



LESSON XIII.—SEPTEMBER 28.

Review

Read Deuteronomy viii., 1-20, and the Lessons for the Quarter.

Golden Text.

'Thou shalt remember the Lord thy God.'—Deuteronomy viii., 18.

Home Readings.

Monday, Sept. 22.—Exod. xvi., 1-15.
 Tuesday, Sept. 23.—Exod. xx., 1-17.
 Wednesday, Sept. 24.—Exod. xxxii., 7-24.
 Thursday, Sept. 25.—Exod. xl., 17-38.
 Friday, Sept. 26.—Num. x., 11-13, 29-36.
 Saturday, Sept. 27.—Num. xiii., 25-14; 4.
 Sunday, Sept. 28.—Num. xxi., 1-9.

Questions.

LESSON I.—Exodus xvi., 4-15.

1. Against whom did the children of Israel murmur or complain? Is it right to complain or grumble about Providence?
2. How did God tenderly answer them?
3. What bread did the Lord Jehovah give to his people in the wilderness?
4. Of whom was this a type? (John vi., 48-51.)

LESSON II.—Exodus xx., 1-11.

1. What is the first commandment? What is its practical application to our lives?
2. What special things are we liable to worship in the place of God?
3. Why is it wrong to bow down before images or pictures?
4. How does God treat those who love him and keep his commandments?
5. What is the third commandment? How do people break it?
6. To whom does the Sabbath day belong? Whom do we grieve when we break it? Has God given any special promises to those who keep his day holy? Isaiah lvi., 2; lviii., 13, 14.)

LESSON III.—Exodus xx., 12-17.

1. What is the first commandment with a promise attached? In what ways can we best keep this commandment?
2. Is the outward observance of the commandments as important as the keeping of them in our hearts?
3. Would it be possible for us to keep all the commandments in spirit and in truth without the power of God to keep us?
4. Is there any one of us who has never broken these commandments? (Romans iii., 10, 23; James ii., 10.) Who took upon himself the guilt of us all? (1 Peter ii., 24.)
5. How can we be saved from sin? (John i., 29; Acts xvi., 31.)

LESSON IV.—Exodus xxxii., 1-6, 30-35.

1. What commandment did the Israelites break while Moses was up in the Mount with God?
2. Who helped them? Was not this the very man who should have steadfastly helped them to obey God? When we see people doing wrong, should we help them in their wrongdoing? To whom are we all responsible?
3. What did Moses say to the people when he saw what they had done?
4. How did Moses pray for the people? Should we pray earnestly for those who do wrong, that they might be forgiven and restored?

LESSON V.—Exodus xl., 1-13.

1. What furniture did the Tabernacle contain?
2. Of whom was the Tabernacle a type? Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain,

Can give the guilty conscience peace,
 Nor wash away the stain.
 But Christ the Heavenly Lamb
 Takes all our guilt away:
 A sacrifice of nobler name
 And richer blood than they.

LESSON VI.—Leviticus x., 1-11.

1. Who were Nadab and Abihu?
2. What sin did they commit? How did God punish them?
3. What was it that had probably made them so stupid and careless of God's wishes?
4. What commandment did God give to Aaron about wine and strong drink?
5. What do you think God wants you to do about this question?

LESSON VII.—Numbers x., 11-13, 29-36.

1. When did the Israelites leave Mount Sinai?
2. How did they know when and where to go?
3. What invitation did Moses give to Hobab?
4. What did Moses say whenever the ark set forth leading the people? What did he say when it rested?

He leadeth me, O blessed thought,
 O words with heavenly comfort fraught:
 Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
 Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

LESSON VIII.—Numbers xiii., 26, to xiv., 4.

1. How many men were sent up to see what the Promised Land was like?
2. How many brought back a good report?
3. How many were cowards?
4. Which did the people follow?
5. When God had told the Israelites to go and take possession of the land, should they not have obeyed, trusting in him for the power?
6. Should we allow doubts and fears to keep us from obeying God?

LESSON IX.—Numbers xxi., 1-9.

1. For what sin did God have to punish the Israelites with serpents?
2. Did they repent? What did Moses do about it?
3. What did the Lord Jehovah tell Moses to do?
4. Did the Israelites have to do any great work to be saved from the fiery serpents?
5. What did they have to do? Could they have been saved in any other way than by obeying God?
6. Of whom was the brazen serpent typical?

