

LESSON XIV.

SAINT PASCHAL.

<i>Names.</i>	<i>Qualities.</i>	<i>Actions.</i>
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His parents lived by the labour of their hands, and were very virtuous. Paschal was careful to copy their pious example. They were too poor to send him to school; but the holy child, out of a desire of so great a means of instruction, brought a book with him into the fields where he took care of sheep as an under shepherd, and he desired those whom he met, to teach him his letters. Thus in a short time, and while he was yet very young, he learned to read. He took great delight in reading the Lives of the Saints, and, above all, the Life of Christ. Bad books, or books written merely to pass away time with, he would never look into. His master, who was very devout, was so charmed with his good conduct, that he made him an offer to adopt him as his son, and to make him his heir. But Paschal,

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