

LESSON II—APRIL 12, 1908.

The Raising of Lazarus.—John 11: 1-57.

COMMENTARY.—I. Christ cometh to Bethany (vs. 1-2). Jesus had no home of his own, but he often rested at the homes of his friends. The home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus was one of his homes. Only a few weeks before the time of this lesson Christ visited this family at Bethany (Luke 10: 38-42). Soon after Jesus had left them Lazarus was taken sick (vs. 1). The sisters at once sent a message to Jesus (vs. 3). They made no request, but the message itself was a prayer, "Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." Jesus waited two days after receiving the news of the danger of Lazarus before starting to Bethany (vs. 6). He was accompanied by his disciples, who felt they were going into great danger on account of the hostile feeling of the Jews against their Master (vs. 8, 10). Jesus arrived at Bethany when Lazarus had been dead and buried four days (vs. 17). The burial, according to the Jewish custom, taking place on the same day on which he died. Martha first heard that Jesus was coming, and without notifying Mary, she went to meet him just outside the village (vs. 20, 21). She greeted him with these words of sorrow and grief: "Lord, if thou hadst been here my brother would not have died" (vs. 21, 22). But even then there was a dawn of hope in her heart, from her experience of the power of Jesus. Jesus replied with the assurance that he was "the resurrection and the life," and prepared her for the great work he was about to do (vs. 23-27). When Martha's faith and hope were assured, Jesus had her go and bring her sister, with the message: "The Master is come and calleth for thee" (vs. 28). Jesus seems to have avoided going to the house of Lazarus, where they were gathered, until he had seen the Egyptian custom. Loose him—He was a strong man, and no longer needed the aid of a guiding sheet.

II. Christ's compassion (vs. 27-37). 32. fell down—Oriental wailing is said by travellers to be indescribable. "After the burial the women still go to the tomb in the early morning, where they pray, weep, sob, chant hymns, and beat their breast. This mourning continues thus violently for three days, and then for four more feasting and wallings are the prominent characteristics of the day. These words express the very essence of soul torture at such times. In our affliction we continually weep for the dead, sisters, saying to ourselves, if we had done this, or if we had done that, or if it had not been for my blunder, or that of our friends, or that of our physician, our beloved would not have died." "The grief of the chapter. Chance is the god of atheism, and is a comfortless god in the time of our trouble."—Abbott.

33. groaned in the spirit—This is a strange term and is better rendered "the margin of the Revised Version" "was moved with indignation in the spirit." The Greek word here translated "groaned" expresses indignation rather than grief. "Jesus was indignant at the hypocritical and sentimental lamentations of his enemies, the Jews, mingling with the heartfelt sorrow of his loving friend Mary."—Hummel. "The self-righteous Jews, now weeping and groaning in professional sorrow with Mary, were men who would soon be plotting to kill, not only Jesus, but the restored Lazarus" (compare Luke 12: 10). But Liddell and Scott state that here the word means "deeply moved"; this, however, would not be in variance with the other explanation. "The Jews were troubled in heart."—E. V., margin. "Probably the meaning is that he allowed his deep emotion to become evident to bystanders."—Hurlbut.

34. Where had him a question addressed to and answered by the sisters. But that Jesus did not know, but his question was indicative of what he had determined to do. 35. Jesus wept.—Jesus was a man, and as a man he wept. He did not weep because of the death of Lazarus, but because of the death of all his mourners and all his groans were present to him.—Frenck. "His tears suggest that weeping and working with the dead is better rendered 'the sinners' only on the eve of his night's work. It is mockery for us to weep over the 'erring ones' and do nothing to save them." "The sisters are expressing their mingled certainty and their own bitter death, the picture of the unbelieving Jews, a fallen race, baseness on a death which has no end, and all that first moves him to pity man, and come down to save him."

36. How he loved him—A spontaneous testimony from those Jews of the tenderness of the Son of God. 37. But said this man.—The miracle of the blind man was referred to because it was of recent occurrence, and in the immediate neighborhood, while the two previous miracles of raising the dead (Luke 7: 11-12; 8: 41-42), were performed in distant Galilee, about one year and a half before. Several leading commentators think that these Jews were unbelieving and now refer to the healing of the blind man in a deriding manner, suggesting that if he could have done that, then he could have kept Lazarus alive, and real love would have prompted him to do so. "The Jews were expressing their doubt of His past miracles, no matter how great, but they were not moved by or moved to His power. It stops the simple wonder that this miraculously endowed being had allowed so loved a friend to die!"

