

SABBATH, May 11.—**LESSON VI.—The Report from Egypt.**—Gen. xlii. 29-38.

Leader. 29. And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them : saying,

School. 30. The man, who is the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country.

L. 31. And we said unto him, We are true men ; we are no spies :

S. 32. We be twelve brethren, sons of our father ; one is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan.

L. 33. And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men ; leave one of your brethren here with me, and take food for the famine of your households, and be gone :

S. 34. And bring your youngest brother unto me ; then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men : so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land.

L. 35. And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack : and when both they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. Gen. xlii. 21.

S. 36. And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children : Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away : all these things are against me.

L. 37. And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee : deliver him unto my hand, and I will bring him to thee again.

S. 38. And he said, My son shall not go down with you ; for his brother is dead, and he is left alone : if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my grey hairs with sorrow to the grave. Heb. xii. 7.

TOPIC—Sin telling its own story.

Golden Text—Be sure your sin will find you out.

Num. xxxii. 23.

Home Readings

M. Gen. xli. 46-47.
Th. Acts ix. 1, 2, 10-22.
W. Gen. xlii. 1-29.
Th. John xiv. 14-31.
F. Gen. xlii. 29-38.
S. 1 Sam. xxii. 1-5 ; 2
S. Psa. x. [1 Sam. v. 1-10.]

LESSON SCHEME.

BIBLE SEARCHINGS :

Num. xlii. 16, 17.	Isa. xlv. 4.	Rom. viii. 28.
Josh. ii. 1.	Judges 1, 23, 24.	Psa. lxxi. 18.
Nat. xxii. 16.	Luke xx. 20.	Gen. xxxvii. 35.
1 Kings 20, 39.		

Outline :

- I. SUSPECTED AS SPIES, v. 29, 30 ;
- II. TWELVE TRUE MEN, v. 31, 32 ;
- III. FOOD FOR THE FAMINE, v. 33, 34 ;
- IV. SILVER IN THE SACK, v. 35 ;
- V. THE AFFLICTED FATHER, v. 36-38.

Recite *Title, Topic, Golden Text, Selected Verses, and Outline.*

1. Who came to Jacob ? v. 29. Whence ? Why had they been sent into Egypt ? chap. xli. 57.
- Where was Jacob dwelling ? chap. xxxv. 27.
- How many of the sons of Jacob had been on this journey ? v. 3.
- Of what had Joseph accused his brethren ? What is a spy ?
- Did Joseph know their true character when he thus accused them ?
- What did they say of his manner to them ? v. 30.
- What did he require of them ? v. 34.
2. What did they mean by saying they were "true men ?"
- Had they ever been deceivers ? Gen. xxxvii. 31, 32.

Which one of the twelve had been "true ?"

3. On what condition had Joseph promised food ? v. 33.

Why had he required them to leave one of their number ?

On what condition were they to be permitted to return and purchase corn ? v. 34.

4. What did they find in their sacks ? v. 35. Does God give us more than we expect ? Eph. iii. 20.

Why were they "afraid ?"

5. What complaint did Jacob make ? v. 36. What had Reuben to do with the trials and selling of Joseph ? chap. xxxvii. 22, 29, 30.

Was Jacob willing to spare Benjamin ? v. 38. Why not ? v. 38.

How did he say his grief would affect him ? v. 38.

How are good men often made sorrowful in their old age ?

Where, in this lesson, are we taught—

1. That the consequences of sin follow us through life ?
2. That our secret sins give us fear and remorse ?
3. That neither time nor distance can destroy the effect of wrong doing ?
4. That the sinner receives blessing where he deserves only justice ?
5. That the conduct of wicked children brings sorrow to their parents ?
6. That under our afflictions blessings are concealed ?