

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON X, JUNE 4, JOHN 19: 17-30.

Chief Text: "The Son of God Who Loved Me and Gave Himself for Me." Gal. 2:10—Christ Crucified on the Cross of Calvary.

17. "And He, bearing His cross, went forth." From Pilate's palace court, where had been the solemn mockery of a trial and the jesting mockery of the soldiers.

18. "And two robbers with Him." Robbers; probably with the intention of giving the impression that Jesus was to be classed with them. The motive may have been malice, but was more probably to take away the imputation of having punished an innocent man.

19. "And Pilate wrote a title." According to the Roman custom that the criminal should have upon his cross the nature of the crime for which he suffered. Pilate himself saw to the inscription in this case, in order by a sarcasm to vent his feelings toward the Jews, and give at the same time an honorable title to Jesus, which proclaimed Him innocent of any criminality.

20. "In Hebrew and Greek and Latin." This title was written in the three languages then in common use, so that all could read; in Greek, for the foreigners and visitors, Greek being the learned language of all nations; in Latin, for the Romans; in Hebrew, for the Jews. The words are somewhat different in the different Gospels, probably because the title was not in the same words in each language, and some of the writers copied from one, and others from another of the languages.

21. "Then said the chief priests." Who, as representatives of the Jews, felt that they and their nation were insulted by the Roman governor.

22. "What I have written I have written." Pilate refused to make the change. Here again we see the divine overruling purpose. "What I have written I have written," he said, but had he known, he might almost have said, "What I have written God has written." So Pilate had been an unconscious prophet when, pointing to Jesus, he had said: "Behold, the man."

23. "Parting His garments."—Vs. 23, 24. "Then the soldiers," who had charge of the crucifixion of Jesus. The clothes of executed criminals were the prerogatives of the soldiers on duty.—Cambridge Bible. "Took His garments." His sandals, girdle, outer robe, head-dress, etc.—Schaaf. "Also his coat; now the coat was without seam." More exactly, the tunic, or under garment. It reached from the neck to the feet.

24. "Let us not rend." For that would make the coat useless. "But let us lots." "Gambling was a favorite pastime of the Roman soldiers."

25. "That the Scripture might be fulfilled." The Scripture referred to is quoted from Psa. 22:18. Septuagint Version. "These things therefore." Because embraced in the divine plan. "The soldiers did," of their own free will, unconsciously fulfilling the Scripture. God does not control free will, but He uses it.

26. "Now there stood by the cross," while the mockeries were going on. The reference in Matt. xxvii, 55, to these same women as "behind from afar" belongs to the later period after the death of Jesus. "His mother." Mary, doubtless a widow at this time. "His mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Cleophas." The Greek, like the English, leaves us in doubt whether we here have two women or one, whether altogether there are four women or three. The former is much the more probable alternative. "Mary Magdalene." Probably so called from Magdala in Luke vii, 36, but had been cured by Jesus of demoniacal possession, and thenceforth was one of those which ministered unto Him of their substance." (Luke viii, 2, 3).

27. "The disciple standing by whom He loved." John, the author of this Gospel.

The third word from the cross, "Woman, behold thy son!" * * * Behold thy mother!"

The mother was to be comforted in her bereavement by having as her adopted son the most loving heart among the disciples; and he was to care for her as his own mother.

28. "And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home." It is uncertain whether John had a home in Jerusalem or not, but wherever his home was, the mother of Jesus shared it and was one of his family. "It is said by tradition that they lived twelve years together, and that he refused to leave the city, even for the purpose of preaching the gospel, as long as Mary survived."—Stalker.

29. "All things were now accomplished." "Finished." The same word as in v. 30. "It is finished." "That the Scripture might be fulfilled." Connect this, not with "I thirst," but with the first part of the verse. All that the Scripture had foretold was accomplished. There was nothing left but to die. "Said, I thirst." This pain, in the case of wounded soldiers, swallowed up all other agonies. This expression of personal desire, the only favor asked, was an example of patience, and of the right of expression of such a request. Still all through humanity without the water of life goes up the cry, "I thirst," and we can satisfy Christ's thirst in giving them to drink. Jesus still thirsts for love, for prayer, for service, and we can give him to drink.

30. "A vessel full of vinegar." Sour wine, the cheap, ordinary drink of the soldiers. "Upon hyssop." A stalk or reed of hyssop. "And put it to His mouth." This slight refreshment would tend to restore his natural forces.

The sixth word from the cross, It is finished (v. 30).

