

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

From the International Lessons for 1875 by Edwin W. Rice, as issued by American Sunday-School Union.

DECEMBER 28.] LESSON XXVI.

REVIEW.—THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

GOLDEN TEXT.—But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.—John xx. 31. CENTRAL TRUTH.—Jesus preached peace.

TO THE SCHOLAR.—The past twelve lessons may be reviewed to advantage under three divisions:

- (I) THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST (LESSONS XIV.-XVIII.). (II) THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST (LESSONS XIX.-XXII.). (III) THE RISEN LORD (LESSONS XXIII.-XXV.).

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS FOR REVIEW.

Give the titles of the last twelve lessons. Repeat central truths. The golden texts.

THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.—In which lesson does Jesus foretell the manner of his death? What prayer did he offer at that time? How was the prayer answered?

In which lesson is the humility of Jesus shown? By what act? Who at first refused to have his feet washed by Jesus? Why did he yield? What request did he make?

Which lesson speaks of a heavenly home? Where is that home said to be? Who proposed to go and prepare a place in it for each disciple? Who enquired the way to that home? What answer was given to him?

Which lesson speaks of Jesus as the Vine? Who is the husbandman? Who are the branches? How would the branches become fruitless? How fruitful? How might the disciples become fruitful? By what would the Father be glorified?

Which lesson speaks of the love for friends? What is said to be the highest test of that love? Whose friends were the disciples called? What command did Jesus give to his disciples at that time? Why would the world hate them?

II. THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST.—In which lesson does Jesus speak of going away from his disciples? Why was it expedient for him to go away? Who would come to them if he went away? What would be the work of the Spirit toward the world? Into what would he guide the disciples? Of whose things would he speak? Whom would he glorify?

Which lesson contains a portion of Christ's last prayer with his disciples? For whom did he pray? What did he ask to be done for his disciples? For whom besides his disciples did he pray? What did he ask for them? What did he desire their oneness to be like? What effect would it have upon the world?

Before what governor was Jesus tried? Upon what charge did Pilate question him? Why would not the servants of Jesus fight for him? What was Pilate's testimony after the examination of Jesus?

Who stood by the cross of Jesus? How did he show his love for his mother in that hour? Who was that disciple whom Jesus loved? In whose house did his mother after ward find a home? What did Jesus on the cross say of his work?

III. THE RISEN LORD.—Which lesson speaks of angels in a sepulchre? Who saw the angels there? Who had lain in the sepulchre? What did the angels say to Mary? Whom did she see as she turned herself around? Whom did she think he was? How did he make himself known to her? To whom did he send her? With what message?

Which disciple did not believe Jesus had risen? What proofs did he say he wanted before believing it? What proofs did Jesus offer to give him? How did he then show that he was convinced? Who would be blessed in believing? Why were these signs and miracles of Jesus written? What may believers have through his name?

Which lesson speaks of the work assigned to Peter? State the three questions to Peter and Peter's three answers. The three commands of Jesus to Peter. How did Jesus describe the death of Peter? What fact concerning another disciple was Peter curious to know? What answer did Jesus make? Whom should every one strive to follow? Whom do you now follow?

HINTS.—To give information is well; to teach how to get it is better.

Estimate your teaching not by what you tell your pupils, but what they tell back to you.

Examinations should be made a test of the pupil's proficiency, not the teacher's.

Where every answer from every pupil in every class is a complete sentence, distinctly enunciated, there you will find good readers.

The condition of grounds, outbuildings and entries indicates the discipline of the school before one enters the room.

Those two or three "big, bad boys," if fairly won over to your side, will ensure the success of the school. If you want to fail, recognize in them a permanent opposition.

Never show your class a second time ignorance or uncertainty upon a point upon which you could have informed yourself.

—Mr. Angell, President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, was to lecture before the faculty and students of all departments of Dartmouth College, in the college chapel, Oct. 4th, on "The relation of animals that can speak to those that are dumb."

