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Lesson XIII.—First Quarter, For March 27, 1910.

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Text of the Lesson, Mark xvi, 1-8. Memory Verses, 6, 7—Golden Text, Rev. i, 18—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Having the option of a review or a resurrection lesson, we choose the Easter lesson, as there is nothing so grand as His resurrection, by which He was declared to be the Son of God, with power and without which preaching and faith are vain and no one ever has been or can be saved. The resurrection, however, must include all of His earthly life that preceded His death. His life as the Son of Mary, the seed of David according to the flesh. Matt. 1 gives the royal line of David's descendants through Solomon to Joseph, who became the husband of Mary, while Luke III gives David's descendants through Nathan to Heil, whose son-in-law Joseph became by his marriage to Mary, and thus Jesus became heir to David's throne.

The quarter's lessons might be outlined as, first, the genealogy and birth of the King; second, the visit of the Magi and the flight of Joseph and Mary to Egypt and their return to Nazareth; third, the herald of the King and the declaration of the Father concerning Him; fourth, the King's victory over the great adversary. His testimony and the calling of some disciples; fifth to seventh, the laws of the kingdom; eighth and ninth, some samples of the nature of the kingdom.

Now, as the kingdom was postponed by the rejection and murder of the King we in this age must know the power of His resurrection if we would walk worthy of Him and manifest His life in these mortal bodies. The resurrection of the Messiah was plainly foretold in Pa. xvi and xxii, Isa. liii and elsewhere. It was wondrously foreshown in Isaac being given back to Abraham from the dead in a figure (Heb. xi, 17-19). In His teaching the Lord Jesus Himself many times spoke plainly of His death and resurrection, and the great truth of Christianity is that we have at the right hand of the Father in heaven a risen living Christ, truly a Man and truly God, in whom alone is salvation, the only Judge of all mankind and the only One who can set up a kingdom of righteousness on the earth.

The most horrible thing that ever happened on this earth and that which shows the desperately wicked nature of the human heart was the cruel murder of the Son of God, but God raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory and will yet give Him dominion over all the earth, and His redeemed shall share the kingdom with Him.

His disciples never received His words that He was to be crucified and rise from the dead the third day (Matt. xx, 17-19), but some of His enemies remembered them (Matt. xxvii, 62, 63). His mother and some of the other women who ministered to Him remained by His cross to the last, and some of them after His body was buried returned and prepared spices and ointments and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment, intending on the first day to bring the spices and anoint His body (Luke xxiii, 55, 56; xxiv, 1). When they came to the tomb on the first day morning early they find the stone rolled away; they see an angel, who tells them that He is risen and that they must go quickly and tell His disciples. When Mary Magdalene saw the stone rolled away she ran to tell Peter and John, who ran to the sepulcher and saw for themselves and returned, but Mary remained near the sepulcher, weeping, till Jesus Himself, whom she thought at first to be the gardener, spoke to her and called her by name. When she and the other women told the disciples that He was risen from the dead they believed not, and some thought it an idle tale (verses 11, 13, 14; Luke xxiv, 11), giving Him occasion to upbraid them with their unbelief and hardness of heart. Many who now are told that the same Jesus is coming again think it an idle tale and believe not, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God and perhaps forgetting that Jesus said, "O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken" (Luke xxiv, 25). The angels believe and desire to look more fully into these things (verses 5-7; 1 Pet. i, 12). Dr. Scofield gives in the margin of verse 6 this rendering: "Jesus ye seek—the Nazarene, the crucified. He arose. He is not here." He also gives in his notes on Matt. xxviii the order of the events of that morning and also the order of the different appearances during those forty days. Note in verse 7 of our lesson how Peter is mentioned by name, the true disciple who had treated Him the worst, denying with oaths that he knew Him. How true it is that weakest lambs have largest share of this tender Shepherd's care! However weak and unworthy you may be, remember that "having loved His own He loved them unto the end" (John xiii, 1).

A mere knowledge of the facts of His life and death and resurrection will benefit us nothing unless, knowing these things, we truly receive Him as our own personal Saviour and place our whole trust as lost people in the efficacy of His great sacrifice. Then the joy of being redeemed will lead us to obey with gladness His command in verse 15, counting upon a fulfillment of verse 20. "Our daily life will be "serving the living and true God" and our attitude "waiting for His Son from heaven" (1 Thess. i, 9, 10).



Wijfster Druider!

