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INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. 11
JULY 9TH, 1905

Hezekiah's Prayer—Isaiah 38: 1, 3.

Commentary.—Isaiah warns Hezekiah of approaching death (v. 1). In those days—This may only mean in the days of Hezekiah. That this was in the fourteenth year of his reign is evident when we consider that fifteen years were added to his life (v. 5), and yet he only reigned twenty-nine years (2 Kings xxx. 2). It must have been before the invasion by Sennacherib from the fact that God promised to deliver them out of the hand of the King of Assyria and to defend Jerusalem. Sick unto death—Sick of a malady which, in the natural course of things would have proved fatal.—Cook. From 2 Kings xx. 7, we learn that the disease was probably a carbuncle. —Kell. God sends illness upon the good, not in punishment for sins past, but as a trial of their faith and patience (Rom. v. 3).—Lange. Isaiah—Isaiah's character stands before us as one of almost superhuman elevation. When we think of him for sixty years discharging so many varied offices, exhorting, preaching, expounding, comforting, doing all with deepest resignation, doing all with unflinching faith toward God and with serene dignity toward men, we seem to be contemplating one who, while retaining all purely human sympathies, has a portion of seraphic nature communicated to him.—Cook. Came unto him—There is no species of cruelty greater than to suffer a friend to lie on a dying bed under a delusion. There is no sinner more aggravated than that of designingly deceiving a dying man, and flatter him with the hope of recovery when there is a moral certainty that he will not, and can not recover. And there is evidently no danger to be apprehended from communicating to the sick their true condition. It should be done tenderly, and with affection; but it should be done faithfully.—Barnes. Set thine house in order—Arrange your affairs so that they will go on without you; referring to his family, his plans, his successor, his kingdom. Thou shalt die—"Death was the natural result of his sickness. This is not a prediction, but a prophetic warning. A message thus addressed to a person, not spoken of him to others, is a call to repentance decree."—Birks. "His being spared fifteen years was not a change in God's mind, but an illustration showing that God's dealings are unchangeably regulated by the state of man in relation to him."—J. F. and B.

II. Hezekiah prays in great distress (vs. 2, 3).

2. Face toward the wall—He turned away from those who were present so that he might pray freely and collectively. 3. Remember now—The old covenant promised temporal prosperity, including length of days, to the righteousness. Hezekiah, conscious of his faithfulness and integrity, feels that he has not deserved the sentence which cuts him off in middle life, at an age when beyond that which was attained by his wicked father. He ventures, therefore, to expostulate: he prays God to call to remembrance his life and conduct, as if it could only be through forgetfulness that God had determined evil against him. According to the highest standard of morality up to this time revealed, there was nothing unseemly in the self-vindication of the monarch, which has parallels in the Psalms of David (Psa. vi. 3-10; xviii. 19-20; xxvi. 1-8, etc.). Cook. Walked—Life is a journey; God's people walk with him. Thou shalt die (v. 4). A perfect heart—Literally, "with a whole heart." One absolutely devoted to Jehovah.—Cam. Bib. The king pleads his uprightness and holy conduct before God. He could not have been left in the face of death, had he not felt in his heart the truth of his statements. His influence had been wholly on the side of true religion; he had not forsaken the ways of the Lord. Wept sore—Literally, "with a great weeping." The great sorrow of Hezekiah at the approach of death was only natural. 1. The death of a man in the term of years is right. 2. Hezekiah felt that his work was unfinished. He had ascended the throne at a time of great spiritual decay and had labored to restore the worship of Jehovah, and although there was much which remained to be done, yet he was now in a position to go forward with courage and hope. "Josephus says the reason why he wept so sorely was that being childless he was leaving the kingdom without a successor. How often our wishes, when gratified, prove curses. Hezekiah lived to have a son, but that son was the idolater Manasseh, the chief cause of God's wrath against Judah, and of the overthrow of the kingdom (II. Kings xxiii. 26, 27).—J. F. and B. "Some have thought that Hezekiah would have been wiser to let the Lord choose his life; saying that his lengthened life was an evil. He did, indeed, make a great and costly mistake in later life, and he suffered the invasion of the Assyrians described in our last lesson. But these do not make his life not worth living. He learned many good lessons, and helped his people in many ways. The whole nation doubtless would have been far worse if he had died so young."—Pelouzet.

III. God's promises to Hezekiah (vs. 4-6). 4. Then came, etc.—God spoke to Isaiah immediately (II. Kings xx. 4).

5. God of David thy father—God remembers the covenant with the father to the children (Exod. xxi. 5).—J. F. and B. Heard thy prayer—God still hears prayer. It is His will that we pray (Matt. vii. 7-11; John xv. 7). Why then are there so many unanswered petitions?

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S. S. HOSTS TAKE TORONTO.

Crowd is Too Great for the Metropolitan Church.