38. Words of comfort (vs. 38-40). 38. Again groaning—Because of the unbelieving of the Jews. We never find him as much grief over His own suffering as over the sins of men. Cometh to the grave—Lazarus was, as became his station, not laid in a cemetery, but in his own private tomb, a cave—probably in a garden, the favorite place of interment. Not only the rich, but others of smaller means, had tombs of their own, prepared before they died. The tombs were either of rock, hewn, or natural caves, or else large walled vaults, with niches along the sides. In such caves or rock-hewn tombs, the bodies were laid,

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MARKET REPORTS.

TORONTO MARKETS.

Live Stock.

Receipts of live stock at the city market since Tuesday, as reported by the market, were 67 car loads, composed of 1,187 cattle, 806 hogs, 129 sheep and 90 calves.

A few good cattle, with many common to medium, met a fairly active market, but not as brisk as it was on Tuesday, on account of their being no dealers from outside points.

Exporters.—Not many export steers were on sale, but prices for the few that were bought were about the same as on Tuesday. Export steers worth from \$5 to \$5.40; bulls, \$4.00 to \$4.50, with an odd one or two of extra quality at \$4.75.

Butchers.—Choice lots and loads of selected butcher stock, 1,100 lbs. each, sold at \$5.15 to \$5.30, and some 1,350 lb. exporters were bought for butcher purposes at \$5.40 to \$5.60 per cwt.; loads for the good \$4.80 to \$5.10; medium, \$4.50 to \$4.75; common, \$4.20 to \$4.40; cows, \$3.65 to \$3.85; common cows, \$3 to \$3.50; canners, \$2 to \$2.50.

Frederators and Stockers.—H. & W. Murby report a good demand for feeders, few of which are coming forward, all having fresh of any account being taken for butcher purposes. Messrs. Murby kept 1,500 lbs. of cattle, butchers at \$4.75 to \$4.90, and 1,100 to 1,200 lbs. each, at \$4.50 per cwt.

Milkers and Springers.—Milkers and springers sold at \$20 to \$25 each, the bulk of the best selling at an average of \$45 each.

Calf Calves.—The market for good to choice veal calves was strong at \$6 to \$7 per cwt.; common to medium calves sold at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per cwt.

Sheep and Lambs.—Yearling lambs of good to choice quality sold at \$7.50 to \$8 per cwt.; common, \$5.50 to \$6.50 per cwt.; export ewes, \$5 to \$5.25; rams, \$4 to \$4.50 per cwt.; spring lambs, \$4 to \$8 each.

Hogs.—Hog prices have again advanced. Light sows quoted as high as \$6, and lights and fats at \$5.75 to \$5.85 per cwt.

Farmers' Market.

The receipts of grain to-day were small, only 100 bushels of barley offering, and sold at 90¢ a bushel, steady.

Hay quiet and steady, with sales of 15 loads at \$18 to \$20 a ton. Straw is nominal at \$16.50 a ton.

Dressed hogs are in limited supply, with prices firm. Light sold at \$8 to \$8.25, and heavy at \$7.75.

Wheat, white, bush, \$0.94 0.95
Do, red, bush, \$0.94 0.95
Do, spring, bush, \$0.92 0.90
Oats, bush, \$0.23 0.23
Rye, bush, \$0.60 0.60
Peas, bush, \$0.90 0.90
Hay, timothy, ton, \$18.00 20.00
Saw, per cord, \$16.50 0.00
Seed, buyers—
Albino, No. 1, bush, \$1.00 0.00
No. 2, bush, \$0.95 0.00
Red clover, No. 1, \$1.25 0.00
Timothy, per ton, \$7.25 8.00
Dressed hogs, \$7.50 8.25
Eggs, new laid, dozen, \$0.19 0.20
Butter, dairy, \$0.28 0.32
Do, creamery, \$0.32 0.35
Cheese, per lb., \$0.12 0.15
Ducks, dressed, lb., \$0.12 0.14
Turkeys, per lb., \$0.18 0.22
Apples, per barrel, \$1.50 3.00
Cabbages, per firm, \$0.40 0.50
Onions, per bag, \$1.00 1.20
Potatoes, per bag, \$1.00 1.10
Feed, headquarters, \$0.90 1.10
Do, forequarters, \$0.60 0.70
Do, choice, \$0.80 0.90
Do, medium, cream, \$0.50 0.50
Mutton, per cwt., \$9.00 10.00
Live, prime, per cwt., \$9.00 11.00
Lamb, per cwt., \$13.50 15.00

Live Poultry Wholesale.

Turkeys, young, \$0.20 to 0.25
Turkeys, old, \$0.18 0.20
Chickens, large, \$0.14 0.15
Chickens, medium, \$0.12 0.13
Fowls, \$0.09 0.10
Squabs, per dozen, \$2.00 3.00

OTHER MARKETS.

