

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

(From the International Lessons for 1875 by Edwin W. Rice, as issued by American Sunday-School Union)

SEPTEMBER 19.] LESSON XII.

THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. (A. D. 30.) READ JOHN xi. 34-44.—COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 43-44. DAILY READINGS.—M.—John xi. 34-44. T.—Luke xx. 27-38. W.—Dan. xii. 2-13. Th.—Acts xxiii. 6-10; xxiv. 14-21. F.—1 Thess. iv. 13-18. Sa.—1 Cor. xv. 3-23. S.—Rev. xx. 1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.—Hos. xiii. 14.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Jesus has swallowed up death in victory.

To THE SCHOLAR.—Read the first 50 verses of this chapter, and notice the delay of the Lord after hearing that Lazarus was sick, and the reason he gives for it in verse 15. Then study this lesson, which shows the tender sympathy and the infinite power of Jesus.

HISTORICAL NOTES.—Cave tomb. The door to the "Tomb of the Kings" is described as a large round stone like a millstone. The tombs were usually hewn out of the rock, or were often in the caves of some rock. Inside of these, niches and shelves were out into the rock upon a level with the entrance, and the dead bodies slid in upon these horizontal rocky shelves—not let down into a grave as with us.

EXPLANATION.—(34.) Where ... laid him! implying that he wished to visit the grave; come and see, Jesus with us in deepest sorrow! (35.) Jesus went, the Son of God in tears; how great must be his sympathy for us! (36.) how he loved him! even the Jews are surprised. (37.) some said, probably the unbelieving Jews; opened the eyes (see Lesson X.); the blind, or "the blind man" (John ix. 10). (38.) it was a cave (see Notes); stone lay upon it, or "against it." (39.) take ye, man to do all he can, then God begins; been four days, Martha's faith failed. (40.) If thou wouldst believe, faith needful to behold the works of God (see Mark ix. 23). (42.) thou hearest me always, said because of those standing by. (43.) Lazarus, come forth, wonderful life-giving words! (44.) dead came forth, what astonishment on all faces then! bound ... grave-clothes, bound with a "sort of band of rush or tow used to bind up the dead," (45.) loose him, in their astonishment probably the friends did not aid him until this command was given.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- (I.) JESUS WITH THE SORROWING. (II.) JESUS IN PRAYER. (III.) JESUS RAISING THE DEAD. I. Where did Mary and Martha live? To whom did they send when their brother fell sick? v. 3. How did they speak of their brother in their message to Jesus? v. 3. Where was Jesus at that time? (See John x. 40.) How long did he remain there after hearing this? v. 6. Relate what he then said to his disciples. Which of the sisters went out to meet Jesus? What did she say to Jesus? v. 21. What did Mary also say to Jesus? v. 32. What proofs did Jesus give of his deep sympathy for these sorrowing sisters? vs. 34, 35. II. To whom did Jesus pray? Repeat the words of his prayer. III. What did he ask the friends of Lazarus to remove? v. 38. What objection was made? How did Jesus answer it? After his prayer, to whom did Jesus speak? In what manner? (What followed?) What was the effect upon many who were there? v. 45.



Rolling away the Stone.

SEPTEMBER 26.] LESSON XIII.

REVIEW.—CHRIST REJECTED. READ JOHN xi. 47-53.—COMMIT TO MEMORY vs. 47, 48. DAILY READINGS.—M.—John xi. 47-52. T.—Ps. ii. 1-12. W.—Luke xxiv. 13-27. Th.—John v. 1-18; vi. 47-58. F.—Isa. xlix. 6-23. Sa.—John vii. 30-53. S.—John ix. 1-35.

GOLDEN TEXT.—He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief.—Isa. liii. 3.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—Christ came unto his own, and his own received him not.

To THE SCHOLAR.—The value of this review will depend upon the care and accuracy with which the important facts and teachings of the last twelve lessons are recalled. The plans and questions below should be thoroughly studied during the week. The last twelve lessons may be reviewed under two divisions: (I.) Jesus beginning his

work: (II.) Jesus giving heavenly blessings. After recalling the golden texts, the following outline will aid in a review of the titles, central truths, practical thoughts, facts, and teachings of the lesson.

