

of Jacob's well. It had two defects: (1) It satisfied thirst only for a time (**shall thirst again**); (2) It was a weary distance from the woman's home. **The water that I shall give.** The pardon, peace, joy, that Jesus gives, satisfy the soul forever (**shall never thirst**). Then, they are always at hand (**shall be in him**). **Springing up into everlasting life.** Springs of happiness here, and in heaven a great ocean—what a wonderful promise! What gladness comes to us, as to this woman and her countrymen, when we, like they, accept it and Him who makes it, vs. 29, 39, 42.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—Jesus at Jacob's well, John 4: 5-14. T.—Christ revealed, John 4: 15-26. W.—The Samaritans, 2 Kings 17: 24-34. Th.—Invitation, Isa. 55: 1-7. F.—Wells of salvation, Isa. 12. S.—Water of life, Rev. 22: 1-7. S.—Whosoever will, Rev. 22: 16-21.

Prove from Scripture—That Jesus is truly man.
Shorter Catechism—Ques. 62. What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment? A. The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are, God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments, his challenging a special propriety in the seventh, his own example, and his using the sabbath-day.

The Question on Missions—6. Who was the first Christian missionary to the Gentiles? Peter was the first to carry the Gospel to the Gentiles, when Cornelius and his household believed (Acts 10).

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 418 (Supplemental Lesson); 457; 36; 14 (Ps. Sel.); 136 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 151.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Name the three provinces of Palestine from south to north.

5, 6 Whence had Jesus come? Whither was He going? How long had He been walking? Where did He rest?

7, 8 Who came to the well? How did she carry her pitcher? Why did she come to the well for water? The request of Jesus? Whither had the disciples gone?

9-12 Why was the woman surprised? How did she know Jesus was a Jew? Can you tell how it was that Jesus' disciples dealt with the Samaritans? What did Jesus offer? Why was the woman puzzled?

13, 14 Tell two things about the blessings Jesus gives.

Seniors and the Home Department—Where was Sychar? How long had Jesus been in Judaea? **5-8** To whom had the site of Shechem been given, and by whom? What need had Jesus in common with the woman? Describe the Saviour's two natures. (S. Catechism, Ques. 21.)

9-12 Explain the ill-feeling between Jews and Samaritans? Who were commanded to preach the gospel in Samaria? (Acts 1: 8.) Who did so? (Acts 8: 5.)

13, 14 What defects in the water from Jacob's well? To whom is "the water of life" offered? (Rev. 22: 17.) On what terms?

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. What a comfort to know that Jesus knows just what it is to be tired. We do not have to explain this to Him. He has sympathy and love for all who have worked hard and long, and are wearied.

2. One at a time, trees are planted, and a great orchard comes.

3. It seemed a chance meeting at the well; but it meant eternal life to a multitude. One can never tell beforehand which opportunities may be great; be on the watch, therefore, always, for blessing.

4. How honored we should feel, and with reason, if we were requested to render some personal service to our king. And the King of kings is inviting us every day to do something for Him and for His cause.

5. Can the things of this world satisfy? Ask those who have had them longest. The real, deep, lasting joys of life come only from having Christ's life in the soul.

THIRST AND WATER

Peloubet well says that thirst is the type of the intense physical desires, in the satisfying of which lie happiness, life, and progress. What water is to the thirsty soul Eliza Cook's lines portray:—

"Traverse the desert, and then you can tell
What treasures exist in the cold, deep well.
Sink in despair on the red, parched earth,
And then you may reckon what water is worth.
The gnawing of hunger's worm is past,
But fiery thirst lives on to the last.
The hot blood stands in each gloomy eye,
And 'Water, O God,' is the only sigh.

Let heaven this one rich gift withhold,
How soon we find it is better than gold."

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What proof in the Lesson that Jesus was truly man?.....

2. How do the blessings of salvation resemble water?.....

3. Show from the Lesson that these blessings are for all.....