Sugar Market.

St. Lawrence sugars are quoted as follows: Granulated, \$4.90 in barrels. No. 1 golden, \$4.50 in barrels. These prices are for delivery; car lots 5¢ less.

Winnipeg Wheat Market.

Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures:
Wheat—April 15 to bid, May \$1.90
1-4 bid, July \$1.12 asked.
Oats—April 12 to bid, May 4¢ asked.

British Cattle Markets.

London.—London cables are steady at 11 to 13¢ per pound, dressed weight; retail beef is quoted at 9 1/2¢ per pound.

London Wool Sales.

London.—The second series of the 1908 wool auction sales ended to-day. From a hoisting and opening competition slack and price dropped, and although the sales were cumulated five days, causing an improved demand and a firm tone, the closing prices were lower when compared with the January prices. Fine combings, declined 7 1/2 to 10 per cent, medium 15 to 20 per cent, and coarse 20 per cent; fine merino showed a loss of 7 1/2 to 10 per cent, and other merinos 15 to 20 per cent, while Cape of Good Hope and Natal wool was 10 to 15 per cent down. The decline was the most sudden experienced in years. During the series Americans bought 4,000 bales, the home trade 77,000, and Continental buyers 4,000; 75,000 bales were held over for the third series. At to-day's sales 8,334 bales were offered. The small selection sold readily at hardening prices. Americans bought South Australian grassy.

THOUSANDS OF LIVES SAVED.

Remarkable Results From Vaccination in the Philippines.

Manila, April 6.—The Board of Health during the past two years has carried on systematic compulsory vaccination throughout the islands, with the result that the disease, once so prevalent, is almost wholly eradicated. Statistics show that in the six provinces surrounding Manila, where previously deaths ran as high as six thousand annually, there was not a single death

LOVE AUTHOR ASKS DIVORCE.

SUIT CAUSES LILLYAN SHAFNER'S FRIENDS TO PERUSE NOVEL.

Book Blamed by Husband—Thinks Wife Was Swayed by Fiction Characters She Created.

Chicago, April 6.—"Feed this famished soul that has perished hourly in the wilderness of plenty for a little love, a little sympathy, a tender thought, a fond caress. Do this, and I swear I'll worship you, love you, live for you, die for you."

Members of the Social Sciences Club, of which Mrs. Lillyan Shaffner is the "chief of police," turned to this passage in her recent Chicago novel, "Suzanne," when they learned she had filed a petition in the circuit court asking separate maintenance from her husband, Attorney Benjamin M. Shaffner, on grounds of extreme cruelty and inhuman treatment.

The novel, held by Mr. Shaffner to be the cause of the separation, aroused comment when first published, concerning how far it revealed the domestic affairs of the writer, Suzanne, the heroine, who may or may not have points in common with Mrs. Shaffner herself, runs away with a socially inclined clergyman, who deserts his wife and child. Suzanne's husband is depicted as a money-hungry man, who does not understand her "fine sensitiveness," and resigned himself to the inevitable.

Mrs. Shaffner turned to another passage in which Suzanne tells her husband she is going to leave him, never to return. She neglects to inform him the clergyman also is going. The novel then proceeds:

"The man stared at her with a puzzled frown. 'Don't you expect to come back? I shall never leave you house to-day.' 'What for?' he cried, in dismay. 'What are you going to do that for?' 'Because life is unbearable, and I have no desire to prolong the agony.' 'Why, you're not joking, are you? You're trying to frighten me. Run along with you, like a good little girl, and I'll write you a cheque when I get to the office.' 'I don't want the cheque.' 'You want the last word.' His mirthless laughter jarred her nerves sadly. 'The action of Mrs. Shaffner yesterday differed in several respects from that of her heroine.'"

Instead of leaving her home she compelled her husband to leave. She asserted in her petition that Attorney Shaffner made \$10,000 a year from his law practice, causing the impression she would ask for alimony. She did not elope, but asked for legal separation.

Mrs. Shaffner's charges against her husband were brief. She averred in her petition that during last May he became violently angered at her, and to protect her life she was compelled to barricade her bedroom, and while the attorney tried to break through the door she telephoned the town hall police for assistance. A revolver with which he threatened to shoot her, she said, was given to the police.

Society people knew when the novel was offered the public that a separation narrowly averted in the Shaffner household. The attorney, it is said, objected strenuously to his wife publishing the book.

"It's all a joke," said Mr. Shaffner in his office yesterday. "It is as much a surprise to me as any other. This morning when I left home I kissed my wife good-by. She seemed happy. The next thing I knew I was served with notice of the filing of the suit. I honestly do not know what it means."