LESSON X.—Deuteronomy xviii., 9-19.

1. Does God want us to obey him, or to be like the careless people around us?
2. To whom is each one of us responsible?
3. What does this lesson teach about clairvoyants, spiritualists, mediums, theosophists, etc.?
4. What promise of the Messiah is given in this lesson?

LESSON XI.—Deuteronomy xxx., 11-20.

1. Has God made it impossible for us to know his will? Where will he reveal it to us?
2. Does the Lord God compel us to be good, or does he allow us a free choice?
3. What does he want us to choose? (Give answers as far as possible in the words of the lesson.)

LESSON XII.—Deuteronomy xxxiv., 1-12.

1. From the top of what mountain did the Lord shew Moses the Promised Land?
2. Why was Moses not allowed to enter the land? (Deut. xxxii., 48-52.)
3. How old was Moses when he died?
4. Whom did the Lord give to the people as a leader instead of Moses?

C. E. Topic.

Sunday, Sept. 28.—Topic—Missions: missionary heroes 'Cheerful amid adversity,' Acts xxvii., 22-36.

Junior C. E. Topic.

A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR.

Monday, Sept. 22.—Be diligent. Prov. xiv., 23.
 Tuesday, Sept. 23.—Be truthful. Ps. cxix., 30.

Wednesday, Sept. 24.—Be obedient. Prov. xiii., 13.

Thursday, Sept. 25.—Be cheerful. Prov. xvii., 22.

Friday, Sept. 26.—Be persevering. Job xvii., 9.

Saturday, Sept. 27.—Be friendly. Prov. xviii., 24.

Sunday, Sept. 28.—Topic—A successful school year: how to get it. 2 Tim. ii., 15.



Reasons for Pledge-Signing.

(John Hilton, in 'The Temperance Times.')

The late venerable and eminent supporter of the Temperance movement, Canon Ellison, of Windsor, a truly holy man, was led to sign the pledge through becoming acquainted with the circumstances of the murder of a child by its drunken father.

Another clergyman of influence and ability whom I knew well, and who was decidedly unfavorable to abstinence, met a parishioner under the influence of drink, and, as was most proper, remonstrated with the poor fellow on his conduct. The man, half stupid as he was, turned round on the clergyman and said: 'I don't drink as much as you do.' It was a bow drawn at a venture, but the arrow struck home. Could it be possible that the good minister, everywhere esteemed, drank more than his tipsy parishioner? The vicar made an honest investigation, asked what the man drank, then reckoned up his own—wine, ale, and a little spirits—when he had to own the soft impeachment, and soon put an end to the incongruity by signing the pledge. He has since taken the chair for me on several occasions.

I knew a minister of the Society of Friends, wealthy, highly gifted and influential, who, on leaving England for religious work in Australia and Africa, asked his friends not to put any Temperance tracts with his belongings; but they were wiser than he, for at a meeting of Hottentots he was so much impressed with the blessings abstinence had brought among his poor colored brothers, that he signed the pledge among them, was glad of the tracts, and remained a good Temperance man.

I knew the parents of a little boy, who, when paying a visit to his grandmother, saw her take a glass of beer. He stared with astonishment and exclaimed: 'Why, grandmother, I thought you were good!' On taking the little fellow home the old lady told her daughter, his mother, the story, and said: 'I'm sure I will not forfeit his good opinion for the little I take,' and signed the pledge. She remained faithful unto death.

I knew an intemperate builder whose conduct caused great anxiety to his pious wife. I made efforts to save him, and a neighbor assured me that it was utterly useless to try as he was a man of weak intellect. But a circumstance occurred which had the desired effect.

One Sunday morning he took one of his little girls for a walk, and on their return the dear little girl in plaintive voice said to her mother: 'Father's been in three public-houses this morning.' I suppose as a bone fide traveller. This so affected him that he went and signed the pledge. A mighty change took place. The feebleness of his mind departed, his business prospered, and he became a kind, tender husband.

A railway station-master told me that he once found himself unfit for duty through drink, and was appalled at the possible consequences. He went off home determined to drink no more, but did not intend to sign the pledge. He, however, became haunted by a voice like a human voice saying loudly in his ear, 'Sign the pledge.' If he crossed the road he heard it, whatever he did he could not escape from it till he signed the pledge.