Autumn Lesson.

An these are the pensive Autumn weeks: An these are the pensive Autumn weeks;
We have nothing better to hope or get,
For the best is here, and the foud heart seeks
But to keep for a longer season yet
Her fading treasures,
Her vanishing pleasures.

My life is like the October time! The prodigal season is past and gone, And over forever the wealth and prime Of the long glad day when high deeds were

And the quiet and rest Are to me the best,

And I cannot afford to lose an hour Of the shorter day that is left to me, or carelessly fritter away the power Of head or of hand, since there soon shall be No moments here Of my life's short year,

But I thank my God for that which has been Of atrength and sunshine, of flower and

song;
And I will not shrink from the wintry scene Though the days are short and the nights are long Let the shadows fail,

For this life is not all !

-Christian World.

LESSON NOTES.

FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN THE WESTINGS OF JOHN.

A.D. 30.1 LESSON V. [Oct. 31.

John 20. 1-18.

Commit ve. 15-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon.—John 24. 34. CENTRAL TRUTH.

The risen Saviour is our resurrection and life. DAILY READINGS.

M. John 20. 1-18. Tu. Matt. 28. 1-15. W. Mark 16. 1-11. Th. Luke 24. 1-12. J. 1 Cor. 15. 11-28. Sa. 1 Cor. 15. 34-58. Su. 1 Thess. 4. 13 18.

TIME .-- Sunday, April 9, A.D. 30, early

Jerusalem, in the vicinity of Calvary.

Intervening History.—John 19, 31-42 Matt. 27, 57-66; Mark 15, 42-47; Luke 23,

PARALLEL ACCOUNTS.--Mat Mark 16, 1-11; Luke 24, 1-12,

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—(1) THE BURIAL Friday afternoon between four and BURIAL Friday afternoon between four and six o'clock. in a new sepulchre near Calvary, aided by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. (2) PRECAUTIONS. The Sabbath (Matt. 27. 62-66). In order to prove the resurrection, the death must be proved beyond doubt. In the providence of God, the centurion testified to the death of Jerus; the soldiers pierced his heart; the tomb was new, and at the request of the chief priests, the tomb was sealed and guarded. (3) The RESURBECTION. Very early Sunday murning (Matt. 28. 2-4), accompanied by an earthquake and by a shining angel. (4) The Women at the Sepulcher. Early Sunday murning (vs. 1, 2). 1. Mary Mag-THE WOMEN AT THE SEPULCHEE. Early Sunday morning (vs. 1, 2). 1. Mary Magualene—Accompanied by several others. 2. Then she runneth—She went ahead, saw the stone rulled away, and hastened back without looking in. The others waited, looked in, and saw an angel. (5) PETER AND JOHN VISIT THE SEPULCHEE (vs. 3-10). S. Believed—That Jesus was really risen from the dead. (6) Two Angels appear to Mary Magualene (vs. 11-13). Mary returned more (6) Two Angels appear to Mary Magda-Lene (vs. 11-13). Mary returned more slowly, and reached the tomb just after Peter and John had left. (7) Jesus Re-vrals himself as a Risen Savious First to Mary Magdalene (vs. 14-18). 14. Knew not that it was Jenus—She did not look up; her ey:s were dimmed with tears; his gar-ments must have been different; she was notexpecting to see him. 17. Touch me not— Do'not stop now to express your wonder and praise, but hasten on and tell the disciples the news. I am not yet ascended—I have not gone yet; there will be other times for you to see me. Jesus appeared on eleven different occasions during forty days.

SURJECTS FOR SPECIAL REPORTS.—The burial.—Precentions as to his death and burial.—The resurrection.—The empty sepulchre.—The vision of angels.—The first

appearance of Jeaus,- Why Mary did not

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—At what hour did Jesus ic? Where was he buried? Why in a ow tomb? What two men took charge of now tomb?

SUBJECT: THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

I. I OF RESURRECTION—On what day did Jesus refrom the dead? How long had he been dead? What promise was thus fulfilled? (Matt. 16, 21; 20, 19.) What signs accompanied the resurrection? What precaution had been taken so that there could be no deception? (Mark 15, 44; John 19, 33, 34; Matt. 28, 62-66.)

II. THE EMPTY SEPULCHER (VE. 1-10). Who came first to visit the tomb? Who were with her? (Mark 16, 1; Luke 24-10.)
To whom did she report? What did the other women see? (Mark 16, 5-7.) What two men came next? Had they expected the resurrection of Jesus?

III. THE RISEN LORD (vs. 11-18).—What did Mary do on her return? What did she see? Who approached at this time? Why did Mary not recognize him? Whom did she suppose it was? How did Jesus make himself known? Why must she not touch him? With what message did he send her? How many times did Jesus appear? During how long a time? (Acts 1. 3.)

Why is so much asid about the resumes

Why is so much said about the resurrection of Jesus? What does Paul say about its importance? (1 Cor. 15. 13-20.) What comfort and hope does it give us?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. We have here an excellent example of

1. We have here an excellent example of keeping the Sabbath.
2. The very efforts of opposers God compels to minister to the success of the Gospel.
3. Our eyes are often holden from seeing our Lord because he comes in unexpected ways and strange providences.
4. The resurrection of Jesus is (1) the crowning proof that Christ is the Son of God; (2) the proof of life beyond the grave; (3) the assurance of our own resurrection; (4) that our Saviour has power over death and all enemies; (5) it is a symbol of our moral resurrection.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

1. When did Jesus rise from the dead?
Ans. On Sunday morning, the third day
after the orucifixion. 2. To whom did he
appear first? Ans. To Mary Magdalene.
3. How many times did he appear to his
disciples? Ans. On eleven different occaaions. 4. During how long a time? Ans.
During forty days.

