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That Easter Twilight Hour.

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Hallowed forever be that twilight hour,
When those disciples went upon their way;

The deepening shadows o'er their spirits lower,
The tender griefs that come with close of day.

A gentle stranger tarried at their side,
And asked them sweetly why they were so sad.

"Hast thou not seen our Master crucified?"

They answered. "How can we again be glad?"

"O children," said the Stranger, "do you read

The things which all the holy prophets said—

How Christ would suffer and would die indeed,

But yet should rise in glory from the dead?"

And when the little village came to view,
They said, "Abide with us, for it is late."

So He went in and sat down with the two,

And took the bread and blessed it ere they ate.

Their searching eyes were fastened on his face;

They caught the lock, which chained them as of old,

Only it wore diviner, loftier grace—
Their glorious risen Master they behold!

And then they knew how strangely all the while
Their spirits burned within them as he talked,
Or listened to them with that very smile,
Explaining oft the Scriptures as they walked.

They felt reward for all their bitter pain,
When, lo, he vanished softly from their sight!

But they could never be so sad again,
Who had the memory of that blessed night.

World's Sunday-school Convention.

This Convention was announced to have been held in July, 1897. The present writer arranged an excursion to London for the benefit of Sunday-school delegates wishing to attend this convention on that date. After his arrangements, however, were too far completed to be cancelled, the date of the convention was postponed for a year on account of the Queen's Jubilee. An excursion has been organized by the Executive Committee of Sunday-school workers of the United States from Boston to London and back to Boston, by the Cunard steamer *Catelonía*, sailing from Boston on June 29th, at 5.30 a.m. The round trip will cost from \$90 each for four persons in a state room, or \$140 for two persons in a state room. This is a little more than the cost of the excursion last year from Montreal back to Montreal, which provided for two persons only in a state room, but it is a very favourable rate, and we are sure will be a very enjoyable excursion.