

3. *Martha....went and met him.* v. 20.
 "Come unto me....rest." Matt. 11. 28.
 4. *Mary sat still in the house.* v. 20.
 "The heart knoweth his own bitterness." Prov. 14. 10.

II. THE LIVING ONE.

1. *Thy brother shall rise again.* v. 23.
 "There shall be a resurrection." Acts 24. 15.
 2. *I am the resurrection.* v. 26.
 "By man....the resurrection." 1 Cor. 15. 21.
 3. *Believeth on me....never die.* v. 26.
 "Seeth the Son....believeth....life." John 6. 40.
 4. *The Christ, the Son of God.* v. 27.
 "God was manifest in the flesh." 1 Tim. 3. 16.
 5. *Jesus wept.* v. 35.
 "Touched with....feeling." Heb. 4. 15.

III. THE RESURRECTION.

1. *If thou wouldst believe....see.* v. 40.
 "Faith....the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11. 1.
 2. *I thank thee....hast heard.* v. 41.
 "The Father hath not left me alone." John 8. 29.
 3. *Lazarus, come forth.* v. 43.
 "All....in the graves shall hear his voice." John 5. 28.
 4. *He that was dead came forth.* v. 44.
 "The dead shall be raised incorruptible." 1 Cor. 15. 52.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.

From Death to Life.

1. There are many who are dead in sin; for sin is the reality of an everlasting death, of which physical death is the outward picture. Lazarus in his grave represents the sinner. See Eph. 2. 1; Rom. 8. 6.
2. People cannot arise to spiritual life by their own power, nor by the prayers of their friends; for man cannot give life to others, nor gain it for himself. v. 19.
3. There is but one who can impart spiritual life, and that is Jesus, who is the life, and possesses life, not as a gift, but as a part of his being.
4. We should go to Christ in behalf of those who need life, and he will answer our prayers, even though he may seem to delay.
5. When Christ comes to give life, he enters into fellowship with our sufferings, feels our woes, and groans with our groanings. v. 33-35.
6. When Christ comes to the soul dead in sin, it hears his voice, however deep and dark its grave. How many have heard Christ's call and come forth!
7. But there is something for the soul to do when Christ speaks: it must obey. Christ's call will never save unless the heart which hears him submits to Christ's authority.
8. Though we cannot give life, we can help a soul to the life. We can "roll away the stone," by preparing the way for Christ, and we can "loose him," by our help in the spiritual life.

English Teacher's Notes.

WHEN the morning comes in dark, wet, and stormy, and the face of the sky is hidden by thick gloomy clouds, many of us are apt to feel a momentary depression. The weather, it may be, crosses some plan we laid out for the day, and seems likely to mar our work or our pleasure. Still, for all that, we look confidently forward to a change at no very distant time, when the clouds shall retire and the sun again shine forth in brightness. We have

so often seen these changes that we expect them. It is the same when winter approaches and we see the gardens and fields growing gradually desolate, the flowers fading, the trees losing their foliage. We know that another spring will restore what is lost, that there will be a resurrection of verdure and beauty, that leaf and blossom and fruit will return again; for we have seen winter after winter pass away, and nature wake up once more to renewed life. But there is one thing we have not seen. Friends and neighbors have passed away, one by one; there is hardly a child who cannot recall some acquaintance to whom death has come and whose body now lies in the grave. And we have never yet seen one of them rise and come back to life! We are, in a measure, familiar with human death, but not with human resurrection. Death is a common thing amongst us; resurrection a distant and strange thing. Death seems an actual presence and power; resurrection a far-off hope.

It is quite a different thing in the New Testament. There resurrection is named as often as death—in fact the two are generally spoken of together. And there we find that there have been men and women who have seen both. Resurrection is not such a distant thing as it appears. It has been here before us. In the story of Lazarus we are shown death, resurrection, and life.

1. *Death.* We see it here in all its ordinary features—the sickness, the disease, the burial, the corpse laid in the grave-clothes and laid carefully in the family vault or cave, closed with a huge stone. Then the continued mourning of the sisters, the numerous friends striving to comfort them, the visits to the grave "to weep there."

How was it that this calamity had fallen upon the happy family—upon the friends of Jesus? The sisters both give the same answer: "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother had not died." They accounted for it by the absence of Jesus. Had he been there death could not have come into their home.

Remember how death originally came into the world. It was when sin came and separated man from God. In the Old Testament we read much of death. Look at the long lists of names of those who lived their allotted span on earth, and then died; look at the terrible wars of extermination waged by Israel against the nations steeped in sin and wickedness; look at the kings of Israel and Judah, who passed away and were buried "in the sepulcher of their father." But in the New Testament, where the Lord Jesus Christ appears, we find it different. Whenever the sick were brought to him he healed them. No wonder that Martha and Mary felt that it was only because Jesus was not there that their brother's sickness had ended fatally—that if he had been present with them Lazarus would have lived.

Here we get the reason of all the sorrow and grief now on earth. The ravages of disease, of want, of war are all owing to the absence of Jesus. While he is away the earth must mourn and death must rule.

2. *Resurrection.* At length the news reached the bereaved family that Jesus had come. Much as they

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