SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book.)

LESSON VII.

Nov. 16, 1884.] [1 Kings 11: 4-13.

SOLOMON'S SIN.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 9, 10.

4. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

5. For Solomon went after Ashtaroth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

6. And Solomon did evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father.

7. Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.

8. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9. And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice,

10. And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded.

11. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant.

12. Notwithstanding, in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son.

13. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

GOLDEN TEXT.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."—Prov. 4: 23.

HOME READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 11: 4-13.....Solomon's Sin.
T. Prov. 4: 14-27.....Keep thy Heart."
W. 1 Kings 11: 14-25.....Solomon's Adversaries.
Th. 1 Kings 11: 26-43.....Solomon's Death.
F. Isa. 40: 18-31.....To Whom will ye Liken God."
Sa. Isa. 45: 18-25.....No God beside Me."
S. Ps. 97: 1-12.....High Above all the Earth."

LESSON PLAN.

1. Solomon Turning from the Lord. 2. The Lord Turning from Solomon.

Time.—B.C. 984. Place.—Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTORY.

In our last lesson we saw Solomon in the glory and prosperity with which the Lord gave him because of his obedience to his covenant. In to-day's lesson we have a different picture. We see him turning away from the Lord and worshipping senseless idols — all his wisdom changed to folly. As we look upon the picture let us remember the admonition of the apostle. Heb. 3: 12.

LESSON NOTES.

I.—V. 4. OLD—from fifty to fifty-five years old. He died at sixty. HIS WIVES—Idolaters from the surrounding nations. THE HEART OF DAVID—David greviously sinned, but he never departed fr m the worship of Jehovah. V. 5. WENT AFTER—worshipped. ASHTAROTH—the great female deity of the Canaanitish nations, of whose worship Zidon was the principal seat. MILCOM—the same as Molech or Moloch, the god of the Ammonites, a tribe descended from Lot, whose territory lay east of the Jordan, between the rivers Jabbok and Arnon. V. 6. WENT NOT FULLY—he did not entirely forsake the outward worship of Jehovah, but added to it the worship of heathen gods. CHEMOSH—the war and fire-god of the Moabites. MOAB—a people descended from Lot, whose country lay east of the Dead Sea and south of the Arnon. THE HILL—Mount of Olives, called in 2 Kings 23: 13 "the mount of corruption" on account of the idolatrous rites there practised. V. 8. STRANGE—from heathen nations. Such marriages were forbidden by the Jewish law.

II.—V. 9. WHICH HAD APPEARED UNTO HIM TWICE—see ch. 3: 5 and 9: 2. V. 10. THIS THING—the worship of idols. V. 11. THE LORD SAID—probably by a prophet. THY SERVANT—Jeroboam. V. 12. IN THY DAYS—there is mercy in the midst of judgment. 13. ONE TRIBE—Judah. Benjamin was so connected with Judah that they were as one tribe, and therefore it is not here particularly mentioned.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

1. That it is a fearful sin to turn away from the Lord.

2. That the Lord will not turn away from us unless we first turn away from him.

3. That special favors received from the Lord make our departure from him the more heinous.

4. That God will certainly punish those who turn from him.

5. That even in the midst of wrath he remembers mercy to the penitent.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, NOV. 4, 1884.

There is better life in the grain trade a present. A good deal of wheat is being marketed in the North West but in Eastern Canada there is little disposition shown by farmers to sell at present prices. Ocean grain freights are extremely high from this port at present, being about 3s. 3d. to Liverpool, and this in connection with the low prices under the demand for export is very small indeed. A good deal of Manitoba wheat is being brought east by a firm of sellers who expect to receive in Quebec and Ontario half a million bushels this fall. It is said that the wheat does not average the high quality generally claimed by north-western farmers, and underrated by the "fat" samples shown on our exchanges. Coarse grains are in fair demand and have been fairly steady. Dairy produce has been rather quiet, the amount of cheese going forward have fallen off somewhat recently. The cattle trade has been comparatively large though unprofitable this year. So far the total exports this season amount to 54,377 head or 5,153 fewer than for the same period last year. The exports of sheep for the same period were 51,226 head a decrease of 44,175 as compared with the same period of last year. The apple trade has been good. The Chicago grain markets have been fairly steady during the week, the mild fluctuations of a few weeks ago having been apparently absent from the settlements of October options. Wheat is about ½ lower at 74⅞c Nov. 76⅞c December, and 77⅞c January. The receipts were 153,000 bushels, and the shipments 84,000 bushels. Corn is about ⅜ of a cent lower at 41c November, 39⅞c year and 37⅞c Jan. The receipts were 105,000 bushels and the shipments 38,000 bushels.

GRAIN.—The local grain market appears to be utterly lifeless. Values are almost nominal, until freight rates are lower little export trade will be done. Canada Red Winter, 82c to 83c; White, 82c to 83c; Spring 83c to 84c; Peas, 72½c to 73c Oats, 31c. Barley, 55c to 65c. Corn 69c.

