

water : it covers three times as much space as the land.

How is the Land-surface of the Globe divided ? Into low-lands, which are nearly at the level of the sea ; and high-lands, which are much above the level of the sea.

How is the Water-surface of the Globe divided ? Into the sea, which surrounds the land ; and rivers which drain the land, and flow into the sea.

What are the Lakes ? When a river, on its way to the sea flows into a deep hollow or basin, it must fill that up before it can flow any further. This hollow filled with water is called a Lake.

What is the largest body of Water called ? An Ocean.

And the largest body of Land ? A Continent.

What is a portion of land with water all round it ? An Island.

If it has water round it in all parts but one ? A Peninsula, which means "almost an island."

What is an Isthmus ? A narrow neck of land joining two larger portions.

What is a narrow neck of Water joining two larger portions ? A Strait.

And a passage wider than a Strait ? A channel.

What is a Cape ? A point of land jutting into the sea.

What is a body of Water stretching into the Land ? A Gulf or Bay.

What is a Mountain ? A portion of land rising high above the country around it.

What are the smaller High-lands ? Hills.

And Burning - mountains ? Volcanoes.

What is a tract of country lying between Hills ? A valley or dale.

What is a Plain ? A broad portion of country nearly flat or level.

If the Plain is high up amongst Hills ? A Table-land.

MOTIONS OF THE EARTH.

Day and Night.—Is the Earth standing still ? No : it is constantly turning round—spinning like a top—carrying everything on it round with it.

How much of the Earth gets the sun-light at one time ? Only one-half, because the Earth is round.

What is the time called during which any place is in the Sun-light ? Day.

And when it is out of the Sunlight ? Night ?

If the Earth did not spin round, what would happen ? It would always be day on one side of the Earth, and always night on the other.

But since the Earth does spin round ? All the parts of it are passing, one after another, into and out of the sun-light ; and so day travels round the Earth.

What is sun-rise at any place ? The time when that place first comes in sight of the Sun.

In what direction does the Earth spin round ? From west to east.

So Sun-rise travels round the Earth ? From east to west.

What is the time when a place is just leaving the Sun-light. Sun-set.

What is Noon ? The time when the Sun is highest in the heavens, or when a place is right in front of the Sun : also called mid-day.

Days and Hours.—What is the interval between noon to-day and noon to-morrow ? A day.

How is a day divided ? Into twenty-four equal parts, called hours.

How do we measure time as it passes ? By the clock.

What is the end of the first hour after noon ? One o'clock.

And the twelfth ? Twelve o'clock.

Is the next hour Thirteen o'clock ? No.

Why ? Because half a day has passed, and it is more convenient to number the hours after mid-night