THE CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

This is the last issue of the MESSENGER for the year 1875. During the last twelve months it has doubled its circulation, and we cannot let the year come to a close without heartily thanking our many friends and workers for their noble efforts in extending the MESSENGER'S circulation and influence. The paper itself, we think, with increasing circulation, has increased in value, though so imperceptibly as almost not to be noticed at the first glance. While we cannot promise any direct improvement during the coming year we will do everything to make the MESSENGER one bringing with it good tidings to all, and such tidings as may influence those it reaches for good. In asking our friends to work for us it is not that we may say our circulation has increased so many thousand, although such information is pleasurable to a publisher's ears, but because we believe that a paper full of such matter as is published in each issue of the MESSENGER, can not be widely circulated without its effects being visible. It is very satisfactory also to know that many Sunday-schools are taking a renewed interest in the paper and that thousands are in circulation amongst them.

We have great hopes for next year. On December 15th, 1875 we would be pleased to write: "MESSENGER Circulation SIXTY THOUSAND." It is in the power of our readers to make this possible with but very little trouble to themselves. The following is the rule—30,000 + 30,000=60,000; again 30,000 x 2=60,000. Perhaps some of our smaller workers do not understand these signs. We then repeat if every subscriber to the MESSENGER sends us during the year the name of another, our circulation will at the end be 60,000. A good effort this month would give us a great start. Ten will subscribe in December for one that will do so any other month.

THE "WITNESS."

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"Pardon me if take up your time for a few minutes in giving my reasons for liking the WITNESS.

"1st. For its unmistakable religious tone, (no cant, but every day religion.)

"2nd. Its strong but unswerving advocacy of temperance.

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"4th. Its determined opposition to the encroachments of Rome, yet its freedom from the loud and vulgar abuse that really only defeat its own object.

"5th. Its good moral tone and honest condemnation of wrong-doing, no matter where and candid acknowledgment of good even in an enemy.

"I was delighted to read of the burst of feeling elicited by the announcement of the stopping of the New York Witness. Such things make us feel that in the midst of so much wickedness, worldliness, political depravity, &c., there is some good in the world yet."

A BIG PUSH.

There are two ways of extending the circulation of a newspaper. One is by never getting to drop a word in its favor. This is the method adopted by postmasters, who have the matter constantly before them in the line of duty, and by some ministers, who value the alliance of a wholesome newspaper, and never fail to keep partners in mind that their children's minds need healthy nutriment if they are not to grow up stagnant or vitiated by that which is positively deleterious. The other method is by making a special effort at times in its favor. From now till the end of the year is the great time for such special efforts, and also for special activity on the part of those who work in a more constant way. To facilitate immediate operation, we will from now to the end of the year receive the subscriptions of new subscribers to begin at once and continue to the end of next year

for the price of one year. Many put off the matter because their present subscription to some other paper is not up yet, to whom this offer will be a sufficient answer. Many subscriptions are never sent by putting off, and many intended efforts in our favor are never made through the same cause. We, therefore, urge on all the fact that this is the time to make a BIG PUSH for the MESSENGER. Now is the time when a word tells, and when those who have long intended to subscribe may easily be induced to do so. Now is the time to forestall the canvassers who get a large commission for introducing sensation papers into families. To be successful the work should be done before Christmas, when other matters distract the mind. We shall give a splendid Christmas picture, which will go to all who subscribe for next year in time for it. The following is the list of prizes, which are probably within the reach of all who try hard to get them:—

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2. To the person sending the second largest amount... 40
3. do. do. third do. 30
4. do. do. fourth do. 20
5. do. do. fifth do. 15
6. do. do. sixth do. 10
7. do. do. seventh do. 10
8. do. do. eighth do. 5
9. do. do. ninth do. 5
10. do. do. tenth do. 5
11. do. do. eleventh do. 5
12. do. do. twelfth do. 5

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