

## FOR THE MONTH.

## BIBLE READINGS FOR OPENING EXERCISES.

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| 1. Isaiah, ii, 1-5.       | 10. St. Matt. ii, 16-23. |
| 2. Isaiah, vi, 1-8.       | 11. Isaiah, xxvi, 1-9.   |
| 3. Isaiah, xi, 1-9.       | 12. Isaiah, xxx, 18-21.  |
| 4. Isaiah, xii.           | 13. Isaiah, xxxv.        |
| 5. Isaiah, xxv, 1-9.      | 14. Isaiah, xl, 1-11.    |
| 6. St. Luke, ii, 8-20.    | 15. Isaiah, xl, 21-31.   |
| 7. St. Luke, i, 46-55.    | 16. Acts, vi, 8-15.      |
| 8. St. Luke, ii, 25-33.   | 17. Acts, vii, 54-60.    |
| 9. St. Matthew, ii, 1-15. | 18. St. Luke, ii, 40-52. |

## CAROL.

God rest ye, little children, let nothing you affright,  
 For Jesus Christ, your Saviour, was born this  
 happy night;  
 Along the hills of Galilee the white flocks sleeping  
 lay,  
 When Christ, the Child of Nazareth, was born on  
 Christmas Day!—*Dinah Maria Mullock.*

## THE FIRST SNOW.

All day the west wind moaned and sighed;  
 All day the heavy clouds hung low;  
 Too soon the dark day waned and died,  
 And silently down sped the snow.

All through the watches of the night,  
 Those wonder-workers, wind and snow,  
 Together wrought, till morning's light  
 Revealed a world we did not know.

Each gate through marble portals led,  
 Each humble roof was spotless white,  
 And far an untracked highway led  
 To unknown space beyond our sight.

Each pile a pedestal became  
 Where some fantastic statue stood;  
 The hillside flashed reflected flame,  
 And pendent jewels crowned the wood.

High rose in air the pillared smoke,  
 Like signals of a coming foe;  
 And silence reigned, though men awoke  
 And moved like ghosts across the snow.

## FLAG DRILL.

Eight children carry Union Jacks and eight, Canadian flags. Flags must be held over shoulder till last position.

Children carrying Canadian flags march in at back of stage, from opposite directions. Form straight line and mark time while Union Jack children march in behind. Children in front row pace off and back row step forward into spaces between Canadian children. All mark time, then march from left and right toward center, and cross alternately to opposite corners, down sides, across back to form twos and march up center. Next, first pair going towards right corner and second pair crossing to left corner, march round and form fours. (Now a square has been formed with Union Jacks on left and right sides). March up to center and then space off to form a double V. Union Jack children in front move three paces to left and right; second two pace off two paces, and third two, one pace; fourth two mark time. Canadian flag children step back one pace, and then first two move three paces to right and left; second two move two paces and third two two paces to right and left; fourth two mark time. Union Jacks are now raised and Canadian flags held across chests.

Any appropriate patriotic song makes a pretty ending to the drill.

## THE ANIMALS' CHRISTMAS TREE.

Mother, may I buy a Christmas tree with the money that Aunt Mary gave me?" asked John one morning.

"Why, what do you want a Christmas tree for, John? You know that Santa Claus always brings you one."

"It isn't for me," answered John. "I want it for the animals in the barn."

"But John," replied Mother, "a Christmas tree wouldn't mean anything to the animals."

"Oh, yes it would, Mother, because I am going to put presents on it," answered John.

"All right," said Mother, smiling. "You may get it."

John bought the tree; and that evening asked Father to fasten it into a block of wood, so that it would stand firmly in the middle of the barn floor.

The next day he asked Mother if she would save all the bones, parings, and other leavings