

means "expanse," something beaten out, as if the firmament were something solid. **Divided the waters.** The firmament is spoken of as sustaining the upper waters. **Let the waters under the heaven be gathered.** This is the third day; it has two works. First, there is the gathering of the waters together into seas and the consequent appearance of the dry land called the earth. **The earth brought forth grass; tender grass.** The second work of the second day is the creation of vegetation.

III. THE HEAVENLY LUMINARIES.—16. And God made two great lights; fourth day and fifth work. These are for weather signs and for indicating fixed festivals and to control night and day.

IV. THE LIVING CREATURES.—21, 25, 27, 31. Created great whales; fifth day and sixth work—sea monsters. **Living creature that moveth; that glideth,** that is, through the waters. **Winged fowl; "flying thing with wings." Beast of the earth;** the sixth day with seventh and eighth works. There is first the animals created,—the wild beasts, domestic cattle, and creeping reptiles. So God created man. There is secondly the creation of man, which is detailed in next Lesson. Being created on the same day as the animals indicates the link with the animal. But man is not brought forth by the earth, as is said of the animals. His creation is a separate act. This indicates his difference from the animal. He is also given dominion over the animals.

FAR OUT AT SEA

Looking from the deck of a steamer in mid ocean, we can realize, in part at least, what the earth was like in the beginning. We can realize the total absence of land, and the monotony of wind and rolling wave. Then, to complete the scene, you must blot out the sun in the day sky, and the moon and stars in the night sky, and spread over the waters a vast unbroken, abiding mist. There is eternal silence broken only by the wash of waves.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1-5 Who is the Creator of the heaven and the earth? What does the word create mean? What words are used to describe the condition of the earth at the beginning? What covered the face of the deep? What moved upon the face of the waters? How many days of creation were there altogether? What was created on the first day? What did God call the light? What did He call the darkness?

7-12 What was created on the second? What does the word "firmament" mean? What name did God give to the firmament? What things did the firmament separate? What things were created on the third day? What was the dry land called? What were the waters called?

16 What things were created on the fourth day? What were these lights for?

21-31 What things were created on the fifth and sixth days? What was the greatest work of creation? How is this shown? How did God describe His work?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did the world come into being of itself? Or was it the product of chance? Or was it created by God? Which theory is the easier to explain?

2. How close is man to the lower animals; and how far apart, (a) in bodily structure, (b) in mental powers, (c) in his spiritual part?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

Mungo Park, the great explorer in Africa, once lost his way in the desert. He was about to give up in despair, when, looking down at his feet, he saw a bit of exquisitely fashioned moss. Its beauty told him God was in the desert. He took fresh courage, pressed on and gained camp. All nature taken together cannot tell everything about God, but the smallest bit of nature tells much of His wisdom and power.

Prove from Scripture—That God made all things.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 39. *What is the duty which God requireth of man?* A. The duty which God requireth of man, is obedience to his revealed will. **Ques. 40.** *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?* A. The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

The Question on Missions—(First Quarter, DAVID LIVINGSTONE, AND AFRICA.)—1. Who was David Livingstone? He was a great Christian missionary, physician and explorer, who spent thirty-three toilsome years in Africa, and did more to open it up and help its people than any other man.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise : 7 (Supplemental Lesson), 13, 21, 15 (Ps. Sel.), 509 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 438. (These hymns may be practised at home during the week.)

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Write out from memory the first verse of the Bible.

2. Describe what was done on the first creation day.

3. Wherein was man differently constituted from the rest of the animal creation?