FLOUR There has been rather more activity during the week, until to-day when the market was slower and values which showed a weaker tendency are, however, again firmer. Sales of superior to-day were at $4.05. Spring extra is scarce and inquired for; holders are asking $3.80. Low grades are quiet but firm. Values are not much changed. Superior Extra, $4.00 to $4.10; Extra Superfine, $3.87½ to $3.90; Fancy $3.80; Spring Extra $3.80; Superfine, $3.25 to $3.40; Strong Bakers' (American,) $5.00 to $5.50; Fine, $3.00 to $3.15; Middlings, $2.85 to $2.90; Pollards, $2.60 to $2.70; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, $2.00 to $2.10; Spring Extra, $1.90 to $1.95; Superfine, $1.60 to $1.70; City Bags, (delivered,) $2.70.

MEALS are unchanged at former prices.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—There is not much change to report in this line, butter being still very quiet, except for choice qualities. We quote:—Creamery, 24c to 26½c; Eastern Townships, 18c to 22½c; Western, 14c to 18c. Cheese is unchanged at 11¼c to 11⅜c for September and October, and 8c to 10½c for other makes.

EGGS, fresh, are selling at 20c to 22c. as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are very quiet. We quote: —Western Mess Pork $18.00 to $18.75; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14½c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western in pails, 10½c to 11c; do., Canadian, 10½c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES are very weak, Pots selling at $4.00 to $4.15, as to tares, and Pearls being nominal at $5.00.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The market is still overstocked with common and inferior butchers' cattle, but prime beeves are rather scarce this week and bring higher prices, while several of the best city butchers say that they are unable to get suitable beef "critters" in order to furnish their customers with the kind of meat they want. A few choice animals were sold at 5c per lb. but pretty good fat cows and fair-conditioned steers sell at from 3½c to 3¾c per lb. and common dry cows at $20 to $30 each, or 2¾c to 3c do. Small two-year olds in fair condition sell at about $20 each, or a little over 3c per lb. and leanish small stock at from $8 to $15 each, or from 1¾c to 2½c per lb. Sheep and lambs are in fair supply at former rates, selling at from $3 to $5 each, lambs at from $2 to $4 each. The hog market is glutted and prices have been declining rapidly; only very good hogs bring over 5c per lb. The supply of good milch cows has been small of late, but still enough to meet the demand.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Despite the very muddy roads and broken weather, a large number of farmers have been bringing their produce to the markets, and although the demand is active prices of most kinds are rather lower. Grain, roots and vegetables are all abundant and cheap; the supply of dressed hogs and dead poultry has greatly increased of late and prices are lower all round, except for choice turkeys and ducks, which still bring pretty high rates. The fruit market is monopolized with apples of various kinds, but there are still a few pears and quinces offered: common grapes have almost disappeared from the market, and Almeria grapes are somewhat higher priced. Good butter is rather scarce and pretty high priced, but common and inferior stuff is plentiful enough. Eggs of all kinds are somewhat higher priced, especially such as are fresh laid. The hay market is well supplied at former rates. Oats are 75c to 85c per bag; peas, 75c to 90c 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 10c to 30c per dozen heads; butter 15c to 35c per lb; eggs 20c to 40c per dozen; apples $1.00 to $3.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 7c to 8c per lb.; mutton quarter 7c to 9c do; young turkeys $1.00 to $2.00 the pair; dead geese $1.40 to $2.00 do; fowls 50c to 75c do; spring chickens 35c to 60c do; ducks 75c to $1.00 do; hay $6.00 to $8.50 per 100 bundles.

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GRAIN.—Wheat, 84⅞c Nov.; 86½c Dec.; 88¼c Jan; 96c May. Corn, 51⅞c Nov; 50½c Dec.; 48½c Jan. Rye, quiet, 63½c. Oats dull 32½c Nov., 32½c Dec. Barley, Canada No. 2. 76½c. Peas nominal.

FLOUR, quiet and unchanged. We quote: Superfine, $2.60 to $3.05; Low Extra, $3.05 to $3.50; Clears, $3.75 to $4.75; Straight $5.05 to $5.85; Patent, $4.60 to $6.00. Winter Wheat — Superfine, $2.60 to $2.90; Low Extra, $3.10 to $3.40; Clears (R. and A.), $3.90 to $4.05; Straight (R. and A.), $4.15 to $5.25; Patent, $4.20 to $5.40; Straight (White Wheat), $4.25 to $5.25; Low Extra (City Mill), $3.10 to $3.50; West India, sacks, $3.90 to $4.10; barrels, West India, $4.65; Patent, $4.65 to $5.65; South America, $4.45 to $4.60; Patent, $4.90 to $5.55. Southern Flour—Extra $3.25 to $3.80; Family, $4.75 to $5.25; Patent, $5.30 to $5.85. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, $2.75 to $3.80.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, $3.40 to $3.50 in brls; oatmeal, $5.00 to $5.90 per brl.

SEEDS.—Dull. Clover 8c to 8½c; Timothy, $1.45 to $1.55; Linseed $1.00 to $1.80.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter unchanged Creamery, ordinary to select 19c to 31c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 21c to 28c; Welsh tubs 18c to 25c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery, 9c to 24c. Cheese, state factory, ordinary to fall cream, 5c to 12½c. Ohio flats, fair to choice, 6c to 11c; Skims ½c to 3c.

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