blood of the slain lamb ? " It was sprinkled on the door posts."
5. Of what did the feast consist ? " Of unleavened bread and a slain lamb."
6. What is the Golden Text ? " Christ our passover," etc.

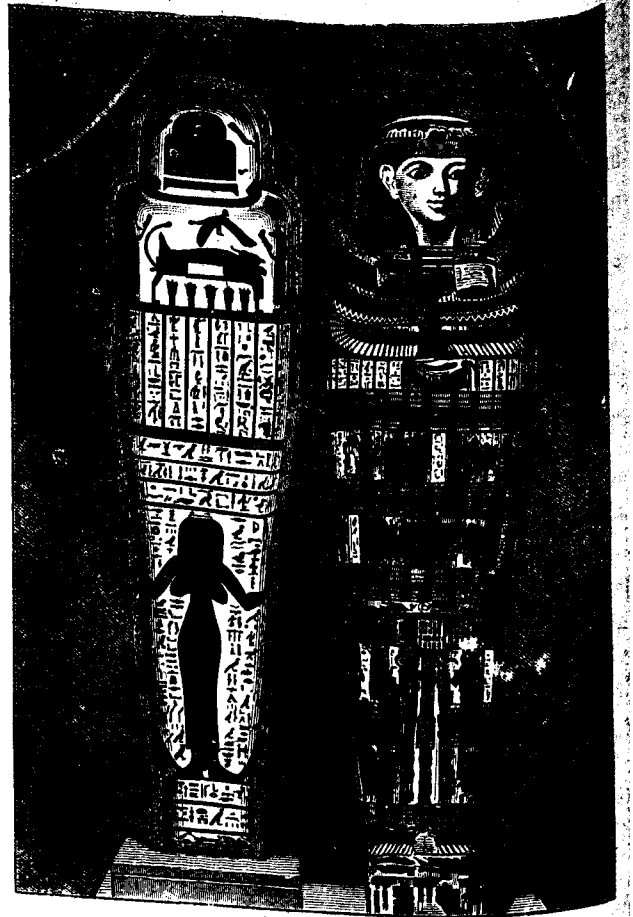
DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The vicarious sacrifice.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

What is the forgiveness or remission of sins ?

The penitent sinner who believes in Christ is freely pardoned, his punishment not being either remitted or not inflicted.

Rom. 8. 1.—There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.



EGYPTIAN MUMMY CASES.

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THE embalmed bodies of Egyptians were placed in chests of sycamore wood and kept in the chambers of the dead. So Joseph's body was kept. Herodotus, after describing the arts of embalming, says: " The relatives inclose the body in a wooden image which they have made in the shape of a man; then, fastening the case, they place it in a sepulchral chamber upright against the wall. This is the most costly way of embalming the dead." The description is that of which we commonly call a mummy case. During the long interval between Joseph's death and the Exodus his venerable mummy, waiting for the time of its removal, cried silently to his kinsmen, " Here is not your rest, you are in a strange land." Coffins in Egypt were used only for persons of eminence and distinction. It is also reasonable to believe that in times so remote as those of Joseph they might have been much less common than afterward, and that consequently Joseph's being in a coffin in Egypt might be mentioned with a design to express the great honours the Egyptians gave him in death as well as in life, being treated after the most sumptuous manner, embalmed and coffined.

posed that he take his extensive practice and let him rest, and so on. At last up shambled old Tommy, and said: " I'm wanted to fill a drunkard's grave; I have come to see if you will take my place in these saloons and on these streets?" " This is a dream that is not all a dream. For every boy in this land to-day who lives to grow up, some position is waiting as surely as if rich man, judge, doctor, or drunkard stood ready to hand over his place at once. Which will you choose, boys? There are pulpits to be filled by God-fearing ministers, and thousands of other honorable places; but there are also prison cells and drunkards' graves. Which will you choose?"

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A DREAM.

I READ of a boy who had a remarkable dream. He thought that the richest man in town came to him and said: " I am tired of my house and grounds; come and take care of them, and I will give them to you." Then came an honoured judge and said: " I want you to take my place; I am weary of being in court day after day; I will give you my seat on the bench, if you will do my work." Then the doctor pro-

HOME READINGS.

- M. The passover instituted.—Exod. 12. 1-14.
- Tu. A memorial service.—Exod. 12. 21-28.
- W. Redemption by power.—Exod. 12. 29-38.
- Th. For a sign.—Exod. 13. 3-10.
- F. The plagues of Egypt.—Psalm 105. 26-38.
- S. Christ keeping the passover.—Luke 22. 7-16.
- Sa. Redemption by Christ.—1 Peter 1. 17-25.

PRACTICAL TEACHINGS.

- Where in this lesson are we taught—
- 1. That faith is necessary to salvation?

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

OLD TESTAMENT TEACHINGS.

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THE PASSOVER INSTITUTED.

Exod. 12. 1-14. Memory verses, 13, 14.

GOLDEN TEXT.

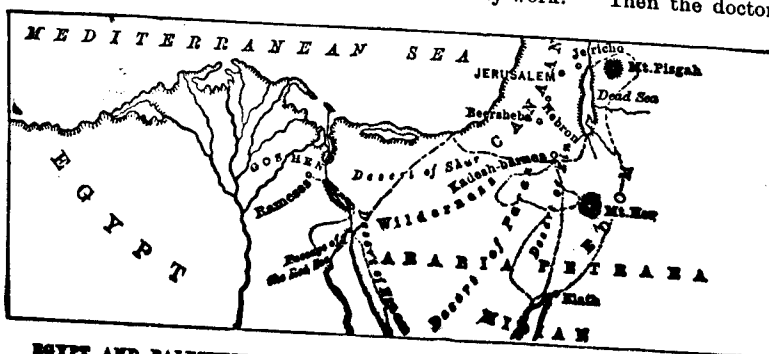
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.—1 Cor. 5. 7.

OUTLINE.

1. The Sacrifice, v. 1-7.
2. The Passover, v. 8-14.

PLACE.—Egypt.

CONNECTING LINKS.—1 The signs given to Moses (Exod. 4. 1-17). 2 The return of Moses to Egypt (Exod. 4. 18-26). 3 The increased severity of the bondage (Exod. 5. 5-23). 4 Renewed commands to Moses (Exod. 6. 1-13). 5 Moses and the magicians (Exod. 7. 8-17). 6 The ten plagues upon Egypt: 1. Blood (Exod. 7. 20-25); 2. Frogs (Exod. 8. 5-15);



EGYPT AND PALESTINE, SHOWING THE PLACE OF CROSSING THE RED SEA.