Letichte Samichdag hen mer wieder mol en diene Stohr-Wieting g'hat an's Hanneberger's. Sider die Feiertage hot Keener recht beigeveelt — es scheint, es hot sich Eener vor em Annere scheniert — Ihr wiht vorum! — Nau is awer Alles vergesse. — Well, die Schmoekbeise fen angejndt worre, d'r Dicho hot en Dicho-bundad gemumme, mer hen uns uf en Stuhl, en Stohrbar oder tenig ebbes sunicht gehodt un die Wieting hot angefangen. Ich hod mich gewohnlich so en bissel jurid am Counter, wo ich Alles feine un heere kann, was vorlummt un ich en Dicho's hab. Memorandums zu mache. Fir die Verhandlinge neimm ich fee Dheel, exept ich werd dergu usgerute.

„Well, Buwe,“ segt d'r Bill, „die Griechjohrsleichen is ganz nachst un ich meen, es i' die heechst Zeit, dah mir die Rominechens mache. Mir hen fell alle Johr gedhu, un wie's Hanneberger's Stohr gange is, fellerweg is allemol ah des Launship gange. Ich mach die Mohischen, dah mir den aite Dicho wittelle for Superweiser.“ — „D, ich bin schier zu alt for fell,“ segt d'r Dicho. — „Ach was, Du bist net,“ segt d'r Bill. „Mir welle jo net hawe, dah Du Dich tobidachst. Du weest, wie die Wege sei jotte un fell dut's. Es is net gefast, dah es ah exatly so gedhu werre muh — es is nergends Alles, wie es sei fot. Nig zu alt. Du werst unser Superweiser. Hansjorg, schreib fell uf.“ — „Nau ichlag ich d'r Bill vor for Lay-Collecter,“ segt der Jen. „Reicht Johr hot d'r Bill mich nomineht un ich bin ah gefest worre. Kumpgeprunge bin ich wie en Narr, bis ich die bar lumpige Dealer beiamme gehat hab — Ihr wiht jo, was Ihr all for gute Besahler seid. Desmol mag's d'r Bill browiere — een Ehr is die annere werth.“ — „Ich unmerstich fell,“ segt d'r Benich. „d'r Bill muh unfer Collecter sei. Schreib's uf, Hansjorg.“ — „Nau is es gange for Constabler, un d'r alt Dicho hot gemeent, mer jotte felle Offis d'r Sam Schee hawe losse. Amer do hot's en Kumpes gewa. „Was, d'r Sam?“ freischt d'r Benich. „Sei Lave net. Er is jo en schwarzer Republikan!“ — „Was macht fell aus?“ segt d'r Dicho. — „Was fell ausmacht? Nau heer mol Eener den alte Dicho! So alt is er worre un wech fell net. Amer jupposen, es dat weiters nig ausmade, jo welle mir in unferm demokratische Launship fen Republikan in Offis dhune. Et hen Ihr schon gehert, dah die Republikans en Demofrat gefest hen?“ — „Schuh her mir. Wer hot dann leticht Herbscht unferm Scherif so en groe Mehrheit gewa? Un enihau, d'r Sam hot sich niemols un annere Zeit ihr Wisnis gebattert, un er is drum die recht Sort dume Mann for Constabler.“ — „Es is noch en ganze Weil gerantelt worre un d'r Benich hot abelut net welle eigene. Endlich is driver abgestimmt worre. D'r Sam hot siewe Stimme friegt un d'r Benich eene, un wie se ihm gefacht hen, er hat for sich selwert gestimmt, is er noch bees worre un is zum Stohr naut. Es war dann noch en Rominechens zu mache for Schuldirekter un fell hot uns meh Watter gemacht, wie all die annere Offise zusamme. D'r Dicho hot en kleene Spietsch gehalten un gefast: „Buwe, des Ding muh unerlet sei. Do jotte mir en Mann pike, was ah en bissel Gaultverstand hot. Ebber, was es gern hawe mecht, derse mer net nemme, befohs fell is en riskirt Ding; so eener hot en Ar zu schleife, een Weg oder d'r annere. D'r Frank war am End fitt dorf; aber er hot so en nofemeis Wadel, was vor Hochmuth schier umfalt un es war zu beferdte, dah er uns felle Fras ushangt als en Fiescherin. Sell kemte mir net gut stande, enihau ich kennt net un ich glabb, Ihr denkt grad so. D'r Keener war schmirt genug — in fahrt er is zu verdoft schmirt, un ich hab so en Wuthmassing, dah er netgehe dat for Graht. Ich wech werflich net, wen mir do nemme kemte.“ — „Well,“ segt d'r Bill, „wie dat d'r deitsch Hanses oder d'r Hanneberger jubte?“ — „Galt an!“ hot do d'r Hanneberger grad geruje, „mich loht aus. Ich will nig nig keener Offis zu dhun hawe; ich hab sich fell idum frieber gefacht.“ „Well, dann d'r Hannes. Dah ich ah net selwert an ihn gedort hab. Selter luh fortret. Er is noch Eener un d'r Sort, was es als en Ehr anfehnt, en Amt zu hawe.“

D'r alt Hansjorg.

