

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

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LESSON VIII.

May 25 1884. I. Cor. 9:1-15. LIBERAL GIVING.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 6-8.

1. For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you, 2. For I know the forwardness of your mind for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal hath provoked very many.

3. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be vain in their behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready.

4. Let ye pay if they of Macedonia come with me, and I find you unprepared, we (that we say not yet) should be ashamed in this same confidence boasting.

5. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would get ready unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness.

6. But this I say, He which soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully, shall also reap bountifully.

7. Every man according as he hath sown, so shall he also reap, not reckoning of his bounty, nor 4 him covet; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

8. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

9. As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad; he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

10. Now he that ministereth seed to the sower, will minister bread for your food, & will multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousnes.

11. Being enriched in every thing to all bountifullness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God.

13. Whiles by the experiment of this ministry they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and unto us, and liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;

14. And by their prayer for you, which longeth after you for the gracious work of God in you.

15. Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

GOLDEN TEXT.

\*God loveth a cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9:7.

HOME READINGS

- M. 2 Cor. 8:1-24. Rehears of Liberty.
T. 2 Cor. 9:1-15. Liberal Gifts for the Temple.
W. Ex. 35:21-36:17. Liberal Gifts for the Temple.
Th. 1 Chron. 29:1-19. Liberal Gifts for the Temple.
F. Ps. 112:1-5. Leading to the Lord.
S. Prov. 11:24-31. Giving liberally.
S. Isa. 32:1-8. Liberal Things Desired.

LESSON PLAN.

1. A Liberal Church. 2. Principles of Christian Giving. 3. The Blessedness of Liberty. Time—A. D. 57 (Autumn). Place.—Written from a city of Macedonia, probably Philippi.

INTRODUCTORY.

The Second Epistle to the Corinthians was written a few months after the First. Paul and his companions had just returned from their first visit to Corinth, and had written the Epistle from one of the cities of Macedonia, probably from Philippi, and sent it by Titus and two others (2 Cor. 8:18, 23). In this lesson the apostle commends the Corinthian church for its liberal spirit, and urges it to carry out its purpose with regard to the collection for the brethren in Judea, so that it might be in readiness for him when he came to Corinth on his way to Jerusalem.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 1. THE MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS.—The collection for the poor believers in Jerusalem. V. 2. ACHAIA.—of which Corinth was the capital. WAS READY TO DO ITS PART in the collection. Provoked—excited their zeal. V. 3. THE BROTHERS.—the Corinthians had declared their purpose to make this collection, and Paul had reported it to the Macedonians. Now he sends Titus that the work may be completed and his boasting of them be shown to be true. V. 5. THE BROTHERS.—Titus and his associates. N. 4. HE.—the apostle, who is gratefully given, and betraying the aversion of the givers.

II.—V. 6. SOWETH SPARINGLY.—the grudging giver shall receive but little return, while the liberal giver shall receive an abundant return. Prov. 11:24, 25. Matt. 19:17. Luke 8:18. V. 7. FROGSPHET.—He that sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly. V. 8. HE.—the apostle, who is gratefully given, and betraying the aversion of the givers.

III.—V. 8. ALL GRACE.—the earthly good that makes the receiver but little return, while the liberal giver shall receive an abundant return. Prov. 11:24, 25. Matt. 19:17. Luke 8:18. V. 7. FROGSPHET.—He that sows sparingly shall also reap sparingly. V. 8. HE.—the apostle, who is gratefully given, and betraying the aversion of the givers.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That we should be kind and helpful to those in distress.
2. That we should show our kindness of feeling by kindness of acts in supplying their wants.
3. That we should do this promptly, cheerfully and liberally.
4. That Christian liberality blesses the giver as well as the receiver.
5. That our whole life should be one thanks-giving to God for this unspeakable gift.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, May 14, 1884.

Chicago is about six and a half cents lower than it was last week, and the decline has been steady. Quotations are: 86 1/2 June, and 88 1/2 July; 88 1/2 August. Corn is also cheaper, 54 1/2 May; 56 1/2 June. Liverpool is sullen and weaker, Spring wheat being quoted at 75 1/2 to 77 1/2 and Red Winter 75 1/2 to 78 1/2. The local market is as dull as it can be, and without change. We quote as follows:—Canada's Red Winter, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Canada White, \$1.08 to \$1.10; Canada Spring, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Corn, 56 to 58c in bond; Peas, 90c to 91c; Barley, 75c to 76c; Rye 63c.

