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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FIRST QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

Mighty Helper. 2 Chron. 32, 9 21. Commit to memory verses 19-21. March 17th.

EXPLANATORY.

SENNACHERIB. Son of Shalmaneser who had overthrown the kingdom of the Ten Tribes, called on the Ninevite monuments Tsın akki-irib. Assyria. Originally a province lying between Mesopotamia and Media, having Nineveh for its capital. Its people conquered nearly all the territory between the Persian Gulf. the Caspian and the Mediterranean. To Jerusalem. This was the second invasion by the Assyrians, as we learn from 2 Kings 18, 13-15. They now came with the purpose of utterly destroying the Jewish kingdom. Lachash. An ancient Canaanite stronghold belonging to Judah, and situated upon the Philistine plain. Judah...at Jerusalem. The city was crowded with refugees from all parts of the kingdom, seeking protection from the Assyrians.

SIEGE. Or stronghold. Famine and bu thirst. Two potent allies with a besiege ing army. Taken away. He has heard that the altars have been removed, and imagines that the people have been robbed of their religious privileges, and the God of the land made angry. One altar. There is need of but one altar, for the one great High-Priest is all sufficient.

OTHER LANDS. He had crushed the revolt of Babylon, ravaged the Aramean nations along the Tigris and Euphrates, conquered a part of Media, reduced Zidon, Tyre and Edom into tributary condition, and waged successful war against Egypt. How much less .. your God. As Judah was least among the nations, a mere fragment between Syrio and Egypt so its God was deemed correspondingly feeble. [Teacher, show the difference between material and spiritual power. A poor man may yet be rich in God.

AGAINST ... HEZEKIAH. He addressed his words to the people, among whom there was an Assyrian, idolatrous party, discontented with the reforming tendencies of Hezekiah, and ready to revolt against him. Against the God of Jerusalem. The reverent soul of the historian, perhaps Isaiah himself, is more offended by the words against his God than those against his country. [Teacher, exhort to loyalty to God, and reverence toward his

HEZEKIAH. A king of men comes as suppliant before the king of heaven. When every other weapon fails "all-prayer" wins the victory. Isaiah. He who hal stood by the throne as Hezekiah's counselor, now kneels by his side as his companion in supplication. Prayed. 1. It was earnest prayer, for there was urgent need. 2. It was direct prayer. The king spread out the writing before the Lord in the temple, as if to cast the burden on him. 3. It was confident prayer. He who is God's servant has right to look to his master for protection. 4. It was united prayer; the king and the prophet combining their faith. 5. It was prevailing prayer, bringing an immediate and abun

THE LORD SENT. " Events as they pass along proclaim their great Original, and at the foot of every page in the annals of time may be written 'God reigns.'"-Geo. Bancroft. An angel. No doubt some instrumentality was employed, for God works through natural law. Perhaps it was a pestilence, which in a hot climate has been known to sweep away whole armies; or a simoom, the wind of the desert enshrouding the camp with its burning blast. "God's quiver has more than one arrow." All the mighty men. To the number of 185,000, as recorded in Isa. 37, 36. Shame of face. The monuments mention victories after this, but no wars against Palestine. Slew him. Sennacherib was murdered by his own sons, while worshiping in the idol temple. So perish all who defy the God of Israel.

GOLDEN TEXT: With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord thy God to help us, and to fight our battles. 2 Chron.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: Efficacy of The next lesson is 2 Chron. 33, 9-16.

EELLOW'S COMPOUND SYRUP OF HYPOmuscles of the body.

A NOVEL SUBJECT FOR THE PULPIT.

Probably no class at the present day is more looked after by the Churches than the young men. Wherever we go we see the announcements of ser-HEZEKIAH mons and lectures addressed especially C. THE ASSYRIANS: or, God the to them, and probably the young women are justified in complaining, as we have heard them do, that their interests are comparatively neglected. The Revd. Dr. Thain Davidson, of Islington, an nounced some time ago that he purposed to preach specially to young men on the second Sunday evening of each month, and these services appear to have awakened a considerable interest. Sunday evening, Jan. 13, Colebrookerow Church was crowded, the congregation consisting largely of the class

Selecting his text from 2 King x. 15. Is thine heart right? If it be, give me thine hand." Dr. Davidson proceeded to deal with his subject, which he entitled "Hearts and Hands," and considered it under the twofold divis-10n-a heart searched, and a hand

In the course of his remarks he said I blame the pulpit for avoiding a subject which will not permit me to elude. should be less than a man, I should crush and ignore the human that is in me, were I to speak to you of hearts and hands, and not refer to those attachments which have more to do with your future happiness than all others put together. He who made us said, 'It is not good for man to be alone;" and when sound wisdom and pure aff ction have guided your choice, thank God if you have met with one to whom you can give your hand, because she bas already gained your heart. Even now your life will be happier, and your burdens all the lighter, that you have a gentle confidant to share them with you in sympathy. But O, let wisdom, purity, constancy, and a high sense of honor mark your whole conduct in this matter. Beware of being dazzled by attractions that are of rainbow fickleness. Before the hand be pledged, ask the question, "Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?" Gentlemen, I have little patience with those who can only taik with cynicism of he formation of such ties within a Chris-

Where, I ask, more than within such inclosure, is a young man likely to find one who is worthy of his affections, and fitted to be a true helpmeet to him in life? It is not the least interesting thought to myself, in connection with my ministry here, that it has been the means, more or less direct of the formation of many unions which have proved as happy as Heaven ever smiled upon. I know it well, that many a young man in London who wishes his fireside to be more cheerful, feels himsell to be so much a stranger, and is so little in society, that he almost despairs of finding one who shall be a partner with him in his joys and sorrows. Hence some of those impetuous and dangerous leaps into matrimony of which we too often hear. Associate yourselves more intimately with a Christian congregation; and if there are within it, as there ought to be, many warm hearts and kind, happy homes, to which you men of principle are ever cordially welcome, you will find the difculty solved, as it has been countless times before, and with God's blessing. shall meet with one worthy both of vonr heart and hand.

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