

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON X.—DEC. 6, 1908.

Solomon Chooses Wisdom.—1 Kings 3: 4-15.

Commentary.—I. The festival at Gibeon (vs. 1-4). Went to Gibeon—The first work of Solomon was to hold a national festival at Gibeon. This was the "great high place" till the temple was built. The chronicler informs us that Solomon assembled a great congregation with him, and that the brazen altar made in the days of Moses by Bezaleel and the old "tabernacle of the congregation" were still existing at that place. Sec 2 Chron. 1: 5. Great high place—The heathen worshipped on high hills and in groves, and during their earlier history the Jews did the same. A thousand burnt offerings—Only a small part of the victims was burned, and a large portion of these offerings were used for food. The offering of the sacrifices was attended with religious services. The object of this great gathering was to harmonize and unite the people under the new king and extend the influence of religion throughout the nation.

II. Solomon's request (vs. 5-8). 5. The Lord appeared.—At the close of this season of worship when his mind was uplifted to God. In a dream—God frequently appeared to men in dreams in Bible times. Ask, etc.—As there is no limit fixed, an absolutely unlimited range of choice is here placed before Solomon. This would reveal what it was that was really uppermost in his desires.—Green. There is nothing good for us in all his treasures of wisdom and knowledge which he is not most ready with abundant fulness, to impart. The Lord is never displeased with large asking—so that it be proper asking—and his free bounty delights to surpass the largest requests and most audacious hopes of the petitioner.—Kittel. Yet the kind of answer would depend on what was really best for the young king. "God does not give blank cheques to those whom he cannot trust to fill them up rightly."

4. Solomon said—"Solomon, before deciding what to choose, carefully considered his circumstances and needs, thus showing that well-balanced mind on which it was possible to bestow the gift of wisdom." Moved—Four considerations moved Solomon to make the choice he did. Solomon had shown mercy to David, his father. He spoke honorably of his father's piety, concealing his faults, and then introduced himself as the promised great kindness that God had given to David in his family. Truth—Righteousness, uprightness—Truth here contains all duties to God, righteousness, the duties to men, and uprightness, the right manner of performing both. "Such grateful humility and such high appreciation of moral excellence are qualities of heart, preparatory to the reception of God's best gifts. We see readily how great a debtor David was, who had received from God's kind hands royal anointment, providential guidance, wise conquests, public favors, and a settled throne." 7. Hast made thy servant king—The second consideration was because he was king. Although Solomon recognized the fact that God and not man had placed him upon the throne, yet he needed divine assistance in his work. It is a crown of great strength and blessing to be in the position and doing the work to which we are conscious God has appointed us. This is a strong reason for asking and expecting God's blessing upon us. A little child—This third consideration was his youth and lack of experience. His exact age at this time is unknown, but he was probably nineteen or twenty. "This devout consciousness of his own weakness was really Solomon's best qualification for ruling."

8. In the midst of the people—That is, Solomon is set over them as king. The fourth consideration was the greatness of the work to be done. All eyes are turned upon him, and he is expected to rule and guide the people. "They were a turbulent people, as men going astray, often contending with each other, with strong wills and an impulsive temperament. Probably there was a strong party opposed to him." Which thou hast chosen—This was the nation chosen by God to represent Him in the world, Solomon knew this and felt the responsibility in connection with undertaking to direct the affairs of such a nation. Cannot be numbered—A common expression signifying a number, but from the number of fighting men given in 2 Sam. 24: 9 and 1 Chron. 21: 5, 6, it has been estimated that the total population must have been about six million.

9. Give therefore—Because of these considerations. An understanding heart—His request according with the exhortations David had given him. His petition was that the Lord would enlarge and strengthen his intellectual powers; give him a ready discernment in spiritual things, and a corresponding disposition, and furnish him with the peculiar talents and ability for government, that he might administer justice and judgment rightly for the benefit of the people, and the honor of God.—Scott. To judge—Absalom wished to be a judge; Solomon trembled at the undertaking. Solomon asked nothing merely for himself, but everything was directed toward the good of the people. His choice was unselfish, noble and divine.

III. God's answer (vs. 10-15). 10. Pleased the Lord—Although this conversation is represented as having taken place in a dream, yet it expressed Solomon's real desire during his waking moments. Solomon had prayed the day before with great fervency, and desired of God the gift of wisdom. "It was Solomon's waking prayers that God heard, but the acceptance was signified in this vision."—F. & B. Solomon's speech pleased the Lord because, 1. It was right, noble, unselfish. 2. "It rendered it possible for God to give him large measures of the best things in all the universe. 3. It furnished an opportunity to give many other things. God loves to give. He gives us all we can beneficially receive. The more He can give us, the better He is pleased." 11. Hast not asked—The greatness of Solomon's request is estimated by what he did not ask. He was unselfish. A weaker man would have desired either (1) long life, or (2) riches; or (3) the life of his enemies; that is, that God would take the life of his enemies, or put it in his power to destroy them.

