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INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

[FROM PELOUBET'S NOTES.]

Fourth Quarter. - Lesson 4 .- Oct. 24. JESUS CRUCIFIED. - JOHN xix. 17-30. GOLDEN TEXT.-It is finished .-- JOHN xix.

ON THE WAY TO THE CROSS .-And he bearing his cross went forth. From Pilate's palace. The terrible preparations were soon made,-the hammer, the nails, the cross, &c. suffer on it, -perhaps his arms bound to it with cords. Ordinarily the procession was headed by the centurion, or one who proclaimed the nature of the crime. Thus Jesus came forth bearing his cross. He was followed by two malefactors, "robbers." Then followed a great multitude,-many with eager curiosity; priests exulting over their enemy; his mother, with other women, weeping at the loss of her

son, and their teacher and friend. On the way Jesus staggered under the weight of his cross, his body being weakened by the agony in the garden, the scourging, and the long trial. The soldiers seized on Simeon, from Cyrene in Africa, and compelled him to aid Jesus in bearing tunics. his cross. Into a place called the place of a skull . . . Golgotha. Golgotha is a Hebrew word, meaning a skull. The place was doubtless so named because it was a small knoll in the shape of a skull. The exact site is unknown.

THE CRUCIFIXION. - Where they crucified him. On reaching the place of execution, "wine mingled this was done by the voluntary acts with myrrh" was offered to him ac- of free agents, who knew nothing of cording to a Jewish usage. The ob- the will of God, and cared nothing ject was to stupify and deaden the for it. The soldiers did. These pain. But he refused to drink, since words emphasize the minute and he would retain perfect consciousness and all his powers unimpaired to the end, and so finish perfectly his atoning sacrifice.

There were three forms of crosses; the first in the shape of the letter X, called St. Andrew's cross; one in the from of the letter T, called St. Anthony's cross; and third, the Latin cross, †. That the Latin cross was the one on which Jesus was cruci-Fredericton, - N. B. fied is indicated by uniform tradition, and by the fact that the inscription was placed upon it over

CRUCIFIXION. The victim was stripped naked of all his clothes. He was laid down upon the implement of torture. His arms were stretched along the cross beams, and at the centre of the open palms the point of a huge iron nail was placed, which, by the blow of a mallet, was driven home into the wood. Then, through either foot separately, or possibly through both together, as they were placed one over the other, another huge nail tore its way through the quivering flesh. To prevent the hands and feet being torn away by the weight of the body, which could not "rest upon nothing but four great wounds," there was, about the centre of the cross, a wooden projection. strong enough to support, at least in part, a human body, which soon became a weight of agony. And then the accursed tree, with its living, human burden hanging upon it in helpless agony, and suffering fresh tortures as every movement irritated the fresh rents in hands and feet, was slowly heaved up by strong arms, and the end of it fixed firmly in a hole dug deep in the ground for that purpose. The shame, long continuance of tor-

either side must have been still compassion. more to bring out that idea of his roy. alty with which Pilate to the last the sixth word from the cross. What well cultivated and trained, for dealmocked the Jews. And Pilate wrote a title, and put work of atonement and preparation individually. In some congregait on the cross. It was very com- for the redemption of the world. tions the children never hear a word mon to put a white tablet upon the The foundations for his new king- from the pulpit otherwise than such cross over the head of the victim, dom were laid, the period of humili- as they may be able to pick up in declaring the crime for which he was ation and suffering was ended; the the sermon. But, in yet a larger Sent by mail, prepaid, on receipt of price.

ment, horror of anticipation, morti-

fication of untended wounds-all in-

providence of God, be brought home from the cross. "Father, into thy

insulted by the Roman.

the change. He was taking some they had given him.

tening him to the cross. THE SOLDIERS DIVIDE THE GAR-

MENTS of JESUS AMONG THEM-SELVES .- Then the soldiers. The four who had charge of the cruciexcuted criminals were the prequisites of the soldiers on duty. girdle, outer robe, head-dress, etc. Also his coat: now the coat was without seam. It reached from the neck to the feet, while the outer "garment" was a square rug thrown round the body. Ordinarily the tunic consisted of two pieces connected at the shoulder by clasps but that worn by Jesus was made in one piece. This seems to have been the rule with the priestly

That the Scripture might be fulfilled Psalm xxii 18. David doubtless had some reference to his own experience, but even if he speaks of himself, yet he was a type of Christ; and what is said of the type is more perfectly true of the antitype, and was so intended by the Holy Spirit. These things therefore. Here, as often, wonderful fulfillment of the ancient prophecy by heathen soldiers who knew nothing of the Scriptures, but their actions fulfilled them as perfectly as if their sole object had been to carry out the divine decrees.

Mockeries around the Cross. -By soldiers, priests, and crowd, continued from nine o'clock till noon when the darkness interfered.

Conversion of the Penitent ROBBER. Here was spoken the second word from the cross, To-day thou shalt be with me in paradise.

THE MOTHER OF JESUS, AND OTHER WOMEN, WATCHING BY THE Cross. Jesus committed his mother to the care of John. Now there stood by the cross. In Matt. 27: 55, we are told of "many women beholding from afar." That was at another period, toward the last. The disciple whom . . . he loved.

John, the author of this Gospel Woman, behold thy son. Accept of him who has been so dear and so close to me, as your son. This was the third word from the cross. Joseph her husband was probably dead.

