

IV. THE RESTORING AND REPAIRING OF THE TEMPLE
IN HIS ADMINISTRATION.

The grand circle of faithful and wise Counsellors:
SHAPHAN—Jeremiah's friend, Jer. 26: 14, Secretary of State.

MAASEIAH—Governor of the city, 2 Chron. 34: 8.
HILKIAH—The High Priest and ancestor of Ezra, the student of the Law.

SHALUM AND HIS WIFE HULDAH, THE PROPHETESS.
JEREMIAH, had exercised his office some years, Jer 1: 2.

V. FINDING OF THE LAW. v. 8.

The temple copy of the Law, probably in the ark which had been cast aside in the dark days of Manasseh and Amon.

To how many does the Bible get lost in modern times—BY NEGLIGENCE—DISLIKE AND PREJUDICE—and DISOBEDIENCE.

VI. THE EFFECT OF THE LAW READ, v. 11-13.

1. Conviction of sin is produced.
2. More light is sought.
3. The known evil is put away.
4. Interest in the law and institutions of covenant is revived.

[Jan. 10.] Jeremiah Predicting the (Jer. 8: 20-22; 9: 1-16.)
Captivity.

Jeremiah was a prophet of the period of the last lesson, in the time of Josiah. He was the son of Hilkiah, probably the high priest of that name. Jeremiah was, therefore, of the line of priests, as well as prophet. Jer. 1: 1 Rulers and people were madly set against his teachings and messages, but he was the bravest of the brave. Jer. 1: 18. "It is difficult to conceive any situation more painful than that of a great man whose duty it is to watch the lingering agony of an exhausted country; to tend it during the alternate fits of stupor and ravaging which precedes its dissolution, and to see the symptoms of vitality disappear one by one, till nothing is left but coldness, darkness, and corruption."

I. THE GOLDEN TEXT IS THE KEY NOTE OF THE LESSON.

1. THERE HAS BEEN A SUMMER OF PRIVILEGES AND OPPORTUNITIES. In the revival under Josiah, the restoration of the Law and ordinances of the sanctuary, with purity of worship. 2 Chron 35: 25.
2. THE OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN LOST, by resting in the restoration of the Temple, and the revival of the worship. Jer. 7: 4.
3. THE PAST CANNOT BE RE-CALLED. Jer. 7: 16.

II. THE PROPHET BEWAILS THE SINS AND MISERIES OF THE PEOPLE. vs. 1, 2.

He sees the multitudes who would be slain in connection with the approaching captivity, and the sin and the captivity are closely connected. The prophet would do anything for them that would help. See Christ weeping over Jerusalem, Paul at Ephesus, Acts 20: 31.

III. ENUMERATED SINS WHICH BROUGHT THE CALAMITIES. vs. 2-8.

Impurity and treachery, v. 2. Lying and misuse of power, v. 3. Dishonesty and slander v. 4. All milder means have failed—there is nothing left but the fire to test and separate the vile from the valuable.

IV. CALAMITIES AND SINS GO HAND IN HAND. vs. 9-16.

Long ago promised, Lev. 26: 33; Deut. 28: 64; Jer. 24: 9-11.

Young Workers.

[We have permission from Mr. A. H. Brace (Superintendent in Canada of Mr. Fegan's Boys' Emigration Society) to use the following extracts from a letter recently received by him from one of the Boys who came out to Canada about a year ago. The letter cannot fail to prove a rebuke to many luke-warm, half-hearted Christians, older in years and enjoying greater privileges than those which surround this little company of believers. May the Lord bless the publication of this letter, and may its perusal lead many to ask "What wilt thou have me to do?"—[EDITOR.]

Winnipeg, October 6th, 1885.

MY DEAR MR. BRACE,—I have been intending to write to you for some time, but I thought perhaps you would soon be treating me to one of your nice letters, However here goes. I know you will be glad to hear that I have at last taken my hands out of my pocket, and am working with God's help mightily for Him. For the last three Sundays, C. G., W. W., two of last years boys, F. and myself have held open air meetings which the Lord has abundantly blessed, the Sunday before last there must have been nearly 200 people gathered round we four babes in Christ, but it is too cold now for the open air, and last Sunday was our last. We had two meetings last Sunday, the one in the open air and the other at the emigration sheds. I cannot tell you how strong I feel in Christ, and how He is always working in me, always giving me words to speak which I ask *Him* for, not myself. I had begun to think that my conversion, (which as you may not know it, only took place on May 29th, two days before leaving England,) was not real, and had not come from God, because I never told anyone about it, but I thank God from my heart that it was all real, nothing of the Devil in it. I cannot tell you how blessed is the fellowship we four have together. I know God brought us together to work for Him in this sin stricken city. May he ever guide and strengthen us.

Well I wonder how you all are at Toronto, I often wish the journey was not so expensive, I should so like to see you all, and Mrs. Munro* and Mr. Gooderham.† I know the Lord is blessing you all mightily. Pray for me my dear brother. Few have been blessed in their new birth as we have, I often wish that God would use me entirely for His kingdom. And now, God bless you all.

"We shall all meet at home in the morning,
Our blessed Redeemer to see;
We shall know and be known by our loved ones,
What a meeting indeed it will be."

Ever yours, in Him,

E. J. L.

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