

WORK.

Sweet wind, fair wind, where have you been? I've been sweeping the cobwebs out of the sky...

Sweet rain, soft rain, what are you doing? I'm urging the corn to fill out its ears; I'm helping the Lily to fill out its bells...

Redbreast, redbreast what have you done? I've been watching the nest where my fledglings lie; I've sung them to sleep with a lullaby...

Honey-bee, honey-bee, where are you going? To fill my basket with precious pelf; To toil for my neighbours as myself...

Each content with the work to be done, Ever the same from sun to sun; Shall you and I be taught to work, By the bee and the bird that scorn to shirk?

MISSIONARY MEETING GRAPHON STREET CHURCH.

The annual public missionary meeting held in the Methodist Church, Grafton St. was eminently successful. The congregation considering the political attractions of the evening was very encouraging...

The first address was delivered by W. H. Gibbs, Esq., of Oshawa, Ont., one of the deputation from the central committee. He spoke with much earnestness upon the duty of the Church to meet the demands of the work by devising liberal things...

The next address was given by the Rev. Wm. Williams, Secretary of the London Conference, and also a member of the deputation. He began by humbly referring to the difficulties a stranger meets with in anticipating the wishes and requirements of his audience...

referred to the barriers raised by Romish power among the French in persistent persecution and opposition, and the exclusiveness thrown around the Germans by national and religious antipathies...

The last address was delivered by Rev. Dr. Burns of Fort Massey Presbyterian Church. He very playfully referred to his many Methodist associations, and pathetically recalled his emotions when standing by the tomb of John Wesley...

The meeting lasted till 10.30 o'clock, and kept its interest unabated to the end. Each speech was characterized by that eloquence which is born of enthusiasm...

BRUNSWICK ST. MISSIONARY MEETING.

THE SPEECH OF THE REV. GEO. M. GRANT, was one of those genial, forcible, and thoroughly practical speeches, which have made the wide and well-deserved reputation of the popular and laborious pastor of St. Matthew's Church.

What had been done last year? He found that, though these churches in Nova Scotia contributed liberally, a still larger amount had been granted than we gave. More than a thousand dollars granted from the General Board to this Province...

But what did that surplus of grant over the receipts of this Conference mean? There was a most serious aspect of the question to be honestly looked at. It meant that the churches in this Eastern Conference were not meeting the claims of their local work...

This then was the business of the meeting. How much doest thou? What were they prepared to do? He ought to ask for double. He knew times were hard...

But none of the ransomed ever knew How deep were the waters crossed," &c. Reference had been made to the self-denial of the men who had gone forth to the mission work of the church.

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The boiler of a locomotive at Providence, R. I., exploded, and several persons were hurt.

OBITUARY.

EVA ST. CLAIR LOCKHART.

Eva St. Clair, the youngest daughter of Alexander, Lockhart, Esq., of St. John, New Brunswick, was born at St. Martins, in the same Province, in the year 1858, and exchanged mortality for life, at the early age of 23, on the 15th October, 1875.

The young lady whose lamented death we thus record, in addition to an engaging person, and naturally refined manners, was distinguished for such sweetness of disposition, and other social qualities of a high order, as rendered her a great favorite at home, and secured for her the admiration and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

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Her beloved Father Davies, already connected with the bereaved family by the tenderest of pastorals and reminiscences, preached to the large assembly which met at the funeral on Sabbath morning the 7th inst. The widowed mother remains, enrobed in the sympathies of friends, waiting for the life to come.

She was not afraid to die—and knew she had a home in heaven. A few hours before her departure, at her request, the ordinance of Baptism was administered to her. The occasion was one of peculiar impressiveness to all who witnessed it, and of special spiritual refreshment to the dying believer.

foo, if He took her, to leave her husband and her six little ones to His promised protection. Jesus was precious, she said, and she had not a doubt or a fear.

Not a cloud did arise to darken the skies Or hide for a moment her God from her eyes. And so she died, resting in faith upon her Saviour, and in hope her stricken husband and sorrowing friends laid her away in the little country churchyard...

DIED at Granville, Annapolis County, on the 5th November, 1875.

HENRIETTA ELIZA BATH.

the youthful and beloved daughter of the late Samuel Bath, and of Harriet Bath yet living. Born on the 4th of March, 1855, Henrietta passed through the years of childhood surrounded by the influences of the Christian family.

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Henrietta suffered for years the will of God. To heart disease of long standing were eventually added consumption and spinal affection. The last months of life were filled with intense physical anguish.

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THE ASTOR LIBRARY.

This institution owes its existence to the noble bequest of its founder, John Jacob Astor, who in a codicil to his will, appropriated the sum of \$400,000 for its establishment and maintenance.