12. according to thy words—Those are outward, and saw his need; then upward to him who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Eph. 3: 20, 21). Joseph Smith says: "Notice the connection between the revelation of God and the invitation to make requests of him. God revealed his will to him. God revealed his will to him. God revealed his will to him. God revealed his will to him."

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accepted of God who prefer spiritual blessings to temporal, and are more desirous to be found in the way of duty than in the way of pleasure. Solomon's prayer was a prevailing prayer. It was a prayer of faith, and God gave him riches and honor and long life without his asking, and thus he received a double blessing. But although the Lord gave Solomon wisdom and understanding, yet he doubtless studied and toiled much like other men for his acquisitions.

14. if thou wilt, etc.—"There is a moral hinge on which every blessing of God swings. Divine favors and promises release no man from the obligations of righteousness." Solomon never met these conditions fully. "He received much, but he would have received much more had he been faithful to the grace given." 15. came to Jerusalem—He had made his prayer at Gibeon, and there God graciously met him; but he returned to the capital again where he might in holy adoration present himself before the sacred ark of covenant, which was there in the city of David. offered—offering—Solomonly to praise God for all his mercies, and especially for giving him quiet possession of the kingdom, and for his glorious appearance to him in the dream, and for the promise made to him.

IV. Solomon's wisdom (chap. 4: 23-34). In chapter 4: 23-29 we have an account of Solomon's wisdom and worldly greatness and in verses 29-34 of his wisdom. "His wisdom took many directions. He was wise as a judge, as an architect, as a statesman, in literature, in science. He had a comprehensive, powerful mind capable of grasping the knowledge of many and difficult subjects."

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS.
"Ask what I shall give thee" (v. 5). God is pleased when we pray. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God" (Jas. 1: 5). "Be careful for nothing; but in everything...let your requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4: 6). Somebody suggests that Solomon looked backward and saw what God had done; inward, and saw his own helplessness;

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MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS.

LIVE STOCK.
Receipts of live stock at the city market, as reported by the railways, for Wednesday and Thursday, were 132 car loads, consisting of 1,440 cattle, 5,500 hogs, 1,692 sheep and lambs, with 35 calves.
The quality of cattle offered as fat was much the same all week, very few good to choice; in fact, the bulk were common and inferior.
Exporters—None on sale; at least, there were no loads, and what is more, we did not hear of any cattle selling at \$5 per cwt. since Monday at the Union Stock Yards.
Butchers—The pick of the market sold at \$4.40 and \$4.50; the best loads, \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt., and there were few loads of inferior quality, \$3.40 to \$3.50; common, \$2.50 to \$2.50; canners and bologna hogs, \$1 to \$2.
Feeders and Stockers—Best feeders, 950 to 1,100 lbs. each, at \$3.65 to \$4 per cwt.; best feeders, 800 to 900 lbs. each, at \$3.25 to \$3.75; stockers, \$3.00 to \$3.50. Lambs, \$2.75 to \$3.15; common to medium stockers, 500 to 600 lbs. each, \$1.75 to \$2.30.
Milkers and Springers—Prices ranged, as a rule, from \$40 to \$60, with two or three cows at \$65; common cows, \$25 to \$35 each.
Veal Calves—Receipts light, with prices unchanged at \$3 to \$6 per cwt., with \$6.25 to \$6.50 for two or three milk fed.
Sheep and Lambs—Export sales sold at \$2.25 to \$3.60 per cwt.; rams, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; lambs, \$4.25 to \$4.50, with select lots of ewes and wethers at \$4.00 to \$4.65 per cwt.
Hogs—Receipts for the two days were large—6,509 from all sources. Mr. Harris reported receipts at \$3.25 fed and watered, and light \$6 at the market.
FARMERS' MARKET.
The offerings of grain to-day were on a little larger scale. Wheat steady, 10 bushels of 100 bushels of fall at \$2.94, and of 100 bushels of goose at 54 to 58c. Oats, easier, with sales of 300 bushels at 44 to 45c per bushel. Hay is unchanged, with sales of 20 tons at \$13 to \$14 for timothy, and at \$10 for No. 2. Straw steady, two tons selling at \$15 a ton.
Dressed hogs are unchanged at \$8.50 heavy, and at \$8.75 for light.
Cattle, fall, bush... \$ 0.93 \$ 0.94
Do, goose, bush... 0.44 0.45
Do, light, bush... 0.54 0.58
Do, heavy, bush... 0.74 0.75
Do, extra, bush... 0.85 0.90
Do, No. 2, bush... 13.00 14.00
Do, No. 1, bush... 14.00 15.00
Dressed hogs... 8.50 8.75
Cattle, light... 0.28 0.31
Do, creamery... 0.30 0.34
Do, dozen... 0.35 0.41
Do, 100... 0.10 0.12
Do, choice, carcass... 0.09 0.11
Do, medium, carcass... 0.13 0.15
Do, forequarters... 0.30 0.50
Do, choice, carcass... 0.30 0.40
Do, medium, carcass... 0.70 0.80
Do, fat, per cwt... 2.50 3.50
Do, hindquarters... 8.00 9.00
Do, forequarters... 4.50 6.00
Do, choice, carcass... 7.50 8.00
Do, medium, carcass... 5.00 6.50
Do, fat, per cwt... 8.50 10.00
Do, per cwt... 7.50 9.00

