

lily won't be 'shamed to stand side of. He said he'd been thinkin' about it a good deal, but the lily and me, we just settled it for him. It's jest like a fairy tale, isn't it? and, the best of all, he says I did him such a good turn—though I don't see what I did—that he's goin' to try and help cure my papa of his awful forgettin'."

EASTER TIME.

Buds upon the bushes, leaves upon the trees,
Daisies on the hillside, perfume on the breeze;
Happy voices singing; tuneful bells achime;
Glad eyes looked upward—this is Easter time!

Little brooks rejoicing, sparkling in the light;
Birds with wings aflutter in the sunshine bright;
Up the heavenly ladder, hopes, like angels, climb;
Pearly gates are open—this is Easter time!

In the quiet churchyard early flowers appear;
Unseen joys and glories now are real and dear;
Hearts in Jesus trusting, throb with faith sublime,
Life and resurrection! This is Easter time!

LESSON NOTES.

SECOND QUARTER.

WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS AS RECORDED IN THE GOSPELS.

LESSON III.—APRIL 15.

JESUS' POWER OVER DISEASE AND DEATH.
Luke 7. 1-17. Memory verses, 14-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life.—John 11. 25.

LESSON STORY.

To-day's lesson tells of two wonderful miracles, of Christ's bringing back life to two that were dead. In each case it was the result of great faith. This centurion was very fond of his servant and afraid he would die. When he heard of Jesus he sent the elders of the Jews to beg him to come. They told Jesus what a worthy man he was, how he had built a synagogue and was a patriotic Jew. When the centurion saw Jesus coming he felt so humble and unworthy to have Jesus enter his house. But he had faith to believe he could heal his dear servant whether he entered his house or not. Jesus honored

the man's faith and cured his servant before reaching the house.

Jesus was always so tender-hearted and full of compassion. In the little village of Nain he saw a poor widow weeping because her only son had just died. He knew her grief, and her faith, and he restored her son to her and bade her weep no more.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. What is a centurion? A Roman officer who has charge of one hundred soldiers.
2. What had the centurion done? Built a synagogue.
3. Who was ill? His servant.
4. Was it his good works or his faith that Jesus honored? His faith.
5. Was the centurion humble? Yes, he felt unworthy to have Jesus enter his house.
6. Whose son did he call back to life? The widow of Nain.
7. What did Jesus say to her? "Weep not."

LESSON IV.—APRIL 22.

JESUS THE SINNER'S FRIEND.

Luke 7. 36-50. Memory verse, 47.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.—Luke 7. 30.

LESSON STORY.

What a beautiful lesson Jesus taught that day he dined in the Pharisee's house. While they sat at the meal a poor woman slipped in and in Oriental fashion began to wash Jesus' feet with some sweet-scented ointment which she brought with her and to dry them with her long, dark hair. She bathed his precious feet with her tears of repentance and anointed them with the kisses of her love.

The Pharisee was shocked that Jesus let such a wicked woman come near him. Jesus knew the wrong thought in the man's mind and told a parable of a man who had two debtors, one owing him much and the other little. But he forgives both. Which will be most grateful and love him most? The one who was forgiven the most. So with Jesus. The greater the sinner the more he loves and longs to forgive, and the greater will that sinner's love be.

QUESTIONS FOR THE YOUNGEST.

1. At whose house was Jesus? At a Pharisee's.
2. Were they kind in their thought of sinners? No.
3. Who came in? A poor sinful woman.
4. What did she do? Anointed his feet and dried them with her hair.
5. What parable did Jesus tell? Of the two debtors.
6. What did it teach? The greater the sinner the greater his love when forgiven.

THE THREE SIEVES.

"O mamma!" cried little Blanche Philpott. "I heard such a tale about Edith Howard! I did not think she could have been so naughty. One day—"

"My dear," interrupted Mrs. Philpott, "before you continue, we will see if your story will pass the three sieves."

"What does that mean, mamma?" said Blanche.

"I will explain it, dear. In the first place, is it true?"

"I suppose so, mamma. I heard it from Miss Parry, who said a friend of Miss White's told her the story; and Miss White is a great friend of Edith's."

"And does she show her friendship by telling tales of her? In the next place, though you cannot prove that it is true, is it kind?"

"I did not mean to be unkind, mamma; but I am afraid I was. I should not like Edith to speak of me as I have spoken of her."

"And is it necessary?"

"No, of course, mamma; there was no need for me to mention it at all."

"Then, dear Blanche, pray that your tongue may be governed, and that you may not indulge in evil speaking."

STYLES OF SALUTATION.

Most amusing are the styles of salutation. The following are a few that have recently been brought to notice:

The Chinese gentleman, meeting a friend, shakes his own hand, and inquires in the most complimentary terms about his friend's health. The friend shakes his own hand also, and answers that he is well, but calls himself the most abusive names he can think of, and they pass on.

The French and Italian gentlemen kiss and embrace their men friends when they feel delight at meeting.

The politician, just before election, meeting a voter, slaps him vigorously on the back, and shakes his hand at the same time.

The Gambier Islanders rub noses; and if their welcome is very hearty, they hold their breath for a few seconds, and then give most alarming sniffs, thereby showing great pleasure at meeting.

A PRECIOUS KEY.

"I'm rich! I'm rich!" exclaimed little Rosa one day, on her return home from Sunday-school. "Why so?" asked her mother. "Because I've found a key that will unlock the door of the storehouse where God keeps all his good things." "What is it?" asked the mother, much interested. "It's the Key of Prayer," said the little girl. "Jesus says 'Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you.'"