

LESSON I—October 4th, 1896.

Solomon Anointed King. I KINGS I : 28-39.

(Commit to memory verses 28-30).

GOLDEN TEXT : "Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways." I Kings 2: 3.

PROVE THAT—Those in authority should be respected. I Pet. 2 : 13.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Questions 39, 40, 41.

LESSON HYMNS : *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 16, 22, 57, 69.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* A mother's request. I Kings I : 1, 27. *Tuesday.* Solomon anointed king. I Kings I : 28-39. *Wednesday.* A danger averted. I Kings I : 41-49. *Thursday.* David's prayer for Solomon. Ps. 72. *Friday.* A prosperous king. I Chr. 29: 20-30. *Saturday.* The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9: 1-7. *Sabbath.* Everlasting dominion. Dan. 7: 9-14. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

HELPS IN STUDYING.

INTRODUCTORY. Our lessons this Quarter treat of the life and writings of Solomon. The genius of David laid the foundations of the splendor of this reign. Our opening lesson describes the circumstances attending the accession of the new king.

LESSON PLAN. The King's Promise. vs. 28-31. II. The King's Instructions. vs. 32-35. III. The King's Successor. vs. 36-39.

28. Then—Adoni'jah, following the example of his brother Ab'salom, had formed a conspiracy to snatch the crown from his aged father. Na'than the prophet heard of it and informed Bathshe'ba, Solomon's mother, who at once told David. While she was speaking Nathan came into the royal presence and confirmed the report. Bathshe'ba—Who had withdrawn when Nathan came in. **29. The king sware—**This was a solemn renewal of a previous promise (verse 13). **Out of all distress—**His mercies had been many and striking and David often very gratefully remembered them (Ps. 25: 22; 31: 7; 34: 6, 7, 17, 22). **30. Shall reign after me—**God had doubtless told David that Solomon was to succeed him and so he was certain that he would place him on the throne. Now the king will carry out God's plan without any further delay. **Live forever—**As we would say "God save the king." Bathshe'ba had no wish for the king's removal by death out of the way of her son. **32. Za'dok—**One of the two high priests. The other, Abi'athar, had joined Adoni'jah's party. **Nathan—**David's faithful counsellor and tutor of Solomon (2 Sam. 12: 25). **Bena'iah—**Captain of the royal guards, probably the troops called elsewhere Cherethites, Pelethites and Gihborim (2 Sam. 20: 6, 7). **33. Mine own mule—**No one was allowed to do this

without the king's permission, on pain of death. This would shew the people that David himself approved of what was being done. **Gi'hon—**A fountain and pool on the west of Jerusalem (2 Chr. 32: 30; 33: 14). Adoni'jah's party were assembled at En-ro'gel in the valley of Kedron on the east of the city. **34. Anoint him—**With the sacred oil kept in the tabernacle (Ex. 30: 23-33). This signified the outpouring upon the young king of the gifts and graces from God necessary to the exercise of his office. Only kings and priests were anointed. **35. Ruler—**R. V. "prince." The title given by God specially to those who should lead his people (1 Sam. 9: 16; 25: 30; 2 Kings 20: 5; and Christ in Dan. 9: 25). **36. Amen—"Be it so.** This pious soldier felt that all they did to place Solomon on the throne would be useless without God's help and blessing (Ps. 127: 1; Jer. 28: 6). **37. Make his throne greater—**No doubt the promises to David were well known to the intimate counsellors of the king and they shared his high expectations regarding the future (1 Chr. 17: 11-27). **38. The Cher'ethites and the Pe'lethites—**Probably foreigners enlisted for immediate attendance on the king. **39. God save king Solomon—**The people made loud demonstrations of loyalty and the banquet of Adoni'jah came to an abrupt conclusion.

LESSONS. 1. We should faithfully keep our promises. 2. We should remember God's mercies. 3. Without God's blessing no enterprise can succeed. 4. God will bestow all the gifts and graces needed for the performance of duty. 5. Loyalty to the Queen is a Christian duty.