This is one word in the Greek, and it has been called "the greatest single word ever uttered." What was finished? His life on earth. His life's work, the cup of suffering, the atonement for the sins of the world, the old era and dispensation, the prophecies of Scripture, the darkness of the night. "It is first, the Worker's Cry of Achievement; and, secondly, the Sufferer's Cry of Relief."—W. Robertson Nicoll.

The seventh word from the cross followed close upon the sixth, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke xxiii, 46).

This word teaches us how to die. It was a prayer. It was from the Scripture, an inspired prayer. There are times when only God's word will suffice.

Gems for Breakfast.
Gluten gems baked in hot butter gem pans are delicious for breakfast. To two cupsful of the gluten allow a half teaspoonful of salt, two teaspoonfuls baking powder, two tablespoonfuls sugar, one egg and two cups milk—or half milk and half water. Sift the flour with the salt, sugar and baking powder. Beat the egg, add the milk and flour and beat again until light and foamy. Have the pans heating hot when the batter is poured in.

SHE FIXED IT.

How Wife Astonished Him by Providing an Exclamation Point.

There is really nothing else so touching as a young wife's devotion to her husband's interests in the honey-moon springtime of their love. For example, in a neat little flat in the northwest quarter of the town live two young people I know, who have not been housekeeping long enough yet to get spots on a single one of the nine embroidered center pieces that were among their wedding presents. He is literary, and he uses a typewriter in setting down his ideas. The machine he possesses has a keyboard with both black and white keys, and on some of the white keys the letters are quite worn off from long use, leaving the keys blank. Just a few evenings ago the young man was dashing off something which required the frequent use of the exclamation point. Now, to make an exclamation point with his typewriter you have to set down a period, back-pedal a little, and stamp an apostrophe—I think it's used as an apostrophe—over the period, all of which takes time and patience. The young man said several things more or less under his breath about the stupidity of men who make typewriters without exclamation points. The young wife smiled sweetly, and said nothing. A typewriter is as strange to her as a thrashing machine or a triple expansion engine, but love lent her wisdom. When the young man came home next day she uncovered his typewriter with a proud flourish. "There!" she said. "I've fixed it for you. Just see what I have done?" And on one of the blank white keys the clever young creature had carefully inked the neatest possible mark of exclamation.

SEVEN LADIES

Of One Family Arrested in Paris for Kleptomaniacs.

Dublin Saturday Herald: A detective on duty at the Louvre had his attention called by one of the assistants to the extraordinary attitude of seven ladies who wandered about from one counter to another without buying anything. After watching these ladies for some time, the detective called up a colleague, and the two together took all seven into custody. On being searched they were found to have secreted stuffs and small objects of value under their dresses and were immediately marched off to the police commissary. That functionary found to his amazement that the group consisted of a grandmother, three of her daughters and three granddaughters, in comfortable circumstances. One old lady's husband and the husbands of her three daughters were immediately sent for (the youngest ladies of this interesting family are still unmarried), and declared themselves totally ignorant of the acts of their wives, who they said made frequent trips to Paris from their home in the suburbs, and often brought home many pretty things; but they assured the commissary that they (the husbands) had no notion that these had been come by otherwise than by the usual method of purchase. The commissaire, taking the social position of the "kleptomaniacs" into consideration, has allowed them their liberty upon heavy bail.

Irish Kieselghur.

At a recent meeting of the Dublin Royal society a paper was read by Mr. Pollok on some large deposits of kieselghur which occur on the banks of the Bann, at the point where it emerges from Lough Neagh. Kieselghur is used now for several industrial purposes, and although the deposit in question is apparently not suitable for making dynamite, yet it is of exceptional purity and if found in quantity should soon find a market. It is stated to be in the highest degree probable that the whole bottom of the Lough Neagh is covered with similar deposit of diatomous earth, which, as is well known, is formed of the siliceous remains of low forms of aquatic plants. Under the microscope the Bann deposit is found to consist of little cubic box-shaped diatoms.—London Chronicle.

Eat Candy.

The time is luckily gone when a woman had to have two pounds of candy to tide her over Sunday, and she is better looking today for the exercise of common sense. A plain-spoken physician said to his anaemic patient: "If you could see the inside of your stomach after eating candy you would never touch another bit!" Just after a hearty dinner is the best time for candy. Then the appetite for it is abated, and the small amount taken mixes with the other food. Sugar, nuts, chocolate and pure fruit syrups are all well enough in their places, and that is after, not before, the evening or midday meal.

A Dangerous Topic.

"What has become of that little girl who recites 'Little Drops of Water?'" asked one of the boarders. "Well," answered the young man with wide ears, "with the present thaw in the streets and the possibility of a freshet up the river, her mother thought it would be just as well to keep her quiet for awhile."—Washington Star.

