

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETINGS

News of Interest to Church Goes By a Writer Who is An Authority on Religious Subjects. The International Lesson for Next Sunday.

IS JESUS A "MYTH"?

The International Sunday School Lesson for March 27 is "An Easter Lesson and Quarterly Review." Matt. 4:23.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

A lad of nine, who is not aware of the latest developments of German thought, and so did not know that one of these "scholars" had lately pronounced Jesus a "myth," asked his father at the breakfast table a few days ago, "Father, how do you know that there was such a person as Jesus? It is such a long time ago, two thousand years, that maybe people have just made up the story. How can we be sure that it is true?"

The father wanted to congratulate his son on having so early attained the level of this latest of the German critics, but that would have confused and diverted the lad, so he answered seriously, after this fashion: "Son, that is one of the most important questions in the world. Everybody ought to ask it. For if there really never was such a person as Jesus, then everybody who is honest should give up Christianity. Two thousand years is a long, long time, isn't it? But a hundred years is not long is it? We know all about the visit of George Washington to the old house down the road, don't we? There are also persons alive now whose fathers and mothers saw Washington. If there had never been such a person as George Wash-

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ington, we could not believe in him so soon after he was supposed to live, would we; though persons a thousand years hence might.

The Small Boy's Lesson. "Well, that is the way it is with Jesus. You remember what father has told you about his visit to the catacombs in Rome, don't you? They were dug within about a hundred years of the death of Jesus. If Jesus had not lived, there would not have been, inside of a hundred years, a great many persons who believed in him so much that they suffered persecution for him, and dug out those wonderful catacombs as places to hold church and to bury their fellow Christians. Father saw himself to be a witness of Jesus as a good shepherd, which those early Christians carved on the walls, nearly two thousand years ago. They were fond, also, of carving the first two Greek letters of the word 'Christ' and the fish, the Greek name of which made an acronym for 'Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour of Men.'"

One of those Catacomb Christians was named Polycarp. He was a disciple of the Apostle John, and he became a martyr about the year 155. He left writings about Jesus, which he learned from John, who learned them from Jesus himself. There are many other reasons which we call historical for believing in Jesus, but you see, don't you that we have as much reason to be sure that he was a real person as we have as much reason to be sure that there was a real George Washington? Some days we may go to the catacombs together and we shall then talk it over again."

Considering this quarterly review, it is well to bear in mind that the facts about Christ should precede the truth of Christ. Some persons are so given to drawing "lessons" from the scriptures that they neglect to lay solid foundations of fact for those lessons. This present week, in opportunity, both an Easter lesson and a review of the past three months of study in the life of Jesus. So it is an occasion for exalting the fact of Christ. Many children, and older persons as well, have doubts about the historical accuracy of the New Testament, and are unable to meet the questionings and criticisms of the most ignorant skeptic. Before we proceed to the great Resurrection teaching, let us first be assured of there was such a person as Jesus who lived and taught and died and rose again.

There are some matters that are outside the realm of private opinion; they belong within the domain of evidence. A person must believe them whether he wants to do so or not. The historical reality of Jesus is one of these. Younger children should be given some such simple line of argument as opens this present article; for older classes there are more elaborate proofs.

Why the Conqueror Came. The climax of the present lesson, as, indeed, of all Christian teaching, is the victory of Christ over death. That was his final victory. But his whole life may be seen as a series of conquests. He has often been compared with the other great conquerors of history: Pharaoh, Xerxes, Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne, Taamerlane, Napoleon.

But what a difference! John Wainmaker owns a painting of gigantic size called "The Conquerors." It is of compelling interest, and one returns to it again and again. There rides the bare-headed host of strong-faced men, who have dreamed the dream of world domination. All the men I have indicated and others, are in that company. But they ride through a lane of dead. Stark and stiff, two lines of corpses stretch on both sides of them. It was by pain, loss, sorrow and death that they came to their power.

But imagine the Christ-Conqueror's triumphal march. Little children thump his feet. He rides meek and lowly upon the humblest of animals. The garments of the glad and the grateful strew his way. The hosannas of the healed and the happy read the air. The lame leap, the blind see; the lepers are cleansed; the dead are back from the tomb. The line is longer than one can compass, for there now follow in his train a countless multitude of those whom he has redeemed, and made to rejoice, and chained to his conquering chariot, or craven captive, is the races' old master, death.

