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BETHSAIDA. John vii. 2-13.

Behold the eager thousands press Around the Christ—so wise to bless ! Around the Christ-so wise to bless : Among that throng, Are mourned the strong, Who, proud of self, confessed no wrong. He sees more needy still their case, Who, in our day, refuse his grace, And spurn his face.

Shall we their failing strength renew With barley loaves and fishes few? Among so many, what are they, To men who in the desert stray?

"We can not give ! Oh, send and buy Our unbelieving spirits cry. Yet vain such help! No earthly store Can satisfy these starving poor !

No, Lord ! give thou that we may give ; So shall these waiting thousands live ! Bless thou, and break our lowly bread ; With growing loaves shall all be fed !

Yea, more ! the fragments from thy board Surpass our richest store, dear Lord.

"Enough ! To spare !" Thy children share Abounding grace, thy constant care; And still proclaim o'er all the gloom, The blessed words, "And yet there's

room," "And yet there's room."

The Sabbath-School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSONS.

[FROM PELOUBET'S NOTES.]

Third Quarter.-Lesson 3.-July 18. THE DEATH OF LAZARUS.-JOHN xi. 1 16.

J. G. MCNALLY GOLDEN TEXT.-Our friend Lazarus sleep-Has just received several large instal eth : but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.-JOHN xi, 11.

\$850 worth Silver-Plated Ware, now open, and several lots to arrive. TORONTO SILVER PLATE CO.'S ELEGANT NEW GOODS. THE BEREAVED FAMILY .--- Vers. -3.-A certain man named Lazarus. All stamped, No doubt about the quality. We know nothing of his history All stamped, No doubt about the quanty. Every article guaranteed as represented, Also-35 Cases of Fancy Goods From the best markets, and another lot of those handsome PARLOR LAMPS at \$1.00. So marvellously cheap. Do not fail to call. I have determined to make inducements to you by offering fine Goods at very low prices aside from this narrative. The indications are that he was a younger brother. From the incident in Luke x. 38-42, we judge that Martha was the head of the household. Simeon, probably the father, though J. G. McNALLY, Opposite City Hall, Fredericton possibly the husband of one of the sisters, was a leper; he had probably died or been banished by the

days still in the same place where he was. Why ? Because this delay was necessary to complete the work in which he was engaged. Because this delay was necessary to the consummation of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus in such form as to forever prohibit the impression that death had not really taken place. And to develop and increase the faith and love of the Bethany family and his disciples, and give them a vision of the future life and their Saviour's power, such as can be seen only from the mountain-top of sorrow. Jesus himself was soon to lie three days in the grave; if, therefore, he was able to raise up Lazarus after four days' burial, they would have stronger faith in the resurrection of Jesus from his three days' burial.

LESSONS IN CONNECTION WITH SICKNESS. (1) All persons, rich and poor, are liable to sickness. (2) There are often reasons for allowing sickness to come upon us, which are clear and wise in the divine mind, but are a mystery to us. (3) Sickness, especially in its convalescence, leads men to see both this world and the spiritual world, and eternal things in a new and truer light. (4) Sickness often fits us to sympathize with others and to help them. (5)God's glory in his goodness and love is manifested in his healing and helping us. Others see and are led to believe. (6) When we are sick we should go to Jesus with our trouble; not to the neglect of means, for whatever helps and cures is the gift of God's love, but for his guidance, and help, and blessing.

THE RETURN TO JUDEA.-Vers. 7-10. Let us go into Judea again. It is to be noticed that the words are not let us go to Bethany.

The Jews of late. Not more than a month or two before. Sought to stone thee. The disciples see clearly that to go to Bethany is as perilous

part. Therefore....he abode two Jesus can, and will to those who trust him, make all trouble work out the highest good to the sufferer, and God will be glorified in the loving kindness and tender mercies he shows to them through their trouble. We should follow Jesus wherever he leads, though it be to die with him.

-----DON'T GET INTO DEBT.

Not many years ago a young man came in town to finish the studies at the office of one of our best lawyers. He was well educated, inteligent, agreeable and kind ; but he was poor, and in order to support himself he tried to get a class in French. A few scholars came, and the thing did not pay. After a while he paid his landlady, left his boarding house and took to the woods. On the side of a hill, in a

thick pine grove, he pitched his tent, where he cooked his food, ate, slept, and studied. Of course, this strange conduct made a great deal of talk. One morning, after a terrible thunder-storm during the night, his friends hunted him up.

"You'll be sick of your bargain after this," they said, " and be glad enough to have a waterproof roof. over your head."

"I did not take to the woods from choice," answered the young man. "I could not see my way resolved never to be in debt. I know too well the danger of being in debt-my scanty income will carry me through the summer, when hope better times are coming."

Gentlemen offered to aid him but be sturdily refused their offers, got through his studies, and has now a large business, which handsomely supports him.

Was not that pluck? And did he not well think that the danger of I wish more people thought so. Getting loose in money matters is often the beginning of ruin. When a boy or a young man falls into the habit of borrowing money, spending freely, having things charged, neglecting to pay, dodging his creditors, promising to pay and not keeping his promise, he is in a bad way. He forgets, lies, loses surely letting himself down, down, down. The history of many a man shows how far down it may be, even to robbery and murder. Two of the worst murders ever committed in Boston were done by respectable men to hide their debts. One killed his intimate friend because he could not pay a debt which he was owing him. The other, a young man, shot in cold blood in broad day a young associate that he might rob the bank he was in of a few thousands to pay 7,000 lbs. Red, Large, Late Alsike and White Clover Seeds ; 2,000 bushels Seed Oats ; White Fyfe, White Russian, Manitoba and Quebec Red Fyfe Wheat ; his debts with. Both did their work coolly, and apparently without any twinges of conscience. Both were above all suspicion. They had borne a fair character to the world; but there was a weak spot, a screw loose, a canker at the core. They were loose in their money matters. Debts were dogging at their heels. They had lost their uprightness; and having lost that, the devil can tempt a soul to anything.-Child's Paper.