Jerusalem Delegates Plan Banquet and Reunion.

Wide Extent of the International Union.

A Toronto report: The Sunday school hosts entered the city with increasing numbers yesterday. The Kansas, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Virginia delegations either in whole or in large parties, as well as the complete colored delegation of eighty, arrived at and entered upon either attendance at the auxiliary gatherings or sight-seeing in Toronto.

With characteristic enterprise the California delegation have commenced their campaign for the convention for 1908. Already in the leading hotels the lithographs have been posted in conspicuous places, showing views of California's giant pines, glimpses of Yosemite scenery and leading buildings of the Golden State. Under each "litho" are the words, "San Francisco, 1908."

Parties of delegates wearing the blue badges were to be seen everywhere about the streets, in the big hotels, on the street cars and in trolley parties.

Justice MacLaren, Dr. Copp and Mr. J. A. Jackson spent all yesterday afternoon in the Metropolitan Church locating positions for the seating of the State and Provincial delegations. Seats were allotted to 1,883 delegates, and delegations whose possible attendance is 168 have still to be heard from. The possible attendance is, therefore, 2,214, and allowing for some of the 168 who will not attend, the gathering is expected to number in round figures about 2,100.

The Metropolitan Church is likely to be uncomfortably crowded at the meeting. The building will barely hold the delegates alone, so that there will be practically no room for others wishing to attend.

The International Lesson Committee, which prepares lessons for the Sunday school world, representing about twenty-five or twenty-six million people, sat at the Queen's Hotel yesterday. Dr. John Potts, of Toronto, is the Chairman, and Dr. A. F. Schaeffer, of New York City, is the Secretary. To-day the committee will take up the first draft of lessons for 1908, and it is expected that the more advanced and afternoons will be occupied with this task, and then the committee will finish for the present term.

The Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Union meets this morning at the King Edward Hotel. Every State, Province and Territory has a representative on the committee. Mr. W. N. Hartshorn is the Chairman, and Mr. Marion Lawrence the General Secretary.

At a late hour last night the Entertainment Committee reported they were short of the most interesting gatherings of the entire week will be the reception and banquet this evening at the smaller concerns at the stock yards.

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FOR DEFENCE OF INDIA.

It is Proposed to Increase the Army to 140,000 Men.

London, June 26.—The Secretary of State for India, Mr. Brodick, on presenting the Indian budget in the House of Commons asked the House to increase the charges for military service by about £12,000,000.

To select preparations for mobilization was an entirely faulty proposition, and one which, even if he did not agree with the scheme of General Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief of the forces in India, for the reorganization of the Indian army, he would resolutely oppose.

Lord Kitchener's scheme is to form nine divisions in both peace and war time and to increase the field army from 30,000 to 140,000 men. His proposed expenditure of £20,000,000, to which the Home Government has provisionally agreed, also provided for a complete re-equipment of the Indian army in field artillery.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The wheat crop of Roumania promises to be the largest on record, despite the fact that some rust has appeared. The maize crop is in splendid condition.

Rev. F. C. Heathcote has resigned the rectory of St. Clement's Church, Toronto, to accept a call to All Saints', Winnipeg.

Twelve cows, owned by Robert West, of Huntingdon, Hastings county, were killed by lightning and a couple of buildings were struck.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Wright Hat Company of London, a statement was presented showing liabilities of \$14,000 and assets of \$15,700.

Refrigerator plants and forced-air outfits are to be installed in the New York subway to cool the air and improve the ventilation.

A bloody collision between soldiers and a crowd of people occurred at Lodz, Russian Poland, this morning. Many people were killed.

Fred. R. Green, cashier of the Fredonia National Bank, of Fredonia, N. Y., for the arrest of whom a warrant had been issued, has surrendered himself and given bail for a hearing.

Thomas Nichol, one of the last survivors of Commodore Perry's expedition to Japan in 1859, is dead at his home in Brooklyn. He was 79 years of age, and was born in England.

Prominent bar iron manufacturers who compose what is popularly known as the eastern bar iron pool, at a meeting in New York, have decided to reaffirm the schedule of prices now in effect.

The Levis Electric Railway was sold by sheriff's sale in the Quebec court house yesterday, and was purchased by Mr. John Foreman, of Montreal, for \$50,000.

Prices on the Berlin Bourse today were weaker upon the reception of Premier Rouvier's note in Berlin and the rumored mobilization of French troops. Americans were firm upon New York advice.

A raft of four million feet, which the Reid Wrecking Company's tugs were trying to bring into the river, broke up at the foot of Lake Huron yesterday afternoon, and was swept down with the rapid current in the river.

The property of the International Packing Company, Chicago, has been ordered sold under foreclosure proceedings to satisfy claims of \$3,977,000. The company was formed a dozen years ago to take over the business of several of the smaller concerns at the stock yards.

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