RHEUMATISM

Other Markets.
CHEESE MARKETS.
Belleville.—At the meeting of the Cheese Board, held here this afternoon, there were offered 381 white, 45 colored boards; 11 1/2 lbs bid. No sales.
Kingston.—At the final meeting to-day of the Frontenac Cheese Board some 314 boxes were offered, and 129 were sold at 11c.
WINNIPEG WHEAT MARKET.
Following are the closing quotations on Winnipeg grain futures:
Wheat—November \$1.22 1/2 bid, December \$1.24 bid, May \$1.27 bid.
Oats—November 28 1/2 bid, December 30 1/2 bid.
BRADSTREET'S TRADE REVIEW.
Montreal—General business conditions have shown little change during the past week. Weather has been hardly as favorable for the retail trade, but the volume of the wholesale business keeps up, and in some lines orders show improvement. A canvass of the wholesale trade generally here reveals a widespread feeling of confidence regarding future trade conditions. The lumber trade is still quiet. Country business is moderate. Rain is still badly needed, the few showers which fell having been too light to have done any pronounced good. Produce comes forward fairly well and prices are steady.
Toronto—There is a steady tone to trade here with some further improvement noted in both wholesale and retail lines. Money is coming forward more freely and the outlook for trade is bright. Spring business in dry goods is already good, and some sorting orders for heavy lines are coming in. Retailers' purchases are not heavy and stocks should require restocking early in the season. Grocers report a fair amount of orders for holiday goods. Seasonable hardware lines move well, a good business having been done in sporting goods, metals and shoe men report an improved inquiry for winter footwear. The leather trade is quiet, with prices steady to firm. There is little demand for hides, and prices are unchanged. Country trade shows a fair volume and collections are generally satisfactory. Produce prices are steady to firm, with fair lots coming forward here.
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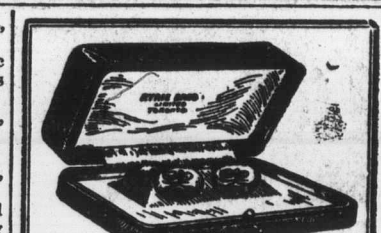
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The Board of Trade, Stock Exchange, brokers' offices and skyscrapers were scenes of greatest activity. On street corners several girls took their stations and tagged every man who passed. The Railway stations and hotels and the City Hall yielded a good harvest. The tag read: "I am tagged for children's day." The women were surprised at the ease with which the work was accomplished.

FELL INTO A WELL.

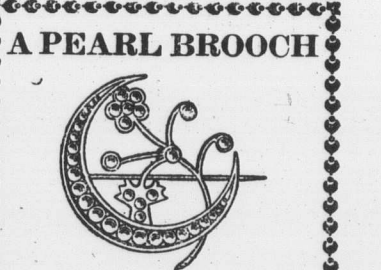
Mrs. William Bell, of Blenheim, Killed.
Chatham despatch: At Blenheim this morning Mrs. William Bell, jun., lost her life in a peculiar manner. She gave her baby to her husband while she went outdoors. After waiting about twenty minutes, the husband went to see what had become of his wife. Looking down a box-covered well, he was horrified to see a limp form lying at the bottom.

He shouted, and help was soon at hand, willing neighbors bearing the form to a nearby spot, where every possible attempt at resuscitation was made by the physician called. It is thought Mrs. Bell went to see if the water has risen in the well owing to yesterday's rain, and while looking in fell to the bottom, striking on her head. The water was only one and a half feet deep, and the well about five feet deep.
She was aged twenty-two years, and leaves two children, one a babe in arms, besides her husband.

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