Perfect food is that which, while prepared in the most appetizing form, is also the most wholesome and nutritious. It should never be necessary to sacrifice the wholesomeness of an article in order to make it more palatable, nor, as is too often the case, should we be compelled to take our bread or cake bereft of its most appetizing qualities in order to avoid injury to our digestive organs.

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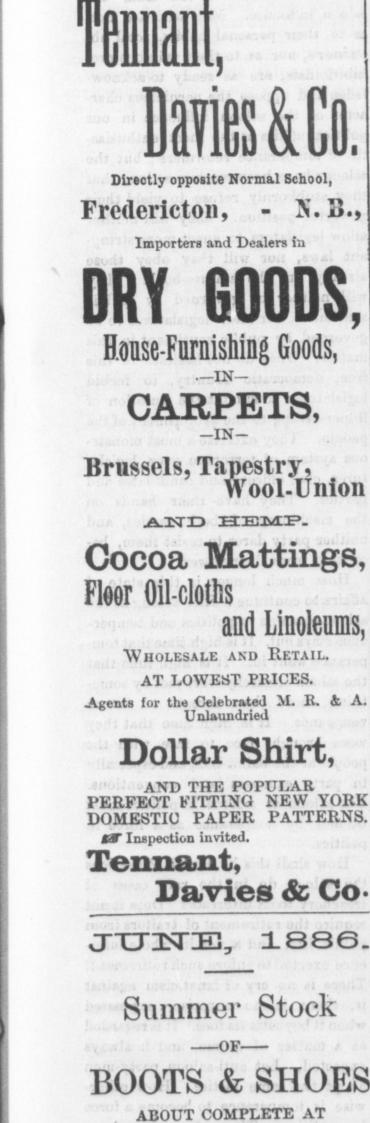
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where the household first became acquainted with Jesus we do not know. Of Lazarus's life after his resurrection, nothing whatever is known. Bethany lies on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, less than two miles south-east of Jerusalem. Its present name is E! Azarieh, derived from, and memorializing the resurrection of Lazarus. It is now a poor, wretched mountain-hamlet of some 20 families; but viewed from a distance, looks remarkably beautiful. It was that Mary which amointed the Lord. There were three other persons by this name mentioned in the Gospels: The mother of our Lord; the wife of Cleophas and Wool-Union Mary Magdalene. Hence this explanation. The deed of Mary is and Linoleums,

mentioned here by anticipation, since it did not happen until later (see chap. xii. 3-7). There is no suf-ficent reason for identifying Mary of Bethany with the "woman which was a sinner" (see Luke vii. 37 et seq.), or for identifying either with Mary Magdalene. Anointed the Lord. This was two months later, in their home in Bethany, two days before the crucifixion. Whose brother Lazarus was sick. He died very soon after the messenger was sent.

Therefore his sisters sent unto him, To Bethabara (Bethany) beyond Jordan. It was 28 or thirty miles. Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest. There are many unrecorded and unknown ones whom Jesus loves, and who love Jesus; many more, perhaps, than we think. Is sick. Very beautiful is it to observe their confidence in him; they take it for granted that this announcement will be sufficient, and say no more; they do not urge him to come; they only tell their need, as being sure that this will be enough; he does not love, and forsake them whom he loves

A VISION OF THE REASONS EOR SORROW.-Vers. 4-6. When Jesus heard this, he said. The only right understanding of this answer, and our Lord's whole proceeding here, is, that he knew and forsaw all from

law because of his leprosy (Matt. as to return to Jerusalem. xxvi. 6) or may have been healed by

Are there not twelve hours in the Jesus (see Lesson 5.) The family day ? i. e., a definite time marked appear to have been one of wealth out by God for work, which no man and social distinction. How and can shorten or change. The day means more than the limit of his hours for work. It means light, help, means, opportunity. It means all that God sends to us to enable us to do our work. If any man walk in the day. If any man is doing his appointed work, is fulfiliing his duty with the help and blessing of God. He stumbleth not. As applied to himself the words of Jesus mean : "Following the will of God, which leads me into Judea again, I am walking in the light, and the Jews cannot take my life till God's appointed time comes, and that time is not yet."

If a man walk in the night. Con. trary to God's command, without God's approval and blessing, striving to prolong life by neglect of duty. He stumbleth, because there is no light in him. He has nothing to guide him, no one to protect him, and he cannot succeed in accomplishing his purpose.

THE DEATH OF LAZARUS .- Vers 11-16 .- After that. Implying an interval between the previous discourse and the words which follow. Somewhere in the time between ver. 4 and ver. 11 the death of Lazarus probably occurred. He saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth. Our friend implies that Lazarus was loved by the disciples as well as by their Lord. I go, that may awake him out of sleep. Never was bolder declaration made. He proclaims his deliberate purpose to raise Lazarus from the dead.

Then said Jesus unto them plain. ly, i. e., dropping all metaphor, or comparison of death to sleep. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there. These words are explained by the clause which follows. To the intent ye may believe. Already they believed in him; but "every new flight of faith is in its degree a new beginning of faith." Had he come to Bethany while Lazarus lay sick, be would have healed his sickness; but great as might have been the miracle if he had done so, or if, arriving when Lazarus had just breathed his last, he had called back THE WORKINGMEN'S FRIEND.

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