The will of Mr. Astor was proved on the 12th of April and on the 12th of May following the trustees held their first meeting, accepted their office, and confirmed Mr. Astor's previous appointment of J. G. Cogswell, one of their number superintendent of the library.

In October, 1848, Mr. Cogswell was sent to Europe for the purchase of books. Meanwhile the trustees had selected the site and the plan of Mr. Saelter, the architect for the library edifice, which measures sixty-five feet front by one hundred and twenty feet deep, and is in the Florentine style.

the collection is not to be complete numerical extent so much as by its quality and unique character of its collection. In this respect the Library precedes of all others in the States.—Harpers Weekly.

BEREAN NOTES.

Dec. 5. LESSON X. John 2. JESUS AND MARY.

HOME READINGS. MONDAY—John 20, 11-18. TUESDAY—John 20, 1-10. WEDNESDAY—Mark 16, 1-11. THURSDAY—Acts 13, 23-37. FRIDAY—1 Cor. 15, 1-11. SATURDAY—Ps. 13, 1-11. SUNDAY—Rev. 1, 4-20.

TOPIC: The Risen Christ Comes a Weeping Disciple. GOLDEN TEXT: Now when He risen early the first day of the week appeared first to Mary Magdalene, 16, 9.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Our last lesson presented Jesus Cross. His final statement was: He bowed his head and gave up the Spirit. This event occurred Friday, May A. D. 29. (See Chronological Sunday-School Journal, 1875, 199. On the following Sunday, the events of this lesson took place as some unknown spot in gotha. Between the last lesson we must insert the events connected with the burial of Jesus, the sealing of the tomb, the coming of the Spirit to the sepulchre and their subsequent coming of Peter and John, to whom had carried word, and finally, the of Mary after Peter, John, and the Lord all left at which time she wept, as this lesson shows. In this view between Jesus and Mary we see risen Christ comforting a weeping disciple. The fact of his appearance to Mary the priority of this to other appearances both asserted in the GOLDEN TEXT—None when Jesus was risen, etc.

OUTLINE: 1. MARY TALKING WITH JESUS. 2. MARY TALKING WITH JOHN. 3. MARY TALKING WITH PETER. 4. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 5. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 6. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 7. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 8. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 9. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD. 10. MARY TALKING WITH THE LORD.

Where in this lesson do we see— 1. That Christ has special honor those who seek him earliest and most? 2. That the resurrection of Jesus a matter of joyful interest even to an unbeliever? 3. That the resurrection of Jesus a matter of joyful interest even to an unbeliever?

OUTLINES, NOTES, AND LESSONS.

1. JESUS sought by those who love Him. 2. JESUS found by those who seek Him. 3. JESUS praised by those who find Him. 1. Sowing in tears; 2. Reaping in joy. 1. Anxious seeking; 2. Joyous finding. 1. Sorrow without Jesus; 2. Joy with Jesus. 1. Mary disconsolate; 2. Mary comforted. 1. Mary with the angels; 2. Mary with the Lord; 3. Mary with the disciples.

2. NOTES.

THE MARYS. 1. Mary, the mother of Jesus; 2. Mary, wife of Clopas, sister, or cousin, of Jesus' mother; 3. Mary Magdalene, the one of our Lord Spoken of by the poet as the one who—While apostles shrunk, could dare to save; Last at the cross, and earliest at the grave.

4. MARY, sister of LAZARUS. 5. MARY mother of MARK. Acts 12, 12. G. M. saluted by Paul, Rom. 16, 6.

THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS. The order of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection, and the authorities therefor, be succinctly stated as follows: 1. Mary Magdalene—John and Mark; 2. the other women—Matthew; 3. To Luke and Paul, 1 Cor. 15, 3-8; 4. two disciples—Luke and Mark; 5. To ten, Thomas absent—Mark, Luke, John and Paul; 6. To the eleven—John; 7. the seven at Galilee—John; 8. To apostles and five hundred others—Matt, Mark, and Paul; 9. To James—Paul; 10. To the apostles—Luke, Acts, and Paul; 11. At the ascension—Mark and Luke; and some add, 12. To Paul—1 Cor. 15, 8. Strong's Harmony gives a slightly different order.

MARY STOOD WITHOUT WEeping, verse 11. She had been there before had run to tell Peter and John; they come, and, like the women, had wept, and Mary now is there alone. SHE WEPT, SHE STOOD DOWN, LOOKED INTO THE SEPULCHRE, LINGERING AND LOOKING AT THE PLACE WHERE THE LORD LAY.

TWO ANGELS, verse 12. Heb. 1, 4. They not all ministering spirits? Matt. 4, 11. "Behold, angels came," etc. "The party of women... saw, outside the tomb, an angel sitting