

### The Song of the Brook.

I come from the haunts of the coot and  
heron,

I make a sudden sally,  
And sparkle out among the fern,  
To bicker down a valley.

By thirsty hills I hurry down,  
Or slip between the ridges;  
By twenty thorps, a little town,  
And half a hundred bridges

Till last by Philip's farm I flow  
To join the brimming river;  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever.

I chatter over stony ways,  
In little sharps and trebles;  
I bubble into eddying bays—  
I babble on the pebbles.

With many a curve my banks I fret,  
By many a field and fallow;  
And many a fairy foreland set  
With willow-weed and mallow.

I chatter—chatter—as I flow  
To join the brimming river;  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever.

I wind about, and in and out,  
With here a blossom sailing;  
And here and there a lusty trout,  
And here and there a grayling.

And here and there a foamy flake  
Upon me, as I travel;  
With many a silvery waterbreak  
Above the golden gravel.

And draw them all along, and flow  
To join the brimming river;  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever.

I steal by lawns and grassy plots,  
I slide by hazel covers;  
I move the sweet forget-me-nots  
That grow for happy lovers.

I slip, I slide, I gloom, I glance,  
Among my skimming swallows;  
I make the netted sunbeam dance  
Against my sandy shallows.

I murmur under moon and stars  
In brambly wildernesses;  
I linger by my shingly bars,  
I loiter round my cresses;

And out again I curve and flow  
To join the brimming river;  
For men may come and men may go,  
But I go on forever.

—Tennyson.

### LESSON NOTES.

#### FOURTH QUARTER.

##### STUDIES IN LUKE.

A.D. 30] LESSON VIII. [Nov. 23

#### JESUS CRUCIFIED.

Luke 23. 33-47. Memory verses, 33, 34.

#### GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity  
of us all.—Isa. 53. 6.

TIME.—Friday, April 6, A.D. 30.

PLACE.—Calvary, outside the city walls.

CONNECTING LINKS.—The story runs rapidly on. These lessons follow immediately one on the other. Jesus was crucified immediately after this succession of trials, and without any intermission of suffering.

#### EXPLANATIONS.

*Malefactors*—Workers of evil. *Crucified him*—Capital punishment has until recently been in public in all countries. *Father, forgive them*—Words that were probably uttered while the nails were being driven through the palms of Jesus' hands. *Parted*—Made an equitable distribution among themselves. This was regarded as their right. *Beholding*—Solemnly gazing at.

*Mock him*—The soldiers followed the example of those about them. *Vinegar*—Sour wine. *Superscription*—A writing above. *Greek*—The common language. That which was read by most men who could read at all. *Latin*—The official language, used in all legal documents, as Russian is used in provinces where the Russian language is not spoken by the people. *Hebrew*—The language of the place in which Jesus' crucifixion was taking place. *Do not thou fear God*—Probably these robbers were nominally Jews, as the Bedouins are to-day good Mohammedans, and the Italian brigands superstitious Romanists. *This man hath done nothing amiss*—Jesus had been the most notable man in all Palestine for three years, and few people had not heard of him, and perhaps most had seen him, and this confident assertion of his innocence may very likely have come from personal observation and knowledge. *Lord*—Rather "Jesus." *Into thy kingdom*—The thief believed that Jesus was the Messiah, and, like every other Jew, believed that in the Messianic kingdom the ancient fathers were to rise. His prayer might be turned into, "Count me in the roll of thy chosen ones." *In paradise*—A "garden." That beautiful portion of the spiritual world where the souls of the good were gathered together.

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The Man of Sorrows*, vers. 33-34.

Where was Jesus crucified?

By what other name is the place known? Matt. 27. 33.

Who were crucified with Jesus?

What prayer did Jesus offer?

What was done with his garments?

Who cast lots upon them? See John 19. 23, 24.

Why did Jesus bear this sorrow? Golden Text.

2. *The King of the Jews*, vers. 35-38.

Who looked on at the crucifixion?

What did they say?

What others mocked him?

What did they do and say?

What accusation was placed over Jesus?

In what language was this written? By whose order was this done? John 19. 9. 1.

3. *The Son of God*, vers. 39-47.

Who now joined in railing at Jesus?

What did the man say?

What did the other robber say to him?

What did he then say to Jesus?

What answer did he get to his prayer?

What time in the day was this?