Not Up to Last Year's.

There will probably be some kind of a May day celebration at Manila, but it is not expected to be so imposing as the one last year.

Parito, believed to be the last Yaqui Indian in California, is dead. He was 108 years old, according to the record kept in pioneer days.

INQUISITORIAL

Methods of Collecting Taxes Instituted by an Official of San Francisco.

They are going to collect the tax, the whole tax, and nothing less than the tax out in California. It seems that there have resided in the city of ups and downs many of that ubiquitous class of citizens who believe it cheaper to lie than to pay taxes. Salaries, it is rumored, were falling behind; his honor needed cupidons in his office. The methods adopted by the new assessor, elected on a reform platform of his own making, whose name, curiously enough, is Dodge, savors pungently of the ancient inquisition. The way the thing has been done in most cities is for the deputy collector to call and leave a blank. This receiving no attention beyond a few minor items, such as "Steinway piano, twenty-five dolls;" "household goods, furniture, chattels, etc., one hundred dolls." the deputy humbly pockets what he knows to be a lie and goes his way; the result being that the very signer of such a libel is obliged for another year to stumble over the pavements he has since childhood decried, and stand up for more months in the street cars, whose overloaded condition he has in print so violently execrated. These unmethods are declared by Dodge archaic. The new way is to force one's way into a house and estimate the value of the goods from the standpoint of an outsider. The procedure is naturally meeting with much opposition, even by those who voted for reform and Mr. Dodge. The latter gentleman, however, is seemingly careless of a re-election and pursues the even tenor of his way all undisturbed. The constitutionality of the case is being contested in the San Francisco courts.

GREAT NATION

The Jews of the World Might Constitute.

Three million Jews live in Russia, where they are shut up in the western provinces and villainously treated. If he ventures to live outside the Jewish pale in Russia a Hebrew has to carry on some humble trade, and the richest banker in Odessa, if any Russian has a grudge against him, may be compelled to work as a cobbler on pain of banishment. Naturally the Jews retaliate, and delight in getting Russian officials and nobles under their power with loans of money. One million five hundred thousand Jews live in the Austrian empire, where they are persecuted. The present mayor and corporation of Vienna were elected for the express purpose of bullying the Jewish community. France has 80,000 Jews, Roumania has 160,000 Jews, Germany 700,000, Holland 80,000, and Italy 50,000. Great Britain has 80,000, including many of our most notable and popular public men. Europe has 6,000,000 Jews, America 350,000, Africa 500,000, Asia 250,000, and Australasia 20,000. So altogether there are 7,120,000 of this nation, which is pretty fair, considering that 3,000 years ago they only numbered about 3,000,000, and the whole civilized world has been massacring and bullying them ever since. They seem to be by far the most capable race on earth. There is not a single art, industry or science in which they have not excelled.

In Six Weeks.

In Switzerland last summer there were 1,790 hotels, boarding houses, bathing and health resorts to accommodate the traveling public. When one includes about 1,500 smaller hostels, with accommodations for about 10 persons, there were sleeping accommodations for 140,000 travelers in Switzerland. During the main traveling season, from the middle of July to the end of August, the minimum expenditure of the average summer boarder, with his children and servants, is placed at the low sum of 5 francs. Nevertheless this means a daily income to the innkeepers of 650,000 francs. Making allowance for favorable traveling weather, these estimates mean an income to the hotel keepers during a month and a half of summer of 28,000,000 francs. In Luzerne alone there are 52 first-class hotels.

Secret of Longevity.

In a paper on longevity, printed in the Lancet, Dr. Ainslee Hollis comes to the conclusions: (1) That the primary factor in a long life consists in an inherited durability; the vital machinery is wound up to go for a given period, and but for accidents or in spite of them it will go till the time appointed. (2) That an important part of the primary inheritance is good digestive and nutritive power. (3) That temperance is necessary in the use of the nutritive functions both in eating and in drinking, and in regard to all kinds of food and drink. (4) That an energetic temperament and active habits conduce to longevity.

Memory Stronger in Summer.

Scientists have discovered that the memory is stronger in summer than in winter. Among the worst foes of memory are too much food, too much physical exercise, and, strangely enough, too much education.

Feminine Attributes.

It is a small wonder that the ship is she to a sailor and his sweetheart. She has a waist, collars, stays, laces, bonnets, ties, ribbons, watches and chains.

Many a Wink.

An English scientist has calculated that a human opens and closes his eyes no fewer than 4,000,000 times per year.

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