

SCHOLAR'S NOTES

(From Westminster Question Books)
LESSON VIII.
PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.
COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 9-10.
1. The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2. To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding;
3. To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;
4. To give stability to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion;
5. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels;
6. To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings;
7. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
8. My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother;
9. For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck.
10. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not;
11. If they say, Come, with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause;
12. Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13. We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil;
14. Cast in thy lot among us: let us all have one purse;
15. My son, walk not thou in the way with them: refrain thy foot from their path;
16. For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

GOLDEN TEXT
"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."—Prov. 1:7.
HOME READINGS.
M. Prov. 1:1-16..... The Proverbs of Solomon.
T. Prov. 1:17-33..... Counsels of Wisdom.
W. Prov. 9:1-12..... The Fear of the Lord.
Th. Prov. 25:1-42..... The Secret of the Lord.
F. Ps. 86:1-12..... No Fear of God.
Sa. Ps. 37:1-15..... Evildoers Get out.
Su. Ps. 34:1-10..... No Want to them that Fear Him.

LESSON PLAN.
1. The Counsel of Wisdom. 2. The Counsel of Folly.
Time—no. 100k. Place.—Written at Jerusalem, by Solomon.
INTRODUCTORY.
The book of Proverbs is universally ascribed to Solomon. It is probable that he himself selected and edited the first twenty-four chapters, and the remaining chapters were added by other hands—under the direct inspiration—at a later period. The book is a treasure-house of wisdom, a combining plain and practical rules for conduct in almost every duty and relation of life.

LESSON NOTES.
I. V. 2 TO KNOW—FOR KNOWING. The object of this book is stated in the first four verses. Wisdom—the use of the best means for the best end—prudence. TO PERCEIVE—for perceiving. V. 3. JUSTICE AND JUDGMENT—the characteristics of one who is in all his relations to God and man. V. 4. KNOWLEDGE AND DISCRETION—to escape evil and find good. V. 5, 6. The one who pursues right ends by right means will prize such writings. TO UNDERSTAND—so as to understand. DARK SAVINGS—compare Ps. 49:4; Job 10:25. V. 7. THE FEAR OF THE LORD—the principle of the book. Job, 28:28, Ps. 34:21; Acts 9:31. BEGINNING—the part, foundation. FEAR—the wicked. HEAR—listen to and obey. (compare ch. 9:20; Eph. 6:2-3.) V. 9. AN ORNAMENT OF GRACE—compare Gen. 41:42; Cant. 1:10; 1:13.
II. V. 10. CONSENT THOU NOT—the sin in yielding to temptation, not in being tempted, vs. 10-14. Murder and robbery are given as particular illustrations. V. 11. LURK PRIVILY—conceal our plans and acts. INVENT WITHOUT CAUSE—with bad men the innocence of their victim is no cause why they should not molest him, if only he has what they want. V. 12. SWALLOW THEM UP—completely destroy the victim and traces of the crime. Ps. 55:15. V. 16. WALK NOT THOU—be wary of the path of the wicked is dangerous. Keep out of their company. Avoid the beginnings of sin. Prov. 4:14, Ps. 11:4; Job 30.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?
1. That those who serve the Lord are truly wise.
2. That we cannot begin this service too young.
3. That we should honor and obey our parents.
4. That we should resist every temptation to do wrong.
5. That we should keep out of bad company.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Nov. 11, 1884.

The export grain trade of this port has come to an end, after a season of constantly diminishing prices, lessening margins, and general unprofitableness. The approaching close of inland navigation will of course bring prices even lower than they now are throughout the country. American wheat touched bottom prices this week, but the price quoted locally has not changed. Liverpool has also gone a penny or so lower with moderately steady country markets and sales of about 65,000 quarters therein. The Chicago market this week has not been excitable, dealings have not been large, and prices have fallen 3 1/2 cents during the week and now stands at the lowest point yet reached. Wheat is now steady at 73c Dec. and 73 1/2c Jan. Corn is also lower by from 1 1/2 to 2 cents; year is quoted at 37 1/2c, and Jan. at 36 1/2c.

The local market is as dull as ditch water, or any other dead thing. Quotations are: Canada Red Winter, 82c to 83c; White, 82c to 83c; Spring 83c to 84c; Peas, 72 1/2c to 73c Oats, 31c. Barley, 55c to 65c. Corn 69c. FLOUR.—The stocks in store have increased by about 8000 barrels in the last week, and there are now 12,000 more barrels of flour in this city than at the corresponding date last year. This naturally makes the market tender. We quote: Superior Extra, \$3.90 to \$4.00; Extra Superfine, \$3.85 to \$3.90; Fancy \$3.80; Spring Extra \$3.80; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40; Strong Bakers', (Can.) \$4.50 to \$4.85; Strong Bakers' (American) \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$2.90; Pollards, \$2.60 to \$2.70; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.95 to \$2.05; Spring Extra, \$1.85 to \$1.90; Superfine, \$1.60 to \$1.70; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.70.

MEALS are unchanged at former prices. DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Both butter and cheese are quiet with unchanged prices. We quote: Creamery, 24c to 26 1/2c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 22 1/2c; Western, 14c to 18c. Cheese is unchanged at 11 1/2c to 11 3/4c for September and October, and 8c to 10 1/2c for other makes. EGGS, fresh, are selling at 21c to 22c, as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are very quiet. We quote: Western Mess Pork \$17.50 to \$18.00; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western, in pails, 10 1/2c to 11c; do, Canadian, 10 1/2c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c. ASHES are very weak, Pots selling at \$4.00 to \$4.15, as to tars, and Pearls being nominal at \$5.00.

