

home religion reaches all the way from the cradle to the judgment seat; the church in the house must supplement that in the temple if religion is to control mankind. To fill homes with sunshine and holiness there is one watchword, one keynote whose variations will fill the house with harmony. *Love!* Love God supremely and sincerely and His smile will fill your dwelling. Let love to Jesus reign and your home shall be another Bethany; love will break the alabaster box of ointment, rear the altar of devotion, and offer not only the yearly but daily sacrifice.

Our homes are what we choose to have them; we cannot all have luxury, but we can have love; if we don't have style, we can have sympathy; if we cannot keep a carriage, we can have a good conscience. We cannot keep away death, but our houses need not be dark, for if the bright-eyed sisters—Faith, Hope and Charity—be kept abiding, they will lift up the windows to let in the sunshine from God's throne. Light then the lamp of cheerfulness; invite them to abide, and ask Jesus to go with you. And take an inventory of your mercies. That wife can only be reckoned by Solomon's label. The hungry boy is worth his weight in gold. You will only know the value of those daughters when somebody comes to transfer them. Your Bible is an unfailing casket of treasure. Our cup is overflowing. It contains—if not all we desire—more than we deserve. The good Spirit is not taken away. Christ is yours and all in Him.—From *Thanksgiving Sermon by Rev. Dr. Cuyler.*

GERMAN PROVERBS.

- Crooked wood makes straight fire.
- Luck is round; hold on to virtue.
- Asses sing badly because they pitch too high.
- Ten highwaymen cannot pull a shirt off a naked man's back.
- God is everywhere—except in Rome: for there he is a vicar.
- Better to deal with a whole fool than with half a one.
- The ass carries corn to mill, and gets thistles.
- When all other sins grow old, avarice is young.
- The ancients had conscience without science; the moderns have science without conscience.
- Greediness digs its own grave with its teeth.
- Hobby horses are dearer than Arab steeds.
- If every oath stuck like a thorn, there's many an oath would be unsworn.
- Great lords are the most sure of going to heaven, when they die in their cradle.
- "Every little helps"—as the woman said, when she rowed with a needle.

—A doctor who was once visiting a Christian patient had himself been anxious to feel that he was at peace with God; the Spirit of God had convinced him of sin and need, and he longed to possess "that peace which the world cannot give." On this occasion, addressing himself to the sick one, he said, "I want you just to tell me what it is, this believing and getting happiness—faith in Jesus, and all that sort of thing, that brings peace." His patient replied, "Doctor, I have felt that I could do nothing, and I have put my case in your hands; I am trusting in you. This is exactly what every poor sinner must do in the Lord Jesus." The reply greatly awakened the doctor's surprise, and a new light broke in on his soul. "Is that all?" he exclaimed, "simply trusting in the Lord Jesus. I see it as I never did before. He has done the work." Yes, Jesus said on the cross, "It is finished." And "whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life." From that sick bed the doctor went a happy man, rejoicing that his sins were washed away in the blood of the Lamb.

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

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LESSON III.

JAN. 17.]

MEMORIAL STONES.—Josh. iv. 4-9. About 1450 B.C. COMMIT TO MEMORY V. 8.

4. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man.
5. And Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel.
6. That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones?
7. Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

8. And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there.

9. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.

GOLDEN TEXT.—I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember thy wonders of old.—Ps. lxxvii.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—God's wonderful works are to be remembered.

DAILY READINGS.
 M. Josh. iv. 4-9
 T. Gen. xxxi. 44-54
 W. Josh. xxiv. 22-31
 Th. Deut. vi. 17-25
 F. Ps. xlv. 1-26
 Sa. Acts vii. 37-46
 S. Eph. i. 15-23.

FIND THE MEANING OF—tribe, ark, sign, memorial, lodged.
ORDER OF EVENTS.—(6.) The memorial stones in Jordan and Gilgal.

NOTES.—Two monuments of stone were set up, the twelve stones taken out of the river and placed in Gilgal (ch. iv. 29), and twelve others set up in the Jordan. v. 9. There is no mention of any divine command to set up this second memorial in the river.

EXPLANATION.—(4.) prepared, chosen, selected; one from each tribe. (5.) ark (see last lesson). (6.) sign, monument or token; in time to come, literally to-morrow. (7.) cut off (ch. iii. 16); memorial, to keep them in mind of this event. Gen. xxxi. 46, 51, 52; Ex. xii. 14. (8.) as the Lord spake (see v. 3); lodged, camped. (9.) twelve stones, twelve other stones; unto this day, the time when the book of Joshua was written.

