

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

NOVEMBER 26.

MARK XV. 27-37.

THE DEATH OF THE CROSS.

1.—The incident of Jesus being crucified between two thieves was fully commented on in our last year's lessons. We need here only refer to it as a fulfilment of the prophecy of Isaiah (chapter liii. 12). It should also be noted that our Lord had applied this prophecy to Himself (Luke xiii. 37).

While Jesus hung on the Cross, the bitter reviling, begun in the high priest's council-chamber, and continued by the soldiers in the praetorium, reached their climax in the taunts and challenges which were flung at the sufferers, which were proved His Divinity and His power by coming down from the Cross and saving Himself. Their taunt: "He saved others; Himself he cannot save," was the truest thing they had said in the whole course of the proceedings, little as they suspected the great truth and important meaning which lay hidden beneath their careless words. He could not save both Himself and others; and therefore He would not save Himself.

2.—This darkness was remarkable. (i.) From the time when it occurred, which was the passover always celebrated at full moon, so that it could not be occasioned by an eclipse of the sun, and was therefore preternatural. (ii.) From its duration, from the sixth unto the ninth hour, that is, from twelve at noon to three in the afternoon; whereas an eclipse never continues more than fifteen minutes. (iii.) From its extent—over all the land, meaning, probably, not over the whole globe, but over Palestine. This was the first of the miraculous events which accompanied the Crucifixion of our Saviour. The great sacrifice for the sins of the world was now offered; and as on great occasions God had been wont to show His acceptance of sacrifices by some visible token, so on this the greatest, the most solemn, and most important, the Father testifies from heaven that a more than ordinary death was undergoing, to mark which, the sun itself was darkened, and the face of heaven veiled.

3.—It is impossible for those who do not believe the true doctrine of the Atonement, to give any satisfactory explanation of the heart-rending exclamation of the dying Jesus. If we are to regard Jesus simply as a martyr, it is a note of failure just at the supreme moment when His courage and endurance should have been most fully displayed. But if we are to regard Him as the propitiation for our sins, then we can understand that the horror and agony which wrung this cry from His lips must have been an essential part of the expiating process. Throughout His career the Son of Man had been sustained by the consciousness of His Father's presence and favour; that favour had been on more than one occasion visibly manifested, and audibly expressed. When His soul began to be troubled by the oppressive shadow of the hour that was so rapidly approaching and overcoming the weakness of His human nature, He said, "Father, glorify Thy Name," there came direct and prompt, in an audible voice, from heaven the answer, "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again" (John xii. 27, 28). Why, then, in the hour when He most needed the consciousness of His presence and favour, was it so sensibly withdrawn as to wring from His anguish-stricken heart what was literally a shriek of irrepressible agony? The only possible answer is, because for the time being it was essential both to the Father's purpose and His mission, that He should be regarded and treated as the representative of a guilty world, rather than as the well-beloved Son. It remains for us to rejoice that, if the Father's favour was withdrawn for a time from the incarnate Son, it was that it might be restored to us guilty sinners. The hiding of the Father's face from the suffering Son, was the means of lifting up the light of the Divine countenance upon multitudes of perishing souls. We are indebted to St. Luke for the one ray of light which falls upon the Cross after the darkness of this hour of horror, he alone tells us, that the sense of the Divine presence was so graciously restored, that He was enabled to say, "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

4.—St. Mark, like St. Matthew, tells us that Jesus cried again with a loud voice just before His death, but St. John is the only one who tells us what the very last words were. "He said, It is finished, and He bowed His head and gave up the ghost" (John xix. 30). Yes! It was finished—that scene of coarse brutality and fiendish malignity on the one hand, and meek and patient suffering on the other; that life of spotless purity and self-sacrificing regard for the good of others—that mission on which He came, not to do His own will, but the will of Him that sent Him—it was now all finished and complete. The career which began in Bethlehem necessarily terminated in Calvary; the Babe who was laid in the manger was predestinated to hang on the Cross; and had not Jesus of Nazareth thus bowed His head and given up the ghost, the song of the angels who heralded His birth never could have been realized; nor could the glad tidings of pardon, peace, purity, and eternal life, ever have been offered to rebellious and guilty men.

CORSETS.