FLOUR.—The market is quiet, with higher prices. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.50 to \$5.55; Extra Superfine, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Fancy, \$4.85 to \$4.90; Spring Extra, \$4.65 to \$4.75; Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Strong Bakers', Can., \$6.10 to \$6.40; do., American, \$5.35 to \$5.45; Fine, \$4.00 to \$4.15; Middlings, \$3.35 to \$3.45; Pollards, \$3.10 to \$3.25; Ontario bags, (medium), bags included, \$2.30 to \$2.40; do., Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; do., Superfine, \$2.10 to \$2.15; City bags, delivered, \$2.85 to \$2.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Oatmeal, ordinary, \$4.35 to \$4.75; granulated, \$4.80 to \$5.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—New butter is bringing 18c to 21c. The following are the quotations for old:—Eastern Townships, 18c to 20c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 17c to 20c; Add to the above prices a couple of cents per lb. for selections for the jobbing trade. Cheese is quoted at 11 to 12c.

Eggs are in demand at 15c.

HOG PRODUCTS.—Are very dull. We quote as follows:—Western Mess Pork, \$20.50 to \$21.00; Canada Shored Cut, \$21.50 to \$22; Hams, city cured, 13 1/2c to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pairs, Western, 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c; do., Canadian, 11 1/2c to 12c; Tallow, refined 7c to 9c as to quality.

ASHES are quiet at \$3.90 to \$4.00 for Pots.

NEW YORK, May 13, 1884.

GRAIN.—The following are the closing prices for future delivery to-day:—Wheat \$1.04 1/2 June; \$1.04 1/2 July; \$1.03 1/2 August. Corn, 63c May; 63c June; 64 1/2 July; 65 1/2 August. Oats, 37 1/2c May; 38 1/2c June.

FLOUR.—The quotations are: Spring Wheat—Superfine, \$2.50 to \$3.25; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.65; Clear, \$4.50 to \$5.10; Straight (full stock), \$5.25 to \$6.15; Patent, \$5.35 to \$6.70. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.95 to \$3.50; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.65; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.45 to \$5.65; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.80 to \$6.00; Patent, \$5.25 to \$6.60; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.50 to \$5.65; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.65 to \$4.20. West India, sacks, \$3.90 to \$4.85; barrels, West India, \$5.20 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.45 to \$6.10; South America, \$5.10 to \$5.25; Patent, \$5.35 to \$6.00. Southern Flour—Extra, \$3.75 to \$5.25; Family, \$5.45 to \$6.25. Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$2.50 to \$3.75.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, Western fine, \$5.00 to \$5.40; Coarse, \$5.40 to \$5.90 per brl. Cornmeal, Brandywine, \$3.30 to \$3.40; Western Yellow, \$2.95 to \$3.10; Bag meal, Coarse City, \$1.10 to \$1.15; Fine white, \$1.30 to \$1.40; Fine yellow, \$1.40 per 100 lbs. Corn flour, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Hominy, \$3.50 to \$4.00 per barrel.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, at \$22.00 to \$2; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, at \$19.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, at \$17.00 to \$18.00; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, at \$16.50 to \$17.00; 50 lbs. or medium feed, at \$16.50 to \$17.00; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, at \$16.50 to \$17.00. Rye feed at \$18.00 to \$19.00 per ton.

SEEDS.—Clever seed, 10c to 10 1/2c for fair to choice; timothy, retail parcels \$1.55 to \$1.70; round lots \$1.50 to \$1.60; domestic flaxseed nominal, \$1.60 to \$1.70; Calcutta linseed, spot \$2, and to arrive, \$1.50 to \$1.55.

BUTTER.—Prices are weaker than last week, and the demand is not improved. A rather wide margin has to be allowed in quoting prices at this time of the year, as grading is somewhat vague. The quotations for new are:—Creamery, ordinary to fine, 20c to 25c. State dairies, not quoted; State firkins, fair to best, 20c to 25c; State Wash tubs, fair to choice, 21c to 23c; Western imitation creamery, 14c to 22c; Western dairy, not quoted; Western factory, ordinary to best made, 8c to 16c.

CHEESE.—Very little doing and a moderate market. We quote:—State factory skims to select, 3c to 4 1/2c; Pennsylvania skims, good to prime, 2c to 5 1/2c; Ohio flats ordinary, 7c to 12c.

BEEF.—We quote:—Extra mess, \$12.00 to \$12.50; Extra India mess, \$19.50 to \$22.00; Packet, \$12.50 to \$13.00 in brls.

BEEF HAMS.—Sellers were firm at \$25.00 to \$25.25 spot lots, but only small lots sold.

PORK.—We quote:—\$17.00 for old brands mess; \$18.00 new mess; \$16.00 for extra prime; \$18.75 to \$19.50 for clear back \$17.25 to \$18.50 for family.

BACON.—The market much quieter but strong at 8.50c.

CUTMEATS.—Picked bellies, 12c lb. average, pickled shoulders, 7 1/2c; pickled hams, 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c; smoked shoulders, 8 1/2c; smoked hams, 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c.