Table with columns: TITLES, CENTRAL TRUTHS. Rows include: 1 W. M. F. Jesus is the revealer of the Father. 2 F. L. Jesus is leader and commander of the people. 3 J. M. Jesus is Lord of all. 4 N. B. Nothing entereth into heaven that defileth. 5 W. L. The gift of God is eternal life. 6 J. B. It is the Lord that healeth. 7 B. L. Jesus the living bread for perishing souls. 8 J. C. Jesus was anointed with the Holy Ghost and with power. 9 F. T. True liberty is from the Son. 10 L. W. Jesus is the true light. 11 G. S. The Lord is our shepherd. 12 R. L. Jesus has swallowed up death in victory. (Christ came unto his own, and his own received him not.)

Table with columns: No. Les., PRACTICAL THOUGHTS, JESUS. Rows include: 1 Jesus the Word. Our Life, John i. 4. 2 Jesus the Lamb of God. Our Sacrifice, Rev. vii. 14. 3 Jesus at the marriage. Our Joy, John xvii. 13. 4 Jesus teaching a teacher. Our Teacher, Isa. lii. 13. 5 Water for the thirsty soul. Our Fountain, Jer. ii. 13. 6 Help for the helpless soul. Our Physician, Jer. viii. 22. 7 Bread for the hungry soul. Our Bread, John vi. 48. 8 Wisdom for the ignorant soul. Our Counsellor, Isa. ix. 6. 9 Freedom for the enslaved soul. Our Liberator, Gal. v. 1. 10 Light for the darkened soul. Our Light, John ix. 5. 11 Guidance for the faithless soul. Our Shepherd, John x. 11. 12 Resurrection for the believing soul. Our Resurrection, John xi. 25.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- I. In which of these lessons are the following PERSONS named: Peter, John, Phillip, Andrew, Nathanael, Moses, Nicodemus, Jacob, David, Abraham, Martha, Lazarus? II. In which of these lessons are the following PLACES mentioned: Siloam, Bethelchem, Galilee, Sychar, Samaria, Cana, Nazareth, Bethsaida, Wilderness. III. Which of these lessons teach us—That Jesus is the Maker of all things? That Jesus has the water of life? That Jesus is the light of the world? To look to Jesus for help in sickness? To hear his voice as our guide? That Jesus is interested in our family joys? That Jesus only can feed the soul? That Jesus has power over death? The need of a new birth? How we may be free indeed? Which of the lessons speak of Jesus—As the true light? The Lamb of God? As weeping? As showing his glory? As the door? The Son of Man? The light of the world? As weary? As sent of the Father? As healing on the Sabbath day? As the Christ? As the bread of life?

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As, however, all are benefited by the reduced rates, all will, we hope, do something. If each reader would send us one new one before first October, we should have fifty instead of thirty thousand.

PROGRESS OF THE "MESSENGER."

Our readers are growing more and more interested in the increase of the MESSENGER subscription list. The following figures show six months' growth:—

Table with columns: Month, Subscribers. Rows: April 1st. 18,200; May 19,300; June 20,500; July 22,800; Aug. 23,900; Sept. 25,000.

The month of September should show a larger improvement than any, as it will be the great month for the competition for the \$100 of prizes. It will require the utmost vigor, however, to reach by that time the 30,000 we have been aiming at.

THE CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

EXTRACTS FROM CHILDREN'S LETTERS.

DALESVILLE, July. Dear Mr. Editor,—I will be twelve years old on the 28th of October next. I am going to write about the crocodile. The crocodile is one of the largest animals in existence. The male is from 25 to 35 feet long. When its mouth is open, a man can stand upright between its jaws. The crocodile is a very ferocious animal, very swift in its motions, and very strong. The crocodile is produced from eggs which the old one lays in the sand on the bank of a river, and is hatched by the heat of the sun. The eggs are about the size of goose eggs, which are often destroyed by different animals. Please put this in your WRITINGS. Yours truly, JOHN SEALES.

