

ing along beneath big baskets of wood faggots, wine jars, vegetables, or loaves of bread, that I could hardly lift. The Swiss are very homely in appearance, and they wear such queer old-fashioned dresses that they look like little old men and women. But if "handsome is that handsome does," then they are much better than the bold, bright, black-eyed little vixens of Naples.

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"PLEASE REMEMBER THE GROTTTO."



YOU never saw such a scene as is shown in our picture on the preceding page in any of our Canadian cities or towns, did you? No. But if you had happened to be in the great city of London, England, on the fifth of August, you would probably have seen some grottoes of oyster shells with burning candles inside, and their builders holding out a shell, and pleading for pennies, by saying: "Please remember the grotto." This is a curious custom. What does it mean, think you? I will tell you. In the olden time it was believed that the Apostle James preached the Gospel in Spain, and that he afterward went to Palestine, and became Bishop of Jerusalem. The Jews, says the ancient legend, threw him over the walls of their city and killed him. Some Spanish Christians picked up his body, carried it to Spain, and placed it in a grotto in the city of Compostella. To this grotto thousands of people formerly made pilgrimages. The pilgrims wore a scallop shell in their hats as a badge.

Now the fifth of August is called St. James' Day, and that day is the beginning of the oyster season in London. Hence it came to pass that grottoes made of oyster shells were built and lighted to remind people of the shrine of the Apostle at Compostella. The begging of pence grew out of the fact that pilgrims from London to the shrine of the Apostle used to be obliged to pay a tax of two pence when they started, and two pence more when they returned home. The whole thing, you see, grew out of the superstitions of the people in days when

Roman Catholic priests taught them all kinds of nonsense in the name of religion.

The practice of grotto building is, however, dying out even in London. Here and there selfish boys and girls build them as a means of begging a little idle money, but children who respect themselves do not do it. The superstition being dead, there is no reason why its meannesses should be kept alive. Still, the grotto itself, when lighted, is a very pretty thing.

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LESSON NOTES.

A. D. 64.] **LESSON II.** [Oct. 12.

THE TYPES EXPLAINED; OR THE ONE OFFERING.

Heb. 9. 1-12. **Commit to memory verses 3-15.**

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OUTLINE.

1. The holy sanctuary. v. 1-5.
2. The holy service. v. 6-10.
3. The holy Saviour. v. 11, 12.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified. Heb. 10. 14.

1. Remember that only Christ's blood can wash away sin.
2. Remember that he has died for you.
3. Prepare to meet him in heaven.

Find the account of the tabernacle and its courts.... Where it was set up in Palestine.... By whom the ark was taken captive.... By whom it was carried to Jerusalem.

A. D. 64.] **LESSON III.** [Oct. 19.

THE TRIUMPH OF FAITH; OR, THE ONE CONDITION.

Heb. 11. 1-10. **Commit to memory verses 1-6.**

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OUTLINE.

1. Faith defined. v. 1.
2. Faith illustrated. v. 1-10.

GOLDEN TEXT.

For he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Heb. 11. 27.

1. Believe in God.
2. Believe God's word.
3. Follow its noble examples.

Find and read the account of Abel.... Of Enoch.... Of Noah.... Of Abraham.... Of the city of God in Revelation.