

received through the sovereignty of missions. Whole peoples have been lifted by it into comfort. The commerce of Christian lands owes a heavy debt to missions, which have directly increased its volume.

For Teachers of the Senior Scholars

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Note that the Queen of Sheba is a character of sacred history who comes before us but once, and then only for a very brief period, but that one appearance immortalized her name. What reference does Christ make to her? (Matt. 12:42.) Bring out that her kingdom was situated in what Jesus called "the uttermost parts of the earth," about fifteen-hundred miles from Jerusalem, in the south of Arabia, in a country so highly favored that it was called "Araby the blest," and so rich in spices that Milton in *Paradise Lost* tells how the wind blowing from this happy land bore the sweet perfumes far out to sea.

1. *The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon*, vs. 1-3. Why did she decide to make this visit? She had heard about this wonderful king and the wonderful things he had done, and she was anxious to make his acquaintance, and see for herself the glory of his kingdom. What is there to show that religion played some part in prompting her to make this journey? How does Christ interpret her motive?

Note how simply the sacred writer tells about her introduction to Solomon. What were the hard questions which she had to ask of the wise king? Remind the class that the Arabians were fond of riddles and enigmas, but we are sure that this earnest seeker after truth had something more important to talk about,—questions to ask about the God to whom Solomon had erected the beautiful temple, about the kind of life which his God required of him, about the rewards of serving such a God. How did Solomon stand the test? How should we stand the test if questioned about these things, about what it is to be a Christian? Thain Miller used to tell how helpless he was when his dying boy asked him to tell just what it was to be a Christian. It requires a good deal of divine wisdom for a missionary to tell to a non-Christian in a simple persuasive way what it is to be a Christian.

2. *The Impression Made Upon the Queen of Sheba*, vs. 4-9. Note that it took away her breath. She was filled with wonder. Question the class about how she expressed her admiration when she recovered speech. What is there in all this to remind us of the impression which the Christian home of the missionary makes in a heathen land? Every life that is Christlike is a wonder to a person who knows nothing of Christ. Make clear that Christian lands have something which non-Christian lands need, and that if they will not come to us to learn about Christ we must take Christ to them. When Dr. Anand returned from the New Hebrides a few years ago he brought this message from one of the natives to the church at home, "Make your hearts strong for Jesus and come and help us."

For Teachers of the Boys and Girls

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Begin with a little talk about journeys which the scholars may have made,—the starting point, the length of time spent in traveling, details of the journey, destination, etc. Discuss some of the reasons why people make long journeys or voyages now,—for pleasure or gain or obtaining knowledge of new peoples and places, etc. Now tell them that the Lesson is about a queen who made a long, long journey in search of wisdom. After some such introduction, the questioning and discussion may proceed along the following lines:

1. *The Journey*, vs. 1, 2. Bring out the position of Sheba and have its physical features described, and question as to how the queen came to hear of Solomon. Discuss the phrase "concerning the name of the Lord" (see Lesson Explained). Make clear the purpose of the journey, bringing out the Oriental fondness for riddles and the queen's possible desire to promote commerce with Solomon's realm and to obtain knowledge regarding the true God. There is plenty of material in v. 2 for an interesting talk about the journey,—its length, the necessity of the "very great train," the burdens of the camels and their purpose, etc.

2. *The Discovery*, vs. 3-5. These verses tell what the queen found when she came to Jerusalem. All her questions were readily