

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

LESSON XII.—JESUS' LIFE. CHRISTIAN PROGRESS.—2 PET. 1:1-11. COMMIT VERSES 57.

GOLDEN TEXT.

But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.—2 Peter 3:18.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

We make progress in the Christian life by knowledge of Jesus, by the promises of God, by training in the Christian virtues.

DAILY READINGS.

- M. 1 Pet. 1:3-5. T. 1 Pet. 2:1-2. W. 1 Pet. 3:1-2. Th. 1 Pet. chapters I and 5. F. 2 Pet. 1:1-11. Sa. 2 Pet. 2:1-22. Su. 2 Pet. 3:1-18.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

1. LIKE PUNCTUAL FAITH—(a) as precious to the heart as gold; (b) as the key to the safe of the soul's salvation; (c) as the same grace, giving the same hopes. THROUGH THE RIGHTNESS—(1) impartially, to all classes; (2) HE MULTIPLIED—increased rapidly, not by addition but by multiplication; (3) ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE, DIVINE HAPPINESS, CHRISTIANITY, & WHEREBY—i.e., by the things that pertain to life, DIVINE HAPPINESS—(a) eternal life, and holiness and happiness, (b) CHRISTIANITY, & THROUGH (c) US—the corruption has its source in a wrong heart, & AND RESIDES THERE—right for this cause. ADD TO YOUR FAITH, etc.—the meaning, "by means of your faith acquire virtue," etc.—MAKE EACH PREVIOUS VIRTUE A STEP TO SOME OTHER. VIRTUE—holiness, holiness, holiness, holiness—self-control. 7. BROTHERLY KINDNESS—love to the Christian brotherhood. CHARITY—love to everybody. 9. HE THAT LACKETH—i.e. IS BLIND—partially blind, near-sighted; he cannot see God, and heaven, and goodness as they are. We must experience spiritual things in order to see them truly. 10. THESE THINGS—the virtues of vs. 5, 7, 8. BE MINISTERS—the same word as "aid" in vs. 5. If you add the virtues God will add to you an inheritance—his spiritual kingdom of goodness and joy, and heaven in the world to come.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—Give a brief account of St. Peter I. When and where did he write this second letter? To whom? What was his purpose? (2 Pet. 3:15, 18).

SUBJECT: PROGRESS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

I. PROGRESS BY THE KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS (vs. 1-5).—What does Peter call himself? Is it a privilege to be a servant of Jesus? What "faith" does he desire? Why is it precious? What did Peter desire for those who had this faith? Meaning of "multiplication." How do things multiply? How? What has God's power given us all? (vs. 5.) What are the things that pertain to life and godliness? How do they come through the knowledge of Jesus? By what does he call us?

II. PROGRESS BY MEANS OF THE PROMISES (vs. 6-7).—To what does Peter refer? Name some of these promises. Show how they are great and precious. What will they do for us? What is meant by corruption, and why? Can we be like real brass who escape from the corruption of the world? (Matt. 6:8.) What other way was once proposed? Becoming like gold? (vs. 8.) Did it succeed?

III. PROGRESS BY GROWTH IN THE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES (vs. 8-11).—Give the Revised version of the fifth verse. What is meant by "virtue"? How can we gain it by means of our faith? Show how in each case we may gain the next virtue by means of the previous one? What is temperance? What is godliness? How many virtues are named here.

IV. FOUR RESULTS (vs. 8-11). (1) Fruitfulness (vs. 8).—What will be the result of diligence in cultivating these virtues? What are the fruits of the spirit? (Gal. 5:22, 23.) How will these virtues help us to do good and win Christ's kingdom? In what case shall we be fruitful?

(2) Insight (vs. 9).—What will be the result if we do not cultivate these virtues? Why cannot those who see the truth who will not obey it? (See John 7:47.)

(3) Assurance of Hope (vs. 10).—What is meant by our "calling and election"? What will make it sure? What comfort comes from assurance of hope?

(4) The Kingdom of God (vs. 11).—What is meant by the "kingdom of our Lord"? How may we enter there? How may it be an abundant entrance?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- I. If we add the virtues God will multiply to us grace and peace. II. God has given us all we need for eternal life—his Word, a Saviour, forgiveness, new hearts, motives, hopes, fears, the Holy Spirit. III. The best of all knowledge is the knowledge of God through Jesus Christ. IV. The promises are precious because (1) they are many; (2) they meet all needs; (3) they give precious things; (4) they are sure of fulfillment. V. The seven virtues are like the various parts of an anthem, each a beautiful melody, and all together forming a harmony worthy of heaven. VI. The true Christian may not only enter the kingdom, but enter triumphantly.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, June 10, 1885.

The British grain markets are very dull. Red winter wheat is quoted at 6s 9d to 7s 2d; Canadian Peas at 5s. 7d.

The local grain market is inactive. There is no demand and quotations are more or less nominal.—Canada Red Winter, 90c to 92c; Canada White, 90c to 92c; Canada Spring, 90 to 93c; Peas 86c; Oats, 30c.