The American Agriculturist thus discusses the corset:

The temptation to tight lacing is not so great as formerly, now that corsets are fitted by measure, and then fastened in front with steel hooks. But almost every corset-wearer would find her waist expanding in size, should she leave off the corset, and wear really loose clothing. The corset-steel is one of the worst features. The pressure upon the stomach and thus upon the nerves back of the stomach, results in weakness and general invalidism. Many corset-wearers imagine that a corset is a real support to the strength, because they feel "all gone" without it. This only shows how much mischief the corset has already done. Their feelings are all unnatural. The muscles of the waist and abdomen have lost their native power through confinement. If the toggery worn in the shape of basques and skirts, with bands and weights, oppresses and torments her when the corset is removed, the toggery should certainly be reformed, and the muscles given a chance to recover their lost power. Physicians have always condemned the corset as prejudicial to health, and the best artists have condemned it as distorting woman's natural form, and detrimental to real grace and beauty. But there is little hope of woman's emancipation in large numbers, from these bonds, so long as closely fitted waists, and especially basques, prevail.

USEFUL HINTS.

If you have a place of business be found there when wanted.

To test nutmegs prick them with a pin, and if they are good the oil will instantly spread around the puncture.

Help others whenever you can, but never give what you cannot afford to supply because it is fashionable.

Learn to say no. There is no necessity of snapping it out dog fashion, but say it respectfully and firmly.

Soaking calico just previous to the first washing in a strong solution of either salt or alum is excellent to preserve the color.

Speaking of the "mission of women." Mr. Spurgeon says he has no faith in that woman who talks of grace and glory abroad, and uses no soap at home.

The small white aggo called pearl is the best. The large brown kind has an earthy taste. It should always be kept in a covered jar or box.

Spots on varnished furniture are readily removed by rubbing them with essence of peppermint or spirit of camphor, and afterward with furniture polish or oil.

Coffee pounded in mortar and roasted on iron plate, sugar burned on hot coals, and vinegar boiled with myrrh and sprinkled on the floor and furniture of a sick room, are excellent deodorizers.

Wagner, in his pamphlet on Religion an Art, is said to have proved that "vegetarianism is one of the most powerful of the agents for the regeneration of mankind."

Soak corned beef over night if very salt, but if beef is young and properly corned, this is not necessary; pour over it cold water enough to cover it well, after washing off the salt. The rule for boiling meats is twenty-five minutes to a pound, but corned beef should be placed on a part of the stove or range where it will simmer, according to the size of the piece.

The expense of a habit which one keeps no account of was illustrated by Mr. Staples on day this week as follows: "Six months ago he left off smoking and 'squandered' his money, about as he had been in the habit of buying cigars, by dropping it into a jug. Wednesday he brought the jug into one office and broke it, when out rolled enough quarters, dimes and nickels to aggregate the sum of \$47.25, which the squire says he shall use toward buying him a gold watch. This is certainly the best piece of 'Jugglery' we ever heard of.—Lake View Enterprise.

Night hours is abundant time for sleep unless a young person is in delicate health, when more may be needed. Nature is a good guide in all such matters, and usually wakes a person when he has slept long enough. By paying no attention to her and turning over for another nap it is easy to form a bad habit of over sleeping. We suspect that the little friend who asks this question does not like to get up in the morning! If so we recommend going to bed a trifle earlier and jumping up at the first waking.

"Do you mix anything with your candies?" he asked, as he laid his money down and picked up the package of gum drops. "Well—ahem—little glucose, perhaps." "Anything else?" "Perhaps a little clay." "Any chalk?" "Only a very little. Not enough to speak of." "It's of no interest to me, you know," continued the stranger; "but I was wondering why you didn't have your candies made at a regular brick-yard, of the regular material, and have something you could warrant to purchasers."

Goat Island, on the brink of the falls at Niagara, has thus far been kept in its native wilderness of forest growth, notwithstanding the efforts of capitalists who desire to use it as a site for great manufacturing. The youngest heir to the estate of which the island forms a part comes of age in a few months, and then the estate must be sold. It is suggested that the State of New York buy the island.

A French advocate left all his money to a lunatic asylum. In his will he said that as he had made it all from litigants, it was only a restitution.

INFORMATION.

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THE AVERAGE BOY and a good-sized lump of maple candy, form the materials from which we might detect self-evident conclusion regarding the facility with which attachments are formed in early life, when the circumstances are all favorable. Among other good illustrations we might also particularize the case of the little fellow, who, as an inducement to his indulgent maternal relative to make an addition to his customary dose of ROBINSON'S PHOSPHORIZED EMULSION, suddenly brought the matter to a focus by exclaiming, appealingly—"Just give me one more teaspoonful and I'll go right off to sleep."

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