

BEREAN NOTES.

REVIEW OF FIRST QUARTER. [1876.] GOLDEN TEXT: Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it. Psa. 37:34.

HOME READINGS. MONDAY—Dent. 8. 1-20. TUESDAY—1 Sam. 16. 1-13. WEDNESDAY—1 Sam. 17. 38-51. THURSDAY—2 Sam. 5. 17-25. FRIDAY—2 Sam. 7. 18-29. SATURDAY—2 Sam. 18. 24-33. SUNDAY—Psa. 103. 1-22.

In our lessons for the quarter we have traveled over the history, including the "Introductory Note," of about seventy years. Our review, while gathering much on the side of the gracious dealings of God shows from first to last an unpleasant feature of human character and life. The fairest chances are lost, the brightest hopes blasted, and woeful wretchedness wrought by the cause of sin.

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On the other hand, it is out of such histories and experiences as these that the world was to learn the great wickedness of sin, the weakness of man in struggling with it, and, therefore, their need of a Saviour. We must remember that spiritual light and influence were less than now, and we must not judge the people of that time as we would judge ourselves, who have the light and power of the Gospel. God was educating the world as fast as he could up to a felt need of its utter helplessness.

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REVIEW CONCERT SERVICE.

The Berean Leaf containing this Concert Service can be supplied from the Book Room at Six cents per dozen copies.

PROGRAMME.

- 1. VOLUNTARY.—[Instrumental or vocal.] 2. INVOCATION. Closing with "Lord's Prayer." 3. RECITATION by a boy: "The Approach to our Lessons." See Quarterly Berean Leaf, page 1.

12. REVIEW CATECHISM. [Pupils who have been taught the answers of the "Review Catechism" for the quarter will be able to recite the thirty six answers. See "Lesson Miscellany" under each lesson in the JOURNAL.]

13. A SONG. "The Shepherd-boy made King." Air:—"Rejoice, or Millennium." Superintendent. "In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah." 2 Sam. 5. 5.

VERSE 1.—SONG OF JUDAH.

(To be sung by a part of the school.) Rejoice, rejoice, O Judah's sons and daughters, Rejoice, rejoice, for Judah's king hath come: From Ziklag in Philistia's plain. The exiled David comes again; Rejoice, rejoice, O Judah's sons and daughters, Rejoice, rejoice, for Judah's king hath come: The shepherd-boy of Bethlehem, The friend beloved of Jonathan, Whose harp appeased the angered king; Who slew Goliath with his sling; Rejoice, rejoice, O Judah's sons and daughters, Rejoice, rejoice, David to Hebron comes.

Supr. For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. School. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Supr. Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. School. Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Supr. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me and I shall be whiter than snow. School. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Supr. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. School. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Supr. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. School. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Supr. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. School. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

Supr. O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise. School. For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

Supr. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. 14. A SONG. "Just as I am." [Sung by a choir, tenderly and softly.]

Just as I am, without one plea, But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, and waiting not, To rid my soul of one dark blot, To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God I come! I come!

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind, Sight, riches, healing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

15. ADDRESS by pastor or other person. [Short, practical, and bearing on one or more lessons from the life of David.]

16. A PRAISE SERVICE. [From the Psalms of David.]

Pastor. Praise ye the Lord. Supr. Praise God in his sanctuary. Teachers. Praise Him in the firmament of his power.

School. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens. Sing: [Italian Hymn.] To the great One and Three, Eternal praises be, Hinc, evocato, His sovereign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity Love and adore.

Pas. Praise him in the heights. Supr. Praise ye Him, all his angels. Teachers. Praise ye him, all his hosts. School. Praise ye him, sun and moon. Pas. Praise him, all ye stars of light. Supr. Praise him ye heavens of heavens. School. And ye waters that be above the heaven.

Let all sing with force and feeling.] HALLELUIAH! Lord of every land and nation, Ancient of eternal days! Sounded through the wide creation, Be thy just exalted praise. Halleluiah! Halleluiah! Amen.

Supr. Praise the Lord from the earth, ye dragons and all deeps: School. Fire, and hail; snow, and vapors; stormy wind fulfilling his word: Supr. Mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: School. Beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: Supr. Kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: School. Both young men and maidens; old men and children: Supr. Let them praise the name of the Lord: School. For his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven.

[Let all sing:] For the grandeur of thy nature— Grand beyond a seraph's thought— For created works of power, Works with skill and kindness wrought; Halleluiah! Amen.

For thy providence that governs Through thine empire's wide domain,— Wings an angel, guides a sparrow,— Blessed by thy gentle reign: Halleluiah! Amen.

Supr. The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens: School. And his kingdom reigneth over all. Supr. Bless the Lord, ye his angels that excel in strength, that do his commandments. School. Harkening unto the voice of his word. Supr. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; School. Ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. Supr. Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion. School. Bless the Lord, O my soul. Supr. Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. School. Praise ye the Lord!

[Sing heartily.] Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

17. BLESSING.

Supr. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

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