LESSON VI. A.D. 30.] [Nov. 7. THOMAS CONVINCED.

John 20, 19-31. Commit vs. 26-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.

And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.—John 20. 28.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

Jesus confirms the faith of his disciples, that they may go into all the world and preach the Gospei to every creature.

DAILY READINGS.

M. John 20. 19-31.
W. Mark 16. 12 20
F. Acta 2. 1-18, 42-47.
Su. John 16. 1-24.

TIME.—Sunday evening, April 9, A.D. 30, and Sunday evening, April 16.

PLACE.—A room in Jerusalem. Intervening History.—Matt. 28, 8-15; Mark 16, 12, 13; Luke 24, 13-35; 1 Cor. 15, 5,

PARALLEL ACO)UNTS.- Mark 16. 14-22; Luke 24. 36-49; J Cor. 15. 5.

Luke 24. 36.49; J Cor. 15. 5.

Helps over Hard Places.—Second Appearance of Jesse, Sunday morning. April 9 to the other women (Matt. 28. 9, 10.)

Thied Appearance. To Peter alone (Luke 24. 34; 1 Cor. 15. 5.) Fourth Appearance. To two disciples on the way to Emmaus; Sunday afternoon (Mark 16. 12, 13; Luke 24. 13-35.) Fifth Appearance. To the disciples are the same 13; Luke 24, 13-35.) FIFTH APPEARANCE.
To the disciples, except Thomas, the same Sunday evening (vs. 19, 20; Mark 16, 14; Luke 24, 36-43.) 19. Came Jesus and stood in the midst—Miraculously, but perhaps by aliently opening the door. Peace be unto you—Common salutation of the Jews. 20.
Shewed unto them his hands—To show that he was precisely the same Jesus who was crucified, and not a spirit. They were murderers.—Schroder.

terrified at his appearance. 21. Even so send I you.—To take my place and do my work. Mark adds that they were to preach the Gospel to every oreature. Every Christian is able to be a missionary. 23. Whovesever sins ye remit, etc..—The Holy Spirit would so lead them that what they did would be endorsed by God. They would preach the true dootrine of forgiveness of sins to all who believed on Jesus; and Jesus would forgive all who believed through their preaching. 24. Didymus.—The twin, Greek for the Hebrew Thomas.

Subjects for Special Reports.—The

Subjects for Special Reports,—The appearance of Jesus.—The beginning of the Lord's day as a Sabbath.—The mission of the disciples.—The gift of the Holy Spirit.—Ver. 23.—Ver. 29.—The object of John's Granal Gospel.

QUESTIONS.

Introductory.—To whom did Christ appear first after his resurrection? To whom did he make his second appearance? The third? The fourth?

SUBJECT: FAITH CONFIRMED AND WORK APPOINTED.

I. FAITH CONFIRMED BY THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN LORD (vs. 19, 20).—How many times did Jesus appear to his disciples on the day he rose from the day? What were the disciples doing on that first Sunday evening? (Mark 16, 14.) How many were present? Why were the doors closed? What reason had they to fear the Jews? How did Jesus enter? What were his first words? How does Jesus bring peace? What reason had they to near the Jews; How did Jesus enter? What were his first words? How does Jesus bring peace? What was the effect of his appearance on the disciples? (Luke 24. 37.) How did he prove that he was the same Jesus they had known before? What other proof is given in Luke? (24, 41-43.) What was the effect of this 'ssurance on the disciples? Does the conscious presence of Jesus always bring gladness to those who love him?

bring gladness to those who love him?

II. The DISCIPLES COMMISSIONED (vs. 21-23, 30, 31).—Where did Jesus send his disciples? (Mark 16, 15, 16.) What were they to do? How did he prepare them for this work? (v. 22.) How did the Holy Spirit enable them to carry on the work of Jesus in the world? (John 14, 26; 15, 26; 16, 7-11.) When was this gift fully bestowed (Acts 2, 1, 2, 16-21.) What further promise did Jesus make? (v. 28.) What does this verse mean?

III. THE DISCIPLES' FAITH STILL MORE CONFIRMED (vs. 24-29).—Which one of the disciples was absent from the Sunday evening meeting? What did he lose by his absence? What did he require in order to halfane? What did have a water the according to the contraction of the contraction ing meeting? What did he lose by his absence? What did he require in order to believe? When did Jesus appear the second time to the disciples? What did he say to Thomas? What was the effect on Thomas? Did he then see Jesus as divine? Was his true faith? What kind of faith did Jesus say was still better? Why?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

1. True disciples love to meet together

for worship.

2. Jesus will be present at such meetings.

3. Jesus' presence brings peace, gladness, and faith.

A. It is a great loss to be away from such meetings. Thomas lost (1) the blessing of Jesus, (2) the gift of the Holy Spirit, (3) the teachings of Jesus, (4) confirmation of his faith.

his fairn.

5. The duty of preaching the Gospel to every creature is laid upon us all.

6. Jesus has promised to bless faithful labours in his nature.

labours in his cause.
7. There are those whose salvation or loss

depends on our faithfulnes 8. A believing, trusting, loving heart is a great blessing.

REVIEW EXERCISE.

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5. When did Jesus appear to his disciples in a body? Ans. At a meeting on the Sunday evening after his resurrection. 6. How did he prove that he was the same Jesus? Ans. He showed them his wounded hands and side, and ate with them. 7. To what work did he send them? Ans. To go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. 8. What help did he give them? Ans. The gift of the Holy Spirit, 9. What is the object of the Gospel? Ans. (Repeat v. 31.)

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