LARD.—Prices are lower. City lard bringing 8.30c. Western 8.55c.

STEARINE.—Lard stearine is at 9 1/2c for choice city. Oleomargarine, firm at 8 1/2c.

TALLOW.—Demand more active at 67 13-16 to 7 1/4 for prime city.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle has been pretty large of late and prices are now lower than they have been since some time before Easter market. There is however an active demand for shipping cattle to load the numerous steamers at present in the harbor and good shipping steers have been selling at from 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c per lb.; good butchers' cattle sell at from 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c per lb. rough steers, superior bulls and fat oxen at about 5c to 5 1/2c; leanish stock at from 4c to 4 1/2c. Calves are still plentiful but prices are better than they have been lately. Sheep and lambs are both in demand at firm rates: the former sell at from \$6 to \$14 each, the latter at from \$3 to \$6 each. Live hogs are in fair supply at about 7c per lb. Milch cows have been unusually numerous on the market of late and prices are from \$3 to \$5 per head lower than was the case three or four weeks ago.

FARMERS' MARKET.

There is a better attendance of farmers and market gardeners at the markets this week than during the previous two weeks, yet the supply of produce is scarcely equal to the demand and prices are generally firm, except for green vegetables, eggs and butter. Good apples and oranges have advanced considerably of late and so also have cabbages, carrots, beets and turnips. The fish market is well supplied with fresh fish caught in the St. Lawrence. The supply of loose hay is rather small but pressed hay is plentiful. Oats are \$1.05 to \$1.20 per bag; peas, \$1.05 to \$1.10 per bushel; potatoes, 70c to 80c per bag; Swedish turnips, 75c to \$1.00. Tub butter, 16c to 21c per lb.; eggs, 15c to 20c per dozen. Apples \$5.00 to \$6.50 per barrel; Hay, \$6.00 to \$9.00 per 100 bundles of 15 lbs. Pressed hay, 55c to 65c per 100 lbs.

ONLY A CENT.

The following incident illustrates how much may be accomplished in a moment by a single cent. This strange financial transaction occurred lately in a London office. The office-boy owed a clerk three cents, the clerk owed the cashier two cents, and the cashier owed the office-boy two cents. One day the office-boy, having a cent in his pocket, decided to lessen his debt, and handed it to the clerk, who half paid his debt by handing it to the cashier. The cashier handed it back to the office-boy, saying, "Now I

owe you one cent." The boy again passed the cent to the clerk, who gave it to the cashier, who handed it back to the boy, and the boy discharged his debt by giving it to the clerk, thus squaring all accounts.

LIFE IN POLAR REGIONS.

It is impossible to form an idea of a tempest in the Polar seas. The icebergs are like floating rocks whirled along a rapid current. The huge crystal mountains dash against each other, backward and forward, bursting with a roar like thunder, and returning to the charge until, losing their equilibrium, they tumble over in a cloud of spray, upheaving the icefields, which fall afterwards like the crack of a whip-lash on the boiling sea. The sea gulls fly away screaming, and often a black shining whale comes for an instant to the surface. When the midnight sun grazes the horizon, the floating mountains and the rocks seem immersed in a wave of beautiful light. The cold is by no means so insupportable as is supposed. We passed from a heated cabin at 30° above zero to 47° below zero in the open air without inconvenience. A much higher degree of cold becomes, however, insupportable if there is wind. At fifteen degrees below zero a steam, as if from a boiling kettle, rises from the water. At once frozen by the wind, it falls into fine powder. This phenomenon is called sea-smoke. At forty degrees the snow and human bodies also smoke, which smoke at once changes into millions of tiny particles, like needles of ice, which fill the air and make a light continuous noise, like the rustle of a stiff silk. At this temperature the trunks of trees burst with a loud report, the rocks break up, and the earth opens and vomits smoking water. Knives break in cutting butter. Cigars go out by contact with the ice on the beard. To talk is fatiguing. At night the eyelids are covered with a crust of ice which must be carefully removed before one can open them.—Selected.

LAUGHING GAS.

A GENTLEMAN bought a newspaper and tendered in payment a piece of 40 sous, The newspaper woman: "I haven't the change; you can pay me as you pass along to-morrow." The gentleman: "But suppose I should be killed to-day?" The newspaper woman: "Oh, it wouldn't be a very great loss!"—Paris Wit.

"I TELL YE, BILL, no girl can fool me. If I call on a girl and she doesn't say much and acts like she wants me to leave and don't ask me to call again, it's very seldom I ever call back to see her."

MARY ANDERSON has made nearly \$75,000 during her London engagement. If other girls would only follow her example and lay up something for their future husbands, during their engagements, there would be fewer matches broken off.

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