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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson VIII.—Fourth Quarter,
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Text of the Lesson, Matt. xxvii, 11-26.
Memory Verses, 22, 23—Golden Text,
Matt. xxvii, 22—Commentary Prepared
by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

This chapter begins with the words, "When the morning was come." What an eventful night it had been—the last passover, with all its incidents; the great discourse and prayer; the agony of Gethsemane; the betrayal and the arrest; the mockery of a trial before the chief priests and the council, with the buffeting and spitting; the denial of Peter with his oaths and curses.

Now they bind Him again and lead Him away to Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor, that He may be put to death. If the Jews had the power to kill Him He would have been stoned as Stephen afterward was, but the prediction in Ps. xxii, 16—"they pierced my hands and my feet"—indicated crucifixion, and every Scripture must be fulfilled.

The record in John viii, 28, to xix, 14, seems to come in before our lesson verses, telling of Pilate's private interview with Jesus and how he came out again and again and said, "I find no fault in Him." How when he asked what prisoner he should release unto them, as was his custom at this feast, they asked for Barabbas, who was a robber and murderer. How Pilate had Jesus scourged, and the soldiers made a crown of thorns and put it on Him and mocked Him and smote Him. How Pilate brought Him forth wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe and said, "Behold the Man!" And they all cried out, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" and said, "By our law He ought to die because He made Himself the Son of God."

When Jesus made no reply to Pilate's question, "Whence art Thou?" and asked if He did not know that He had power to crucify or release Him, Jesus said that Pilate could have no power against Him except it were given him from above. As Pilate persisted in his efforts to release Him the Jews said, "If thou let this man go thou art not Caesar's friend." Then Pilate brought Jesus forth and sat down in the judgment seat, and Jesus stood before him, the Creator before one of His creatures.

It is even so as you read this—your Creator in the person of the Lord Jesus is before you to be worshiped, revered, adored if you have already received Him as your own personal Saviour; if not, then the one great and only question for you to answer is the one in verse 22 of our lesson, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" It is never in any case a question of our standing before men, character or good works or even church membership, which may mean something or nothing, but only this, Am I in Christ, redeemed by His precious blood who bare my sins in His own body on the cross?

Pilate sitting on the judgment seat and Jesus standing before him, the chief priests and elders accuse Him of many things, such as perverting the nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, proclaiming Himself a King. To all these accusations Jesus answered never a word, and Pilate marvelled greatly (verses 12-14; Luke xxiii, 2, 3).

It is trying to be lied about and falsely accused either behind one's back or before your face, but to do as Jesus did and answer nothing when there is nothing to be answered is the better way.

Nothing can be said or done to any member of His body without His permission or without His feeling it, and all suffering with Him and for His sake is a very great privilege. Consider continually that He who bore all this so meekly was not only in reality King of the Jews, but also King of nations, ruler of the kings of the earth, King of kings and Lord of lords, and all kings shall fall down before Him, all nations serve Him (Deut. x, 17; Ps. lxxii, 11; Rev. i, 5; xv, 3; xvii, 14; xix, 16). Oh, the stupendous wonder of it all that He should condescend to submit to all this for our sakes; then to think how little we are willing to bear for Him!

How Pilate sent Him to Herod to be further mocked and set at naught and how there also He answered nothing is recorded in Luke xxiii, 6-12. When He had been returned to Pilate he brought Him forth and said to the Jews, "Behold your King." But they cried out: "Away with Him, crucify Him. We have no king but Caesar" (John xix, 14, 15). Pilate's wife sent to him, saying, "Have thou nothing to do with that just man, for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him." But the chief priests and elders prevailed, and when Pilate washed his hands, saying, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person," they all answered, "His blood be on us and on our children" (verses 19, 20, 24, 25).

So Barabbas the murderer was released and Jesus Christ the Holy One of God, God manifest in the flesh, delivered to their will to be crucified (verse 26; Luke xxiii, 24, 25).

This is the hatred of God which is in the heart of man, for the carnal mind is enmity against God, and only the Spirit of God can convince of sin, the great sin of rejecting Christ, and open the heart to receive Him.

Because they chose Barabbas and Caesar instead of Christ their sufferings continue to this day.

BLYTH'S CORNERS.

The coarse spell of weather the past week handicapped the farmers here and there considerably in getting up their turnips. We had hard work to get enough fit weather to get in eight loads and the harvesting of the remainder has been postponed indefinitely, "till the clouds roll by."

We admire Mr. Editor your very generous decision in your sharing up with the unfortunate Belgians. But say did you think at the time that the chances were any good to rake in even a dollar as we know for a fact that the worthy editor of The Chronicle has been living on faith hope and charity for years. We hope all the same that he shall have an exceedingly busy time of it this week counting over the proceeds.

