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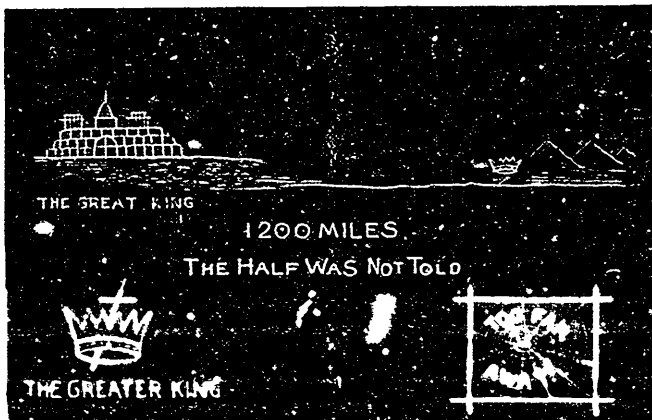
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LESSON IX—November 29th, 1896.

The Fame of Solomon. I KINGS 10 : 1-10.

- I. GOLDEN TEXT : "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here." Matt. 12: 42.
- II. PREVIEW THOUGHT : Seek a greater than Solomon.
- III. REVIEW : Where do we find God's law? What should it be to us? How should we treat this guide? What does Solomon say is "better than gold?"
- IV. LESSON STORY : People in countries far away from Palestine heard about the great king Solomon, and our lesson story to-day is about one of these. The Queen of Sheba, who lived away down in Arabia, a long way from Jerusalem, had heard about this wonderful king and all his wisdom and magnificence, and wanted to see for herself if all was true. So, with a train of servants and many camels laden with spices, and very much gold and precious stones, she left her home, and after a long and tiresome journey through the wilderness, came to Jerusalem. Solomon was very kind to her and answered all the questions she asked him, and showed her his fine buildings, the temple, and his own beautiful palace, and all the others. He showed her, too, the nice kind of food he had to eat and drink, and showed her his servants, and cupbearers, and their costly clothes, and many, many more beautiful things. Then the queen said to Solomon : "In mine own land I heard a lot about all your greatness, and I would not believe it until I came and saw it with mine own eyes ; but the half was not told me

of all your wisdom and prosperity. How happy your servants must be to have such a wise master." Solomon must have told the queen that all this wisdom and greatness had been giv-



such a wise and good king." The queen gave Solomon lots of presents, gold and spices, and precious stones that she had brought from her own country ; and Solomon gave her everything that she wanted that she saw in his kingdom. Then she went home.

V. SUGGESTIVE STEPS IN TEACHING THE LESSON :

1. Have the Golden Text printed on the blackboard beforehand.
2. Have a picture of a spider's net drawn on the blackboard beforehand.
3. I want to tell you a story about a queen.
 - (a) Her home was in Arabia, 1,200 miles away.
 - (b) The reports she heard about king Solomon.
 - (c) Her servants, her camels, her spices, gold, and precious stones.
 - (d) Her journey across the desert—long and tiresome.
 - (e) Her reception by Solomon.
 - (f) What she saw—Solomon's magnificence and wisdom.