LAKE MEGANTIC, Aug. 4th, 1875. Dear Editor,—I hope you will give room in your paper for my small letter. I have sent a letter before to the WITNESS, and I never saw it in your paper, and I hope that I will see this one in it. We have nice weather here at present, but yesterday it was raining all day. The crops here are splendid this year, better than they were for two or three years. I have no more to say at present. D. F. McDONALD.

EFFINGHAM, June 10th, 1875. Mr. Editor, Dear Sir,—I thought I would write you a little letter, and I hope you will allow it room in your paper, which I think is the best that comes to this post-office. And as I see the little girls are all sending receipts I guess I will send you one of a very nice tea cake made without eggs. One cup of sugar, one cup sour milk, one teaspoonful soda and the size of a walnut of butter. Yours truly, AGNES A. BECKETT.

CLINTON, July 28, 1875. SIR.—You will find enclosed a story, which, if it has no other recommendation, is at least a true one. I take your MESSENGER and I like it very well; that is the reason I wrote the story and sent it to you to publish if you think proper. I am now between 16 and 17 years of age, and learning the art of printing in this town. If you publish this and wish if I think I could write something more which might be readable. Wishing you and the MESSENGER success I remain yours, &c., AUGUST H. DRUMM. [We cannot make room for the story.—ED. WIT]

CONSECON, July 12th, 1875. Mr. Editor,—I am very happy to inform you that I am highly pleased with your paper the MESSENGER; this being the first year I have taken it. The reason why I like it is because it is a temperance paper, and I believe it is doing good, for the inhabitants of the village and surrounding country are getting woke up and daily the cause is getting stronger, and I verily believe, before twelve months elapse, that the liquor traffic will be brought to a close in this country of Prince Edward. With those few remarks I will close by wishing you every success that could attend you. Yours truly, ALFARITA BRECH.

MCDONALD'S CORNERS, P. O. Dalhousie, 17th Aug., 1875. Messrs. John Dougall & Son,—I enclose you \$2 00, say two dollars for subscriptions for MESSENGER as per enclosed list will claim credit for the 5c overpaid next remittance. I am competing for the prizes offered for the largest number of subscribers; I have nine others besides these, but have not got the 30c each yet travelled fifty-five miles for sixteen subscriber. I am thirteen years old last July; I am four feet nine and a half inches, not very strong, but healthy; will give you a little of my experience in prize-taking at school. When eight years of age the best was regular attendance, no misconduct, the best progress no matter in what class. I was in the second class; a good many scholars were equal to me in the general branches, but I got no whipping in the six months' regular attendance; those who missed from fifteen days to one were to stand up; the number was getting fewer every time called; I was the only one that could stand up when all was called that did not miss a day in the six months. The teacher said "That looks champion like." I got the prize and got a great many presents from my friends for succeeding. Send me some blank subscription lists. Yours respectfully, AGNES MACLEAN.

Zion's Herald has some good ideas relative to women's work in connection with the churches. It says: Why may not a Christian church, by its women, visit as many irreligious homes each three months as there are female members of the church, and visit these homes to carry Jesus with them, and to tell in ears that have never heard the Gospel the joyful news of salvation. This seems like a little thing, and yet how few churches come up to this standard of faithfulness! It might be done, and it ought to be done, and it must be done before the churches in our large cities will make their presence felt as they ought amid the surging tides of sin that sweep with fury along. It will take more religion than is now enjoyed to undertake this work, and carry it to a successful issue. There will need to be a letting go of worldly pleasures and pursuits, less of dress and show, more of real, earnest living. Heaven and hell, and the cross of Calvary will form the theme of daily thought, and will serve as a constant inspiration; and there will be such an unselfish consecration of

all things upon the altar of God that all will know that the eternal and invisible things, unseen by mortal eyes, have been revealed to these earnest souls. Why may not the Church, why may not Christian women hear the call of Christ, and the pleadings of a perishing world, and resolve that the future shall witness such a personal proclamation of the gospel from house to house as has never been known? This is the only way to reach multitudes of the unsaved and uncared for; and if not reached with words of love and faith they will go down to the depths of hell, within sound of Sabbath bells and in sight of heavenward-pointing church-spires, and from the very presence of careless, ease-loving Christian professors. May God arouse the Church, and especially the women of the church, to the vastness of the needs of this crisis-hour in the history of evangelical service.

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