

3. *God's Goodness*, vs. 9-15. Note the absence of all reproof, and how good God was in providing for their wants. Discuss the manna. What larger meaning do we find in the New Testament interpretation of the manna? (See John 6:31-35.) God provides for our spiritual wants in Christ. Impress upon the class that without Christ we cannot live, and that without Christ we dare not die.

For Teachers of the Boys and Girls

Begin by getting the scholars to trace on the map the journey of the Israelites along the eastern shore of the Red Sea to Marah and Elim, and then to the wilderness of Sin. After this introduction, the questioning and explanation may follow:

I. MURMURINGS, vs. 2, 3. How many did the "whole congregation" number? Against whom is it said that they murmured? Against whom were their complaints really made? Explain "the wilderness." What did the Israelites wish had happened to them? What were the flesh pots? For what did the people blame Moses and Aaron? What had they forgotten?

II. PROMISE, vs. 4, 5. To whom did the Lord speak? What did He promise to "rain?" Whence was the "bread" to come? What did this show about it?

(That the provision was supernatural.) How was the food to be gathered? What was the purpose of this rule? How much was to be gathered on the sixth day? Why was this rule laid down?

Vs. 9-12. (These verses come naturally after v. 5). To whom did Moses speak? What was Aaron to say to the people? What does "before the Lord" mean? In what direction did the people look? What did they see? What did the Lord say to Moses?

Vs. 6-8. Explain "at even." What did Moses say that the people would then know? What were they to see in the morning? (Explain.) What had the Lord heard? What were the people to receive in the evening? What in the morning?

III. PROVISION, vs. 13-15. What were the quails? Whence did they come? Why were they easily caught? How numerous were they? What was found on the ground in the morning? What did the people say? How long was the supply of manna kept up? How often were quails supplied?

Take up, in closing, the question under For Discussion, HOME STUDY QUARTERLY,—Is it true that God still "rains bread from heaven?" The truth to impress is, that God still gives us our food, as really as He gave the quails and manna to the Israelites

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

[SEE SKETCH MAP, LESSON VII.]

The location of Elim may never be positively known, but tradition many centuries old attaches that name to an oasis at the spot where our map (page 385) shows the number 31. The Arabs call the place Wady Ghurundel. If you stand there on a low bluff overlooking the oasis, you find spread out at your feet a marshy valley walled in by bare, rocky hills. There are several well grown palm trees in the valley, but not very near the water and not in sight. The trees and bushes that are plainly to be seen

are mostly small and scrubby, not beautiful to Western eyes, yet Oriental travelers who have spent long, hot days surrounded by rocks and desert sands find them lovely to look upon. Moreover, the fact that grass and bushes grow here in such abundance is testimony to the unfailing supply of water, and that in itself would make a spot famous in this region.

Use a stereograph entitled, Oasis of Elim Where the Israelites Found Water; Halt of a Caravan to Sinai.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Something to Look Up

1. The psalmist says he never saw the

righteous forsaken. Where is the saying?

2. Jesus said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent Me." Find the words.

ANSWERS, Lesson VII.—(1) Prov. 29:

1. (2) Ps. 34:7.