MERIT WILL WIN TRADE.

But It Must Be All Around Merit, Not the Halfway Sort.

Not long ago we took occasion to remark that merit was always rewarded. A grocer friend has taken issue with us—not on his own account, however, for he has both merit and success, but because he has failed to trace the connection between the two. His argument consisted of example, and he pointed out an instance which he believed practically upheld his contention.

He knew of a fellow merchant. This man is competent, honest and reliable. He has met with hard fortune at several turns of the road of life, and he has been forced into a sad and irretrievable failure. He handled goods that were good, and he worked hard and with some intelligence, but price cutters and catalogue houses descended upon him, and what they left for him wasn't sufficient to support him, so he dropped out of the race.

The merchant referred to had merit as a man no doubt, but he was not a good merchant. After some persistent questioning we learned the secret. He had some of the elements, but not enough of them. He was a good buyer, but a poor seller, and his place was as an employee and not an employer. He was honest, but he was not far-sighted, and both are necessary to success. He was reliable, but he was not courageous, and courage must back up the man who wins in the hard battle of independent merchandising. He carried good goods, with quality behind them, but he did not advertise them.

There it is. He did not possess the qualities of merit as a merchant or success would have been his reward. He had some, but not all of the constituents. He knew something, but not enough; he did something, but not all. Merit in a store is no halfway article. It goes the whole length of the course.

It may seem harsh and unfeeling to assert that he did not deserve to succeed, but we believe that he did not, for merit is always followed by success and reward. The trouble with our critic is that he does not comprehend what merit means. Merit in merchandising includes all that good merchandising is.—West Coast Trade.

FOR A SPOTLESS TOWN.

Women Will Dust St. Louis Street Cars Before Riding.

As a protest against the cobwebbed and dusty conditions on a street car line in St. Louis, the women's auxiliary of the North Side Commercial association of that place took the pledge recently to volunteer as car cleaners. Each of the sixty members will carry a whisk broom and dust cloth and before sitting down in the car will brush the seat with the broom and clean the window with her dust cloth.

The wife of a prominent manufacturer leads the movement and borrowed a whisk broom and dusting cloth when going home from a recent meeting. She dusted the seat and cleaned the window, to the amazement of the spectators and the discomfiture of the conductor.

Numerous petitions have flooded the offices of the United railways demanding improvements on their lines, but without avail.

Germany's Novel Movement.

Germany has started a unique movement for the improvement of towns and small cities by constructing a number of garden cities, one Berlin society having acquired a large plot of land on the northern outskirts of the city for the construction under the name of Frahuo of the first real garden city of the capital.

This city will be built in a picturesque hilly part of the state forest, will have its own railway station and will be laid out regardless of cost as regards external adornment. Judging from reports from all sections of Germany, the idea has taken a firm hold on the people, the feature most insisted upon being the abandonment of the flat house and the substitution of the small house and villa on the English model. In Bavaria, where there is always a shortage of houses, the government will transfer for garden purposes part of the state forests in the vicinity of large towns. At Magdeburg houses with large gardens for single families will soon be rentable for about \$60 a year American money. It is to be hoped that this country will soon undertake the same kind of development.

A Good and Lasting Memorial.

In 1880 a man who had watched with great interest the development of Cornell university, at Ithaca, N. Y., intimated his desire to present to it some memorial to express his love and interest for the institution. He had not great wealth, through which others had been enabled to present fine buildings, but he appreciated the beauty and value of trees, and so he conceived the idea of planting East avenue with elms. Long years ago the donor passed away, but his beautiful avenue remains as a living witness to his generosity, and at either end may be seen a stone bearing the inscription: "Ostrander Elms, 1880." In no better way can man erect for himself an undying monument to his public-spiritedness and in no other way may he leave behind a more graceful or fitting tribute to his love of nature. Not only may man leave his own monument behind, but loving hands could plant a fitting memorial to many of our best and most public spirited citizens. To the writer all of our stone monuments and statues are most inexpressibly ugly, and few indeed are worthy of preservation.

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