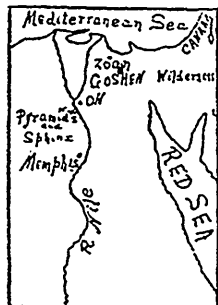


pasture land in Egypt." Land of Rameses; a district in Goshen, in which many cities were built by a later Pharaoh, Rameses II. The district is here given the name by which it afterwards came to be known. (See Ex. 1: 11.) Nourished; made provision for their needs. According to their families; Rev. Margin, "according to the number of their little ones." The word translated, "little ones," means properly, "those who take toddling or short and tripping steps."

Vs. 13-27 describe Joseph's administration during the years of famine, and vs. 28-31 tell how Jacob, when he felt that the end of his life was drawing near, made Joseph promise to have him buried in Canaan.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



MEMPHIS, on the west bank of the Nile, 14 miles south of the present city of Cairo, was, in the days of Joseph, an important business centre, and it is very likely that more than one of Jacob's sons had occasion to visit it. The region round about Memphis is not a pasture region, but sometimes herdmen, in their cotton robes, may be seen driving their goats across the barren sand to reach grass and water. Doubtless many of these die on the way, as sheep owners in Australia lose heavily when failure of grass makes it necessary for them to change the pasturing grounds of hundreds or thousands of sheep. Not far from Memphis is a curious "step pyramid" nearly 200 feet high with its sides built in huge terraces or steps.

LESSON QUESTIONS

1, 2 What did Joseph tell Pharaoh? What information did he withhold? Give a reason for this conduct. How many of his brothers did Joseph present to Pharaoh? How has the number "five" been accounted for? What qualities did Joseph here show? Where is it said that Christ is not ashamed to call us brethren? (Heb. 2: 11.)

3-6 What question did Pharaoh ask of Joseph's brothers? How were shepherds regarded by the

Egyptians? What was Joseph's plan for his brothers? To what position were some of the brothers to be raised? Tell what you know of cattle breeding in Egypt.

7-10 Whom did Joseph next bring before Pharaoh? Describe the three persons who thus stood together. What did Pharaoh ask of Jacob? Give and explain Jacob's answer. Why did he speak of life as a pilgrimage?

11, 12 In what part of Goshen did the Hebrews settle? Why was this part so named? How did Joseph treat his father and brothers?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How should children act towards fathers?
2. How should the young act towards the old?

A LESSON FOR LIFE

A few years ago, a piece of ground in London England, was cleared of its old buildings in order to make the new thoroughfare of Kingsway. Some of the soil thus uncovered had not felt the rays of the sun since the days when the Romans sailed up the Thames. But as soon as the sun reached the long-hidden soil, a host of flowers sprang up. Some of these were unknown to England. They were plants which the Romans had brought with them, and now they had a new opportunity to grow and blossom. So God is each day giving us a fresh chance to make our life purer and more beautiful than it was before.

Prove from Scripture—*That life fleeth fast away.*

Shorter Catechism—*Ques. 60. How is the sabbath to be sanctified?* A. The sabbath is to be sanctified by a holy resting all that day, even from such worldly employments and recreations as are lawful on other days; and spending the whole time in the public and private exercises of God's worship, except so much as is to be taken up in the works of necessity and mercy.

The Question on Missions—11. What progress has the native church made during recent years? Chiefly in their increased liberality, greater interest in the study of the Bible, and in the growth of Sunday Schools. A good number of members are added every year. Last year the churches in North and South Formosa joined to form the Synod of the Island of Formosa.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 474 (Supplemental Lesson), 210, 205, 24 (Ps. Sel.), 320 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 211.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. What was Joseph's plan for his family?.....

2. What steps did he take to carry out the plan?.....

3. How did Pharaoh further the plan?.....