FARMERS' MARKET.
Farm produce has been brought to market in larger quantities of late, although the roads and the weather are not always favorable, and prices are generally pretty low; especially is this the case with grain and roots. The farmers seem to have been slaughtering their fat hogs by wholesale and the market is glutted with pork in the carcass and also in pieces of various sizes which sell at much lower figures than have prevailed for a long time. Dead poultry are also plentiful and prices are lower, except for the best turkeys and ducks. Fresh print butter and fresh laid eggs are getting scarce and high prices prevail; good tub butter is also held at firm rates, but common and inferior butter is plentiful enough. Apples are plentiful, but being of better quality, in most cases, bring higher prices. The supply of hay brought to market fluctuates a good deal on account of the state of the roads and the weather. On some days the supply is so light that prices of the best loads advance to \$10 per 100 bundles, while on other days when supplies are abundant, \$8.50 is the top price. Oats are 75c to 85c per bag; peas, 75c to 85c per bushel; beans \$1.40 to \$1.80 do; potatoes 40c to 50c per bag; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 30c to 50c per bushel; cabbages 15c to 30c per dozen heads; butter 15c to 35c per lb; eggs 22c to 40c per dozen; apples \$1.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c per lb.; mutton quarter, 5c to 8c do; young turkeys \$1.25 to \$2.00 the pair; dead geese \$1.25 to \$2.00 do; fowls 50c to 75c do; spring chickens 35c to 65c do; ducks 75c to \$1.00 do; hay \$6.00 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There has been a dearth of good heaves on this market this week and the city butchers who deal in such stock have been unable to get as many good cattle as they require, although offering advanced rates. The supply of moderately good cattle was also not equal to the demand and drovers obtained a considerable advance on late prices. Leanish stock were pretty numerous, but met with an improved demand from butchers who were compelled to buy such stock, in the absence of better kinds. Good butchers' cattle sell at from 4 1/2c to 5c per lb.; common dry cows \$24.00 to \$33.00 each, or 2c to 3c do; leanish small animals \$10.00 to \$15.00 each, or 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c do. There has been a slight decrease in the number of mutton critters offered and prices of the best animals are higher; good lambs selling at \$3.50 to \$4.25 each; common lambs \$2.00 to \$3.25 each. The hog market continues in a congested state and prices have reached pretty low figures, some sales having been made at about 4c per lb. There has been little doing in the market for milk cows as very few are offered, but there seems to be an improved demand for good cows, fresh calved. The horse trade continues dull with very few transactions occurring, and these on local account.

NEW YORK, Nov. 11, 1884.
GRAIN.—Wheat, 80 1/2c Nov.; 82 1/2c Dec.; 84 1/2c Jan.; 86 1/2c Feb. 8 1/2c Mar. Corn, 5 1/2c Nov.; 4 1/2c Dec.; 4 1/2c Jan.; 4 1/2c Feb.; 4 1/2c May. Rye, quiet, 63 1/2c. Oats dull 32 1/2c Nov., 32c Dec. Barley, Canada No. 2, 76 1/2c. Pease nominal.

FLOUR, quiet and unchanged. We quote: Superfine, \$2.65 to \$2.90; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.35; Clears, \$3.75 to \$4.45; Straight \$4.75 to \$4.80; Patent, \$4.50 to \$5.65. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.50; Clears (R. and A.), \$3.90 to \$4.85; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$5.25; Patent, \$4.50 to \$5.50; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.20 to \$5.15; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.10 to \$3.50; West India, sacks, \$3.90 to \$4.00; barrels, West India, \$4.50; Patent, \$4.85 to \$5.40; South America, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Patent, \$4.85 to \$4.50. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.25 to \$4.50; Family, \$4.65 to \$5.20; Patent, \$5.15 to \$5.65. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.90.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.40 to \$3.50 in bbls; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per bbl. SEEDS.—Dull. Clover 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c; Timothy, \$1.45 to \$1.50; Linseed \$1.80.

DAIRY PRODUCTS.—Butter unchanged Creamery, ordinary to select 19c to 31c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 14c to 25c; Welsh tubs 21c to 24c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery, 9c to 24c. Cheese, state factory, ordinary to fall cream, 4c to 12 1/2c. Ohio fats, fair to choice, 6c to 11 1/2c; Skims 1c to 3c.

A VICTIM'S STORY.—A sickening story of drink-slavery,—some of the details vouch for by the editor,—appears in the New York Voice. A drinker tells how at the age of eighteen he began to drink with fast companions. On completing his 21st year he received \$155,000 left him by his father. When, four years later, he left England for America, he had only \$1500 left and that only lasted a short time. Being an expert at figure, he got a situation with one firm after another. We give the conclusion of his story in his own words: "My experience as book-keeper has earned me a yearly income of \$2,000. Of what benefit has this been to me! More than three-quarters of my salary at all times has been expended in whiskey. To sum up, I place my loss of fortune, career, friends, and position to rum. To-day, generally speaking, I am without a friend—alienated from all—both friends and relatives. Too old to commence life again, and having lost all ambition, I seek only to eke out a miserable existence in any capacity from which the bare necessities of living can be earned. The life I have led under the influence of rum, and its results, ought to be a warning to many; but how few heed example or caution!

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