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EASTER BLOSSOMS.

EASTER CAROL.

Sing, children, sing! The lilies white you bring
In the joyous Easter morning for hopes are blossoming
And as the earth her shroud of snow from off her breast doth fling,
So may we cast our fetters off in God's eternal Spring;
So may we find release at last from sorrow and from pain,
So may we find our childhood's calm, delicious dawn again.

Sweet are your eyes, O little ones, that look with smiling grace,
Without a shade of doubt or fear, into the future's face!
Sing, sing in happy chorus, with joyful voices tell
That death is life, and God is good, and all things shall be well.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSONS, SECOND QUARTER:

LESSON 4.] THE CENTURION'S SERVANT HEALED [APRIL 22.]

Luke 7. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.—Psalm 103. 31.

MEMORY VERSES, 9, 10.—When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

To the folks at home : Please help the little folks to learn this lesson.

LESSON STORY.

Do you remember the great open-air sermon Jesus preached? A multitude of people listened to him, and no doubt many were ready to believe and follow him because he spoke such heavenly words. But this was not all. He did works which only the great God could do, and in this lesson we are told of one of these wonderful works

You know the Jews were the people to whom Jesus came, but that many would not receive him. But here was a Roman centurion, a Gentile, or heathen, who believed in Jesus. When his servant, whom he loved, was sick he sent for Jesus to come and heal him. Notice how simple and humble this centurion or captain was. He believed that Jesus had power over death and disease, and he said that if Jesus would only speak the word it would heal his servant just as truly as if he came and laid his hands upon him. Jesus saw that this man had real faith and he healed his servant right away. The Lord loves to-day to see this same kind of simple faith in his children, a faith that trusts him and is not afraid.

LESSON QUESTIONS.

1. Who took sick?

A centurion's servant.

2. What was a centurion?
An officer in the Roman army.
3. Why do we think he was a kind man?
Because he loved his servant.
4. What did he want?
That Jesus should heal him.
5. How did he show his real faith?
He said Jesus could do it with a word.
6. Who was pleased to see such faith?
Jesus.
7. What did he do?
He healed the sick servant.
8. What does Jesus love to see in our hearts?
True faith.

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"CHARLEY PRECIOUS."

He likes to open the gate and steal out when no one is near to lead him back. One day he strayed so far away from home that no one seemed to know him or where he came from.

"Where are you going, little fellow?" asked a big man who felt sure the baby must be lost.

"I dess I'd better go home and see my mamma," he answered wisely.

"What is your mamma's name?" was the next question.

Wide opened the blue eyes in wonder at such sweet pretty ignorance.

"Why, she's mamma, of tourse."

"Yes, but what is the family name? What do they call you?"

"I'se Tsarley."

"Charley? Charley what?"

"Oh, Tsarley Pwecious."

"Well, if you are so precious," laughed the man, "they'd better put a tag on you the next time they let you out."

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God's eye is upon us not to find fault with us, but to instruct and teach us in the right way.



THE WOULD-BE SOLDIER.

"I mean to be a soldier
When I grow to be a man,
And be so brave and fearless,"
Said curly-headed Dan.
"No, sir, they couldn't frighten,
Or ever make me run ;
I'd stand my ground and face 'em,
Until the fight was won !"

As boasting little Danny
Was going to school that day
Two geese and one white gander
He met upon the way.
They stretched their necks and hissed him ;
And, my ! you should have seen
That would-be little soldier
Retreat across the green !