"Was I cruel to her? Never in my life. Always I have tried to be good to her. Why, we have been living together right along and everything seemed to be going smoothly."

"But people say her book, 'Suzanne,' caused the trouble in your family; that you objected to the moral of the novel, and tried to prevent its issue."

"Yes, that is undoubtedly the whole trouble. It must be the book. She probably has thought too much about it, living over the characters in her mind. I have not had an opportunity to get to the bottom of the trouble. But it will be straightened out in time."

Mrs. Shaffner asked an order restraining her husband from interfering with her at her home. She also asked a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Shaffner on a charge of threatening to kill her.

At her home, 808 Pine Grove avenue, it was said Mrs. Shaffner was confined to her bed, suffering from a severe attack of nervous prostration.

FOOLED BERLIN PUBLIC.

German Newspapers Publish Their Regular April Fool Jokes.

Berlin, April 6.—The German newspapers publish their annual April Fool jokes as usual. One of them printed the imaginary text of the Kaiser-Lord Tweedmouth's letters, and a leading paper, the Tagliche Rundschau, fell into the trap, reproducing the letters as though they were authentic. The Berliner Zeitung's joke was that the Emperor was bringing pressure to bear on President Roosevelt to appoint J. Pierpont Morgan Ambassador to Germany.

NOTHING DOING.

Photographer—Madam, would you not like a picture of your husband and Mrs. Rounder—Oh, no; I'm able to see through him quite well enough now, thank.

TRAILS HUSBAND.

CATCHES HIM IN CHICAGO AFTER WALKING CITY THREE MONTHS.

Mrs. Clark Real Sincere—Couple Will Begin Over Again—Husband Had Happened.

Chicago, April 6.—Mrs. Martha Clark travelled more than 2,000 miles, visited nine cities, and searched through them, and then came to Chicago and waited Halted street, from twelfth to sixteenth and back usually for three months in search of her husband, Frank, who had disappeared last in Kansas City, Mo., three years ago. She found him and still loves him.

She had him arrested Sunday night on the charge of abandonment, and she merely was taken captive by the police in order that he might not run away again before she could have a chance to talk to him. This she did yesterday a few minutes previous to their appearance before Municipal Judge Sevel.

Mrs. Clark's entreaties or wonderful determination to track her husband and be offered to "take her" previous to their appearance before Municipal Judge Sevel.

Three years ago Clark, who is a shipbuilder by trade, and his wife were living in Kansas City, Mo. Suddenly he disappeared. It took Mrs. Clark a month to find where he went. She discovered he was in Denver and thither she went in search of him. Clark, however, learned his wife was following him and departed to San Francisco.

From the Pacific coast he jumped to a little town in Maine, attempting to cover his tracks. But his wife proved to be a skillful detective and it was only a few weeks before she located him in the east. Then he went to New York and from there to Pittsburgh, and in order to Cleveland, Indiana, Louisville. Finally he landed in Chicago.

Her search only long enough to earn enough money for her to continue. Three months ago she arrived here after having been notified that her husband had been seen in a Halsted street car. She decided that he probably lived somewhere along Halsted street.

She immediately she started walking from Sixty-fifth street to Twelfth street on Halsted. After three months of these daily strolls she finally located her husband Sunday evening at 6 o'clock standing at sixty-fifth and Halsted streets.

Mrs. Clark, fearing he might recognize her and flee before she could have a talk with him, went into a drug store nearby and called up the police. She called the police, Clark was standing in the corner when detectives took him in charge.

"I love my husband and no matter if I have spent all this time and travelled all this way, I would not leave him," she said indignantly. "I would go to the world's end to be with him. He has consented to settle down with me, and I think we can be happy. He is a good man, but of a nervous temperament."

"I haven't any relatives and only one friend in the world besides him. He is my life, and I will go back to him and we will begin all over again just as if nothing had happened."

Clark is 35 years old, of muscular physique, and good appearance. He refused to discuss his wife's pursuit.

TO BAR OUT UNDESIRABLES.

Along the U. S. Boundary.

Vancouver, April 6.—Dr. Moore, immigration inspector, leaves to-morrow to establish a rigid system of inspection at the points of the boundary to prevent the entry of undesirable immigrants and Europeans, morally and physically unfit, from the States into Canada. At fourteen different points between Vancouver and the great lakes stations will be established to connect with others from the great lakes to the Atlantic seaboard.

DUG DEAD FROM A SNOWBANK.

Collinwater, Ont., despatch: On Tuesday morning the first of a party of men dug out a man who had been buried in the snow for several days. He was very much dead, but he was revived by the party.