

Feb. 28. JEREMIAH PERSECUTED. 590 B. C.

Lesson, Jer. 37 : 11-21. Memory, vs. 37 : 15-17
Golden Text, Jer. 11-19. Catechism, Q. 62.

- I. The prophet accused, vs. 11-13.
- II. The prophet arrested, vs. 14-15.
- III. The prophet appeals to the king, vs. 16-20.
- IV. The prophet relieved, v. 21.

I. vs. 11-13. Where was the Chaldean Army? How long had they been there? What happened to them? Why? Where had Jeremiah been? Where did he go when the Chaldeans left? What for? For what was he blamed? By whom?

II. vs. 14-15. Was he guilty? Did he assert his innocence? In what way? What effect did his assertions have? Where was he taken? Were they friendly to him? Why? Did they accept his assertion? With what fairness did they treat him? Where was he put? Give other instances of good men cast into prison? Who watches over them?

III. vs. 16-17. How long was he in prison? Did he complain? Who sent for him? Why? What made the king specially guilty? What did the king ask? Did he get what he wished?

vs. 18-20. What did the prophet plead? What answer could the king give? What had become of the other prophets? What wins in the end? For what does the prophet ask? What reason did he give?

IV. v. 21. What does the King command? Was Jeremiah set free? How was his imprisonment mitigated?

CHRISTMAS BRANDIED PIES.

(A TRUE STORY.)

A lady writing to the *Episcopal Recorder* vouches for the truth of the following story:—

One cold winter's night a reformed man, with his wife and daughter, who lived in the country, visited some friends at a distance. After spending a pleasant evening, they arose to leave, when they were urged to take some freshly baked mince pie. After some hesitation they consented. When they were seated in the sleigh the man turned to his wife and said, "Wife, I am lest; that piece of pie has aroused the demon of drink in me." He stopped his horses at the first tavern and insisted on getting out for a drink. Of course, the wife and daughter were helpless; and the second and third taverns were reached, and again the temptation was yielded to. Remonstrance was in vain. They reached home, and instead of putting away the horses he drove to the nearest tavern and spent the rest of the night in a drunken debauch. The next morning he was found dead by the roadside. His poor suffering wife died of a broken heart and his daughter ended her days in an insane asylum. One piece of brandied mince pie and this result—for these are facts.

Another case was that of a young girl who had contracted the habit of drinking, but had reformed. She was to be married after a certain length of time if she would keep her pledge. Her mistress insisted upon her putting brandy in the mince meat. She did so. In a short time she disappeared, and some time afterward it was ascertained that she had become drunk and in utter despair of ever being able to stand had drowned herself.

Every man has in his own life follies enough, in his own mind trouble enough, in his own fortune evil enough, without being curious after the affairs of others.

Church Notes and Notices.

NEW CHURCHES.

St. Andrew's Mission Church, Brantford, opened Dec. 27.

South Finch, opened Sabbath Jan. 10.

ORDINATIONS AND INDUCTIONS.

Robert Frew, Missionary at Birtle, ordained by Minnedosa Pres., Jan. 5.

Mr. J. Aitken Greenlees, into New Mills, by Presbytery of Miramichi, Dec. 8.

Rev. E. A. McCurdy, late of New Glasgow, N. S., into Grey Friars Ch., U.P., Port of Spain, Trinidad, Dec. 15.

Rev. David Miller, into Knox Ch., Brussels, Jan. 5.

Rev. P. Nicol, into St. John's Ch., Markham, Jan. 19.

Rev. John Hosie, into Shank's Cong., Minnedosa Pres., Jan. 4.

Rev. W. L. Rowand, formerly of Burnside, Brandon Pres., into Rapid City Cong., Jan. 5.

Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Montreal, better than a new induction, began his second quarter of a century in historic St. Gabriel's, Dec. 20.

Rev. David Miller, into Knox Ch., Brussels, Jan. 5.

Rev. Neil McKay, to Goreton Ch., Indian Lands, Dec. 22.

RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. G. E. Trueman, of Deer Park, Toronto Pres.

Rev. Mr. Hume, of West Adelaide and Arkona, Jan. 4.

Rev. Mr. Kalem, of Dunbar and Colquhoun, Dec. 17, 1891.

Rev. James Sinclair, of Upper Londonderry, N.S., Dec. 15.

Rev. James Fitzpatrick, of Saltsprings, Kirk, N.S., Dec. 20.

Rev. K. McDonald, of Ashfield, Dec. 22.

OBITUARIES.

James A. Scott, of Milford, formerly of Gore, Hants, N.S.; my father, for more than forty years an elder, died Dec. 23, 1891, aged 73 years.

Alexander C. Broadfoot, an elder of Allenford congregation, Bruce Co., Ont., was killed by a tree at Rockfort, California, Aug. 29, 1891, aged 44 years.

PRESBYTERY NOTES.

Sarnia:—Met Dec. 29. Rev. Mr. Hume's resignation of West Adelaide and Arkona accepted. He asked leave to retire from Ministry. Papers forwarded to Assembly with favorable recommendation. Sustained three calls, viz.: From Mandaumin to Rev. Wm. Lacleod, and asked \$50 supplement for one year; from East Williams to Rev. D. A. McLean of Kemble, and from West Williams and N. Adelaide to Mr. McKinnon, Probationer.

Brockville:—Met Dec. 17. Sustained call from S. Mountain and Heckston. Met again *pro re nata*, Jan. 7. Sustained call from Bishop's Mills to Rev. John Baikie.

Halifax:—At Maitland, Dec. 15. Sustained calls from Hamilton, Bermuda, to Rev. Dr Burrows, and from Quoddy to Rev. A. Grey.

Bruce:—At Paisley, Dec. 8. Sustained calls from Bethel Ch., Proof Line, to Rev. Mr. Little;