The Perennial Springtime. That is the great deliverance which makes Easter Christ has conquered death, and the fear of death, for all his friends. The old terror of the grave has gone for all those who have entered into the secret of the friendship of Jesus. That is why the world is full of lilies and palms and flowers and song this great Easter. "Christ is Risen!" In rising, he has brought peace. How the resurrection teaching is drying tears today; and filled hearts with hope.

The daybreak of Easter is shooting its gleams over the whole world's horizon. There never was such an Easter since the first Resurrection, as this one. There are more disciples of Jesus intent on sharing the good news of the risen Saviour with all the race than ever before followed his banner. Easter is the missionary day; and this is pre-eminently the missionary era. The supreme importance of the Resurrection message has taken hold of the whole church, in behalf of the whole world.

The Easter miracle is being repeated in our own time. There is in Philadelphia a man who spent twenty-six years of his life in jail. Then he strayed into a rescue mission. There was another supernatural resurrection. For nineteen years since he has been giving his powers chiefly to sharing the Easter message with those who need

it most. A business man by day, he is day and night, a representative of the Resurrection. Thus Jesus continues to do what he began to do among men two thousand years ago.

THE LIFE THAT LASTS. Terse Comments Upon the Christian Endeavor Topic for March 27 is "Getting Ready to Live Forever." Eccl. 12:1-7, Easter Meeting.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. One of the deep passions, if not the deepest, in the heart of humanity, is the thirst for immortality. That cannot be eradicated. Man even the lowest order, has what the poet called "intimations of immortality." The Bushman and the South Sea Islanders believed that their dead lived again. That same thought underlies all the quickened modern movements for physical research. Scholars are looking for scientific evidence that there is a conscious existence beyond the grave. The blatant skeptic who cries, "Death ends all," is given less credence in array than anybody else. He is in error against a race-consciousness. Meanwhile, the vast body of Christendom bases its assurance of endless life upon a firm faith in the word of God, as revealed to mankind by Jesus Christ and imparted through the holy scriptures.

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All over the land people are preparing for a summer trip abroad. They have made their steamship reservations, have consulted their time tables and are buying trunks and bags and steamer rugs and cameras and clothes. Forethought of every sort is being exercised. A still larger company of people will embark this summer upon the ocean of death. Many of them, however, are not so provident as the travelers who take the shorter journey. They are not getting ready to sail. They find little thought to what they will find on the other side. They are not preparing to live for eternity.

Heaven is a prepared place: "I go to prepare a place for you. It is meant for a prepared people. Some of us neglect that preparation. We are heavenly habits. The things and thoughts of eternity are alien to us. We are like travelers who have not acquainted themselves with the speech or habits or treasurers of the country they expect to visit.

There will be many persons who go to heaven who will not get the best from heaven. Morbid, unreal and sentimental musings on heaven may not be encouraged. God designs heaven to be in consonance with, and for the support of, this present life. It is said that the colored preachers in the south are fonder of preaching of the golden crowns and shining robes of heaven than about the particularities of righteousness here below; so that a wise counsellor of their own race advised a company of fellow clergymen against this saying: "Brethren, heaven is the very last place I want to go!"

Sane thoughts of heaven are sweet and profitable. There are few better spiritual exercises than to sit down with the hymn book and read, if unable to sing, some of the greatest aspirations for heaven which lofty spirits have breathed forth. There is exaltation in the strains of "Hark! hark my soul!" and in the saintly Bernard's hymn, "Jerusalem, the golden." It was a real spirit of devotion that penned these hymns.

SOME SENTENCE SERMONS. Sometimes providence, like Hebrew letters must be read backwards.—John Flavel.

Love all men, trust a few, do wrong to none.—Hamlet.

Absence of occupation is not rest. A mind quite vacant is a mind distressed; An idler is a watch that wants both hands, As useless if it goes as if it stands.—Cowper.

Choice and service—in these are the whole of life.—Mark Hopkins.

The blessedness of life depends more upon its interests than upon its comforts.—George Macdonald.

That man is blest Who does his best And leaves the rest; Then do not worry.—Charles F. Deems.

City dwellers make money, make reputations (good and bad) make museums and subway, make charitable institutions, make with hysteric rapidity, like excited spiders, more and yet more complications in the many labyrinth of their lives, but they never make each others' acquaintances. * * * and that is all that is worth doing in the world.—Dorothy Canfield

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