What occurred for three hours?

What happened in the temple at the ninth hour?

What did Jesus cry out?

What did he do?

What did the centurion do and say? Comp. Mark 15. 39.

#### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. Where was Jesus crucified? "At Golgotha, also called Calvary." 2. How was he crucified? "Between two thieves." 3. What Scripture was thereby fulfilled? "He was numbered among the transgressors." 4. How was he treated by all in that hour of misery? "He was mocked and reviled." 5. What great lesson does his crucifixion teach us? "To bear God's will patiently." 6. What great practical truth does the Golden Text teach us? "He hath laid on him," etc.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The sacrificial death of Christ.

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

9. How is the Holy Spirit an Agent? In the works of creation and providence, but more particularly in the work of salvation.

A. D. 30] LESSON IX. [Nov. 30

#### JESUS RISEN.

Luke 24. 1-12. Memory verses, 6-9.

#### GOLDEN TEXT.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept.—1 Cor. 15. 20.

TIME.—Sunday morning, April 8, A.D. 30.

PLACE.—The tomb in the garden, and its neighbourhood.

CONNECTING LINKS.—Jesus died in the early evening of the day of the crucifixion. His friends asked permission to have him buried. Pilate made sure that he was dead, and granted the request. The Sabbath with the Jews begins at sunset, and the hour

on Friday afternoon was so late that he could be only partly embalmed. This loving duty was performed as completely as possible under the circumstances, and the remainder of the work left over until the first day of the coming week, which answers, according to the calendar, to our Sunday, but which was the first business day of the week, as is our Monday. The women who had loved him through his life hastened on that first day morning to pay what they supposed to be their last tribute to his memory, and our lesson tells of the remarkable revelations made to them.

#### EXPLANATIONS.

*First day*—Sunday. *Very early*—While it was dark. *Sepulchre*—Tomb in the rock. *Rolled away*—Lifted off. *Much perplexed*—Utterly confused. *Two men*—Angels generally appeared in the form of men. *In shining garments*—Clothed with lightning flashes. *Bowed down their faces*—As any frightened person would; but the Orientals are naturally more demonstrative than we. *Why seek ye*—Why seek you eternal life among grave-clothes, and in a sepulchre? *Sinful men*—The Gentiles. *Idle tales*—Nonsensical talk. *Then arose Peter*—John was with him, but, as usual, Peter fills the evangelist's eye. *Linen clothes*—Bands in which the body had been swathed in spices. *Laid by themselves*—Mentioned to refute the false stories circulated by the Jews. *Wondering*—Stunned.

#### QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

1. *The Empty Tomb*, vers. 1-3.

What visitors came first to the empty tomb? Ver. 1. See chap. 23. 55, 56.

For what purpose did they come?

Upon what day, and what hour was this visit?

What did they find at the sepulchre?

Who had rolled away the stone? Matt. 28. 2.

What did they not find within the tomb?

2. *The Ki-en Lord*, vers. 4-8.

How did the women feel when they found the tomb empty?

Who suddenly stood by them? See John 20. 12.

What did the women at once do?

What question did the men ask?

What did they say about Jesus?

What words did the women then recall?

Of what good news does the Golden Text tell us?

3. *The Dazed Disciples*, vers. 9-12.

To whom did the women go with their good news?

What were the names of the women?

What did the disciples think of their story?

Who went at once to the tomb?

What did Peter find?

How did the discovery affect him?

Who also saw and believed? See John 20. 3, 8.

#### THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. On what morning did the women come to the sepulchre? "On Sunday morning." 2. What did they find? "The stone rolled away." 3. Who stood there? "Two men in shining garments." 4. What did these angels say concerning Jesus? "He is not here, he is risen." 5. What disciple, when he heard these things, ran to the sepulchre to see for himself? "Peter."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The resurrection of Christ.

#### CATECHISM QUESTION.

10. Where do the Scriptures speak of the Holy Spirit in creation and providence?

The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.—Genesis 1. 2.

WE cannot always be sure when we are the most useful. It is not the acreage you sow, it is the multiplication which God gives the seed, which makes up the harvest. You have less to do with being successful than with being faithful. Your main comfort is that in your labour you are not alone; for God, the eternal One, who guides the marches of the stars, is with you.

A YEAR of pleasure passes so fleetly that we scarcely realize the time, but a moment of misfortune seems an age of pain.



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