

WE PASS THIS WAY BUT ONCE.

We have not passed this way before,
And we shall not pass again;
Make the most of time, the most of life,
And mind not the mingled pain.

If the path is bright and flower-strewn,
Take in all the fragrance sweet;
Thank God for the joy that comes to you,
In paths marked out for your feet.

If round the hearth an unbroken band.
Make up the circle of home,
Oh, love them to-day, and love them well,
Ere the angel of death shall come.

You will not pass this way again;
Be sure that you pass not by
The old and tired, the sick and weak,
And those not ready to die.

You will pass this way but once,
You'll not live this day again;
Take in the rapidly passing hours,
Lest you long for them in vain.

Look out for flowers along the way,
And heed not the stinging thorn;
There are stars above the darkest night,
And sure is the coming morn.

And if the gathering storm is heard,
And waves beat wild and high,
Look up for help to the far-off hills,
And watch for the rifted sky.

Look up through tears, for on beyond
Is the gleaming, golden shore;
We can bravely bear a little while,
For we pass this way no more.

LESSON NOTES.

FIRST QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON IX.** [March 3

JESUS THE MESSIAH.

Mark 8. 27-33; 9. 1. Commit to mem. vs. 36-38.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me. Mark 8. 34.

OUTLINE.

1. The Christ, v. 27-30.
2. The Cross, v. 31-37.
3. The Kingdom, v. 38; 9. 1.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

Where did Jesus and the disciples go to teach? Into the towns of Cesarea Philippi.
What question did he ask his disciples?
"Whom do men say that I am?"
What did they tell him? That some

said John the Baptist, others Elias, and others one of the prophets.

What did he then ask? "But whom say ye that I am?"

What did Peter answer? "Thou art the Christ."

What did Jesus then tell the disciples? That he must suffer and die.

Who began to rebuke him? Peter.

Why could not Peter believe this? He thought Jesus would be an earthly king.

Why did Jesus rebuke Peter? Because he was not acting like a disciple.

What are all true disciples? Meek and lowly like Jesus.

What must all followers of Jesus do? Deny self, and bear the cross.

What is worth more than all other things? The soul.

Who will save the life of his soul? He who is willing to deny self.

Of whom will Jesus be ashamed one day? Of those who are ashamed of him here.

How can we show ourselves true followers of Jesus? By keeping his words.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

To save life	To lose life
Try to please self. Be careless about others.	Think about others. Try to please and help them.
Do and have what you want.	Forget self in helping somebody.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The crucified Christ.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

22. *Who was St. Stephen?* The first who was put to death for Christ's sake.

A.D. 29.] **LESSON X.** [March 10

THE CHILD-LIKE SPIRIT.

Mark. 9. 33-42. Commit to mem. vs. 36. 37.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. Mark 10. 15.

OUTLINE.

1. True Greatness, v. 33-37.
2. True Loyalty, v. 38-40.
3. True Service, v. 41, 42.

QUESTIONS FOR HOME STUDY.

What had Jesus told his disciples? That he must suffer and die.

Did they believe it? No; they still thought he would be King.

Through what country did they pass? Through Galilee.

What did the disciples dispute about as they walked? About who should have the best places in the kingdom.

To whose house did they go in Capernaum? Probably to Peter's house.

What did Jesus ask his disciples? What they had disputed about.

Why did they not answer? They were ashamed.

What did Jesus know? All that was in their hearts.

What did he tell them? That the servant of all should be the greatest.

Whom did he call to show what true greatness is? A little child.

What makes true greatness? Humility and obedience.

Who are on the side of Jesus? Those who work in his name.

What will not be forgotten? The least service done for Jesus' sake.

Against whom is a woe pronounced? Against one who offends a little one.

What is meant by a little one? A humble believer in Jesus.

Who are tenderly cared for by Jesus? Little believers.

WORDS WITH LITTLE PEOPLE.

MY PRAYER.

One of "these little ones" I would be,
Giving "a cup of cold water" to Thee,
Doing the little things as thou dost call,
Following Jesus, a "servant of all."

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—Humility.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

23. *Who was St. Paul?* The apostle who was first a persecutor, but afterwards the great preacher of the Gospel to the Gentiles.

THE WHITE RABBITS.

Nellie, Fay, and Bert are very fond of their pet white rabbits. Uncle Bert brought them for a present, and told them they must be very kind and never hurt them. They feed them every day, and stroke them, and sometimes cuddle them in their arms; but are very careful not to hurt them at all, or even to frighten them.

The rabbits are very gentle—and why shouldn't they be when they are so tenderly cared for, and every one of their wants provided for?

A BEAUTIFUL REPLY.

A LITTLE girl was directed to open the door for General Washington, as he was leaving a house where he had been visiting. Turning to her, he said:

"I am sorry, my little dear, to give you so much trouble." "I wish, sir," she sweetly replied, "it was to let you in."

When Jesus knocks at the door of your hearts, will you not as gladly open to him as this little girl would have opened the door to the brave General?