ILLUSTRATION.—Some suppose the twelve stones at Gilgal were set in a circle. Ancient temples were sometimes built in circular form, "We write our blessings on the water, but our afflictions on the rock." The Lord would have us forget the troubles and remember His mercies.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- (I.) TWELVE MEN CHOSEN. (II.) TWELVE STONES SET UP IN CAMP.
- (III.) TWELVE STONES SET UP IN JORDAN.
 How many stones were to be taken from the Jordan? How many men were to take them? Who selected the men? By whose command? Where were they to leave the stones? What were they to be to Israel in coming time?
 Of what were they to be a sign?
 How were they to explain it to their children?
 What is a memorial?
 How did Joshua mark the place where they crossed the Jordan?
 Where did he set up other twelve stones?
 To what day were they to be found there?
 What in this lesson teaches us—
 (1.) To remember God's goodness to us?
 (2.) To tell our children of the great blessings God grants us?



LESSON IV.

JAN. 24.]

PREPARATION FOR CONQUEST.—Josh. v. 9-16. About 1450 B.C. COMMIT TO MEMORY V. 10, 12.

9. And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.
10. And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains of Jericho.
11. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched corn in the selfsame day.
12. And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land: neither had the children of Israel

manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13. And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14. And he said, Nay; but as captain of the host of the Lord am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?

15. And the captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

GOLDEN TEXT.—Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.—Heb. xii. 2.

CENTRAL TRUTH.—The Lord's presence the pledge of victory.

DAILY READINGS.
 M. Ex. vi. 1-13
 T. Gal. v. 1-16
 W. Lev. xxiii. 9-22
 Th. Ex. xvi. 11-35
 F. Dan. x. 10-21
 Sa. Heb. ii. 9-18
 S. Josh. v. 9-15.

TO THE SCHOLAR.—Notice that this lesson includes parts of four events—(1.) The result of the renewal of the rite of circumcision; (2.) The first passover in Canaan; (3.) Manna ceasing; (4.) The appearance of the angel. The message of the angel of the Lord is in the next chapter (vs. 15), which should be carefully studied with vs. 13-16 of the lesson.

FIND THE MEANING OF—Reproach, Gilgal, unleavened, parched, adversaries.

ORDER OF EVENTS.—(7.) Circumcision renewed. (8.) First passover in Canaan. (9.) Manna ceased. (10.) The angel and Joshua.

NOTES.—Gilgal—i. e., rolling—was on rising ground, probably about five miles from the river and two miles from Jericho. The appearance and first words of the angel are in vs. 13-15; vs. 1 gives the reason for the angel's message, which follows in the next four verses. These eight verses, 13-15 and vi. 1-5, should be connected together. The division of this event by a new chapter at v. 15 instead of at v. 12 or vi. 5 prevents a clear idea of the scene.

EXPLANATION.—(9.) reproach of Egypt—i. e., taunts of Egyptians or reproach because of former bondage in Egypt; Gilgal (see Notes). (10.) passover, Ex. xii. 6. (11.) old corn, properly, produce, grain, wheat, etc. (12.) manna, Ex. xvi. 35. (13.) lifted up his eyes, it is not a vision; a man (see Ex. xxiii. 23; Gen. xviii. 2); Joshua went unto him, this shows it was a real appearance, and not a dream; adversaries, enemies. (14.) host of the Lord—i. e., angelic host, host of heaven, hence angelic help to Israel in their coming battles; fell . . . did worship, only deep reverence, probably not divine worship. (15.) Loose thy shoe, Ex. iii. 5.

ILLUSTRATION.—At a celebrated battle the victors had gained the field except one hill, from which a huge cannon sent forth a deadly fire. "This must be taken in silence with the bayonet," said an officer; "I go with you." The soldiers needed no better preparation: the gun was captured.

TOPICS AND QUESTIONS.

- (I.) PASSOVER AT GILGAL. (II.) MANNA CEASING. (III.) THE ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSHUA.
 I. Where did Israel encamp after crossing the Jordan? Why did they call it Gilgal? v. 9. Give the meaning of Gilgal. What did Israel keep at Gilgal? When was the passover appointed? For what purpose?
 II. Of what did the people eat the day following this passover? Give the meaning of old corn. What ceased on that day? How long had they eaten manna? How were they fed the first year in Canaan?
 III. What did Joshua see near Jericho? State Joshua's question to him. Of what was this man the captain or prince? How did Joshua show his respect and reverence? What was he directed to do? Where did Moses receive a similar command? State the message of the Lord respecting Jericho? ch. vi. 2-5.

BLACKBOARD OUTLINE.

OUR ISRAEL'S PREPARATION.

Having the Fruit of Canaan
 Rolling off the Stone of Circumcision
 Commencing the Passover kept by Israel's
 Captains of the Hosts.
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