FRIDAY EVENING,

AN EASTER DEED BEFORE EASTER DAY

The International Sunday School Lesson For April 8 Is, "Jesus Raises Lazarus From the Dead."-John 11:17-44

By William T. Ellis

It was a group of seventeenth cenury Spanish sepulchres, seen yesterday beneath bearded live oaks of Geor-

day beneath Dearded ite oaks of ueur-gia, and made of "tappy," that curious ovster-shell concrete, which set my mind to ranging over the graves of everwhere—the metal, bath-tub-like sarcophogi which I saw the Arabs ex-cavating from rulns older than Balver bione graves of Phoenicia; the mishty mausoleums of Egypt; the hill-tombs which mortgage so much of China's landscapes; the auchent graveyards of Europe—what a succession of them throng to mind! Each brought some minds face to face with earth's old-est riddle: Does the highway of life ond m a grave? A some time or other this question is of supreme interest to everybods. The deah notices in today's my the most startling pews on the first page. This Easter is the most solem of all the days that ever dawned to a multitude of human hearts, for it brings them squarely up to the problem of tam of Lazarus from the dead, the asigned Sunday school lesson. **A Hene for a Londy Herre** One of the five a gradity, which is that thereby one enters somewhat into an appreciation of what was the normal lot of Jesus of Nazareth. The went about among uncomprehending and unsympathetic people. Apparent-ly, the one refuge which he enloyed during his public ministry was the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, well-to-do friends who dwelt a short disge of Bethmy, on the Wood the . Some homes are the that, a haven for heavy hearts. Always a woman makes the strong ties of friendslip, the simple fact that they made the strong of Martha, Mary and Lazarus, well-to-do friends who dwelt a short disge of Bethmy, on the down the tast nore of Jerusalem, in the vi-lage of Bethmy, on the down the strong of Martha and Mary, from the simple fact that and sympathy. To create such a home as that is a cachieve any public success thinkable. I knit, as may always best be down. the simple fact that they made the strong of the Easter that preceded family, and that all three must have to achieve any busite success thinkable. I knit, as may always best be down. the simple fact that they recedu the there t

most of all the comfort of compan-ionship which fully understands. Even the bystanders, orientals as they were, and accustomed to extrav-agant display of emotions, exclaimed, as they saw Jesus groaning within himself, and stirred by a convulsion of affection and felowship, "Behold, how He loved him!" That is the spec-tacle of the ages: the love of Christ. Our day makes much of His wisdom and His leadership and His lordship; let us not forget, though, that first of all, and over all, Jesus reveals him-self in a love so great that it breaks these stubborn hearts of ours. When-ever we are tempted to think harsh thoughts about God, we have but to recall the shortest text of all, "Jesus wept." For there is nothing true of the stathat is not a revealation of the Father who sent Him. "Too God To Be True" • Close as they were to His spirit, Mary and Martha could not credit the full import of His plan for them and for Lazarus. When He would be di-rected to the tomb, they tried to dis-suade Him. They could have trusted their Lord up to a certain extent to do wonders for their brother while he was ill. But, as we have all been do-ling ever since, they put mietes and bounds to His power. That life should come out of death seemed altogether "too good to be true," to quote the in-fidel phrase of our day. Why do scep-tics and cynics question immortality? Because it seems to a mind too proud

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to accept God in all His declared goodness as "too good to be true."
Then Jesus opened the grave with prayer. He knew the dramatic chara acter of that hour. Not a single hand's span of the gathering clouds of hate was hidden from His eyes. This crowning miracle, which He contemplated was to fing to a climax all the plots is lord of 'He and each. His voice "Tazarus, come forth?"
Yes, the dead obey Him. Christ is lord of 'He and each. His voice reached across the mysterious bound aries, and brought back the spirit of His friend once more into its earthly habitation. There are no words that can make the wonder simple. At the command of Jesus the gates of death is is lord of 'He and ceath. His voice the ground world o'er-Booth had grain at the breaking of bread with his lord.
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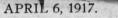
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The hosts were sandaled and their wings were fire— "Are you washed in the blood of Lamb?" Lamb?" But their noise played havoc with the angel choir! "Are you washed in the blood of Lamb?" Oh, shout salvation! It was good to see see Kings and princes by the Lamb set

Hallelujas! It was queer to see Bull-necked convicts with that land Loons with bazoos blowing blare, blare, blare, On, on, upward through the golden "Are you wushed to the golden" for prayer He saw his Master through the flag-filled air. Christ came gently, with a robe and

Booth died blind, and still by faith he trod, Eyes still dazzled by the ways of God. Booth led boldy, and he looked the chief: Beard a-flying, air of high command, Unabated in that holy land. Christ came gently, with a robe and crown For Booth the soldier, while the throng knelt down. He saw King Jesus—they were face to face. "Are you washed in the blood of Lamb?"

Lazarus was one of the few on earth Inter the modern and daring bit of poetry by Nicholas Vashel Lindsay, "General Booth Enters Heaven."
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hope, and that is in the word and life of Jesus Christ, who lived and died fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians,

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