Behold thy mother. Accept, treat, and love her as your own mother. And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home. Wherever his home was the mother of Jesus shared it, and was one of his

DARKNESS OVER ALL THE LAND. -For three hours, from twelve to three o'clock.

the close of the darkness, " My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken

THE CLOSING SCENE. - After this. on earth, and the end was drawing body was terribly wrenched when nigh. Jesus knowing that all things the cross was raised and dropped were now accomplished. His whole into its place; the concussion often life's work was now completed. All dislocated the limbs. Inflammation | that had been laid upon him to bear of the wounds in both hands and had been borne, even the thirst of feet speedily set in, intolerable which he now speaks. All that the thirst and ever-increasing pain re- Scriptures had foretold of him had sulted; the blood, which could no been fulfilled; he had only to yield longer reach the extremities, rose to up his spirit to God. That the scripthe head, swelling the veins and ture might be fulfilled. This refers spiritual perception and feeling is arteries in it unnaturally, and caus- either to what precedes, and shows ing the most agonizing tortures in the | that all that the Scripture had forebrain. Death by crucifixion seems told of him had now been fulfilled; to include all that pain and death or it refers to the "I thirst" which cept from the stilts of pulpit style can have of the horrible and ghastly, follows, as if this thirst now com- and theologic phrase. A story that -dizziness, cramp, thirst, starva- pleted the fulfilment of Scripture, in moves them will not fail to reach The fifth word from the cross.

There was set a vessel full of vinegar. The "vinegar" was thin, sour be simple, short, and lively. To tensified just up the point at wine, the ordinary drink of the drone, argue, read or orate to the which they can be endured at all, soldiers. And they. Some of the children always fails; it must be but all stopping just short of the spectators, the soldiers perhaps. Put bright, cheerful, tender talk—the point at which would give the suf- it upon hyssop. The plant cannot outcome of a full memory of childferer the relief of unconsciousness. be identified with certainty. The hood, a deep sympathy with its care Such was the death to which Christ caper-plant, which is as likely as was doomed. And two others with any, has stalks which run to two or of fatherhood and motherhood in the him, on either side one. The object | three feet, and this would suffice. | pastor. In these days the qualificaof placing Jesus with these two on Put it to his mouth. Probably in tions of the ministry in all churches

was finished? His holy life, his ing with children both in masses and suffering. And the writing was, old era of the world was completed, number of cases, the Sunday-school Jesus of Nazareth the king of the and soon would begin the era of scarcely knows the face and form of Jews. The object, as before, was to glory, of joy, of the upbuilding of the minister. What sort of harvestdo despite to the Jews, not to Jesus. his kingdom, and the application of ing must that be which altogether To the last moment their terrible his work to the souls of men.

hands I commend my spirit " (Luke And it was written in Hebrew | xxiii : 46). And gave up the ghost. and Greek and Latin. They were His spirit. This was accompanied the chief languages then spoken. by a loud cry uttering either the Then said the chief priests. They sixth or the seventh word from the felt that they and their nation were | cross. It was not like that of one dying, but was the shout of triumph What I have written I have and victory. Christ encountered written. Pilate refused to make Death, not as conquered, but as the Conqueror. The physical cause of revenge on the Jews for the trouble his death has been thought by many to have been rupture of the heart. THE FIRST WORD FROM THE Crucifixion was generally a very CROSS .- Father forgive them for they lingering death; the victim lived know not what they do (Luke xxiii. seldom less than twenty-tour hours, As always, the cross was borne to 34). Spoken while they were fas- often three or four days. Usually the victim died of sheer exhaustion but Christ was not exhausted, as he cried with a loud voice.

John records that blood and water flowed from Christ's side when fixion of Jesus. The clothes of the pierced by the spear. This could only occur if the heart had been ruptured. Christ then literally died Took his garments. His sandals, of a broken heart, caused by his overwhelming mental agony.

ACCOMPANYING SIGNS.

As Jesus expired, the great veil of the temple that hung between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies was rent in twain. The veils before the Most Holy Place were 40 cubits (60 feet) long, and 20 (thirty feet) wide, of the thickness of the palm of the hand and wrought in 72 squares, which were joined together; and these veils were so heavy, that, in the exaggerated language of the time, it needed 300 priests to manipulate each. The rending of the veil typified that the veil that shut out the vision of holiness from the hearts of the people had been taken away. (2 Cor. iii: 14-16), and the way into the Holy Place, the state of holiness, and the place of holiness was now

At the same time there was an earthquake of such power as to rend the rocks and open the tombs; show iug how Nature, the handiwork of the Son of God, sympathized with the mighty struggle that was going on. Certain graves were opened, and, after the resurrection of Christ, many bodies of saints that slept came forth, as if to accompany the victorious Christ, and prefigure the resurrection of the dead and the moral resurrection of the world.

All these things greatly affected the people and even the Roman centurion who had charge of the crucifixion, and doubtless prepared men to see that his was no common death, and hence to believe in this resurrection.

LESSONS FROM THE CROSS.

The cost of salvation smites all indifference to religion. If Christ was willing to die that we might be saved, what ought not we to do? Christ crucified is the wisdom and

power of God for the salvation of men. He is the only solution of the question how God can be just and true, and yet forgive all who repent

The atonement on the cross (1) enabled God to offer forgiveness, and yet to honor his law. (2) It proves to as that God is ready to forgive. (3) It shows the evil of sin that demands such a cost in order to be saved from it. (4) It shows that we cannot enter heaven unless we are cleansed from sin. (5) It proves the love of God to man. (6) It fornishes every possi-THE FOURTH WORD. - Toward | ble motive for turning from sin. (7) It shows the value of our souls, to be worth such a price. (8) It shows the value of salvation, and the worth of eternal life in heaven. (9) All After he had done all for his friends | this will be in vain unless we repent and believe.

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