Jim McIlvride on Sunday last pronounced us "a dandy" for announcing the amount contributed to the Red Cross as \$57.75. He will likely hereafter call us "the lily of the valley" when we say the amount given was \$67.75. We are glad to make the change for the Lord knows even the latter amount is nothing for a whole congregation to feel any way puffed up about.

A new woodshed has been erected at our school lately the first once since the school was built in 1875.

We were told to-day of a young man we know well in Toronto who was employed at the water-works in that city for a considerable time. The overseer of the works approached him the other day and asked him if his parents were German. Upon replying that they were he was told bluntly that his services were no longer required. To our way of thinking which our Government or city officials intend to keep loyalty and peace in our borders they are making a very grave mistake. To discard this young man for no other reason than simply he was of German origin is a decided outrage to say the least. The young man in question is a Canadian by birth and his father bore him and loyal to the core but to be cut off of his employment with a minute's notice for the above reason is quite sufficient to make him or any other man with any spunk in him have very little or no love for any peace and harmony in any such contemptible manner.

Mr. Norman Kerr the popular miller of Varney, is worthy of congratulations on the fine new chopping mill he has erected this fall. He has also installed a fine new chopper and is doing excellent work and a thrifty business. The whole construction is a well-planned affair and speaks well for his business ability. We may possibly have to suffer untold agonies at the hands of your Varney scribe but as Norman is a good friend of ours we will

risk it.
Mr. Hugh Ball of Mt. Forest visited for a few days with his daughter Mrs. John Thompson. Another little bit of news we omitted at Varney is the fact that the store has again changed hands for the fifth time. Mr. Jas. Blyth is the latest purchaser and will keep an up-to-date store no doubt as formerly. Bro. Blyth long ago acquired the habit of doing things right and we wish him unbounded success in his latest venture.

The mail courier on our route now is the fourth one we think since the route started and also the third horse. The present lad is the most likely-looking of the bunch and we expect fully better service at his hands. With the mail left at your gate every day makes life decidedly pleasant on the farm. Long may it continue.

PRICEVILLE.

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to visit her. The aged Blacks are all gone, and those that were small children long years ago are now beginning to change from Black to White, but not all of them. Along Scotchtown, there were of the old stock, now gone, McMillans, McLellans, Beatons, McArthurs, McDonalds, Gillis, Murchisons, and a host of other names, old pioneers, but all gone to their reward. Years ago, over on the Durham Road, were the McKechnies McLachlins, Robertsons Curries McInnises, but all

old pioneers, gone also. Yesterday, Sunday, it rained all day and part of last night. Those needing water will be glad to have the wells re-filled. The swamps are beginning to fill somewhat, but not in general. We were reading a poem by a Mr. Watson in a back number of The Chronicle, and it was a good one. Mr. Watson was pastor of a Baptist church in this town 25 years ago. He wasn't a powerful preacher, but well versed in scripture.

Born.—To Dr. and Mrs. Lane, of this place, a few days ago, a son. The parents feel proud, and we hope all will be spared for long years to come.

On account of the rain all day Sunday, our churches were simply attended, but some came a distance, although some nearby might think it would soil their good clothes, and stayed at home. But our preachers had to go to their other charges, wet or dry.

The bridges here, which took pretty nearly all summer and fall in building, are about completed, and a good job made of them. Neil McKinnon Jr. and Bert Aussum are busy buying fowl for which they pay good prices for good birds.

Our Sunday school superintendent is Mr. Miller, the principal of the school here. Mrs. Harrison, nee Emma Conkey, is still organist in the Presbyterian church here. She attends faithfully and is assisted by a good choir, but generally more of the young ladies shame the young gentlemen in attendance.

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VARNEY.

We are glad to report that Mr. R. Barber is able to go around again without the aid of a crutch his ankle being much better.

A picture show was held in the Methodist church on Wednesday evening November 11, under the charge of Rev. Mr. Ibbott of Holstein. In spite of the bad weather the meeting turned out quite a success the door receipts amounting to something over \$20.

Mr. Arch. McDonald is at present at work at Mr. R. Barber's new kitchen.

The new post office which Mr. R. J. Eden has been erecting for the past week or so has now come into use.

Fire which broke out in Geddes' blacksmith shop, Bradford, destroyed R. Tindale's warehouse, W. C. Davey's hide house, D. Ogilvie's livery barn and J.K. Gray's stable. J. A. Wood, who was working of the Unecda sheds, fell a distance of 18 feet to the sidewalk and had his head cut and one leg injured.

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