FLOUR.—The market is extremely quiet and very little business is doing. We quote:—Superior Extra, \$1.40 to \$1.45; Extra Superfine, \$1.35 to \$1.35; Fancy, \$1.25 to \$1.30; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$1.25 to \$1.40; Strong Bakers' (American), \$1.75 to \$1.95; Fine, \$3.80 to \$3.85; Middlings, \$3.50 to \$3.55; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.15; do., Superfine, \$2.05; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.45.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$4.50 to \$4.70 per bl. Cornmeal, nominal.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter shows little if any change, the demand continuing merely a local one. We quote:—Creamery, 15c to 20c; Eastern Townships, 16 to 17c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 14 to 16c; Western 12c to 15c; old makes, 6c to 12c, as to quality. Cheese.—This market has been extremely unsettled during the past week, but is now much firmer again. The public cable, which went down to 36½ to 37— a shilling lower than at our last report. We quote:—Fine to fancy, 6½ to 6½; other grades, 4½ to 6c. The exports, from the port of Montreal for the week ending June 6 were 23,156 boxes.

Eggs are rather cheaper this week, good stock selling at 13c to 13½ in cases.

HOG PRODUCTS are quiet and somewhat lower. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$1.00; do., Short Cut, \$1.00 to \$1.45; Canada Short Cut, \$1.00 to \$1.50; Mess Beef, \$15.50; India Mess Beef, \$25.00; Hams, city cured, 11c to 12c; do., canvased, 13c; Lard, in pails, Western, 10c to 10½; do., Canadian 9½; Bacon, 11½; Shoulders 9c to 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 7½.

ASHES are a trifle weaker at \$3.60 to \$3.65, per 100 lbs. for Pots.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Although the weather is considerably broken, a good many farmers are bringing their produce to the markets, and prices are easier, especially for oats, potatoes and garden stuffs. The prices of butter and eggs seem to have touched bottom and are now looking up. The fruit market is very dull at present as rhubarb is in a great measure superseding several kinds of fruit. The supply of hay has been rather light and prices are higher. Oats are 80c to 90c per bag; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50; do.; potatoes 30c to 40c per bushel; turnips, carrots, and beets, 30c to 50c per bushel; butter, new, 15c to 30c per lb.; eggs 14c to 20c per dozen; apples \$3.75 to \$4.50 per barrel; dressed hogs 6½ to 6½c per lb.; turkeys 14c to 15c per lb.; fowls 12c to 14c; ducks 14c to 15c; do. hay \$9.00 to \$13.50 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Owing to the very active demand for shipping cattle the prices of butchers' stock have advanced fully one-fourth of a cent per lb., live weight, all round, and leanish stock are in demand at nearly as high rates as were paid for pretty good cattle four weeks ago. Good shipping steers bring from 5½ to 6c per lb, while oxen and large fat cows bring from 5c to 5½; do., and large bulls 4½ to 4½c. Choice butchers' cattle have been selling lately at 5½c per lb. and pretty good animals at 5c to 5½; do., rough beasts at 4c to 4½; do., and leanish animals 3½ to 4c. Calves are still in demand. Common veals sell at \$2.50 to \$5 each, and superior ones at from \$6 to \$12 each. Sheep are fairly plentiful at about former rates but the supply of lambs has more than doubled of late and prices are declining or from \$2 to \$5 each. Live hogs continue to sell at from 5c to 5½c per lb. Milch cows are very plentiful but, owing to an active demand, prices are maintained. Good cows are selling at \$40 to \$55 each, with higher prices for extra cows. Common cows bring from \$30 to \$40 each and small lean ones from \$15 to \$25 each. There is very little doing in the horse market owing to the scarcity of suitable horses and the high prices asked for them.

New York, June 9, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, \$1.02½ July; \$1.04½ August; \$1.06½ Sep. Corn, 54½c bid June; 54½c bid July; 54½c August; 54½c Sep. Oats, 35½c bid June; 35½c July.

FLOUR is considerably lower this week. We quote as follows:—Spring Wheat, Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Low Extra, \$3.25 to \$3.80; Clears, \$3.90 to \$4.30; Straight, \$4.25 to \$5.00; Patent, \$5.10 to \$5.50. Winter Wheat—Superfine, \$3.40 to \$3.60; Low Extra, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Clears (R. and A.), \$3.90 to \$4.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.30 to \$5.30; Patent, \$5.00 to \$5.70; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.70 to \$5.40; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.70 to \$3.75; West India, sacks, \$3.75 to \$4.00; West India, barrels, \$4.90 to \$5.00; Patent, \$5.05 to \$5.90; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.90; Patent \$5.00 to \$5.85. Southern Flour—Extra \$4.00 to \$5.25; Family, \$4.65 to \$5.00; Patent, \$5.20 to \$5.90; Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine, \$3.10 to \$4.25.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.00 to \$3.40 in brls.

FEED.—100 lbs. or sharps, \$18 to \$20; 100 lbs. or No. 1 middlings, \$16 to \$17; 80 lbs. or No. 2 middlings, \$15. to \$15.50; 60 lbs. or No. 1 feed, \$15.00; 50 lbs. or medium feed, \$15.00; 40 lbs. or No. 2 feed, \$15.00. Rye feed, \$18.00 to \$19.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 12c to 15c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy, 11c to 16c; Western Dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 8c to 14c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 6c to 10c. Cheese.—State factory, night skins to choice, 3c to 6½c; Ohio Flat, fair to prime, 5c to 6c; Skins, Pennsylvania, common to prime, 4c to 1½c.

Eggs.—State and Pennsylvania, in brls. 14½ to 15c; Canadian, fine, 14½; Western, poor to fancy, 13½ to 14½; South-Western, 13½ to 14c.

BEEF OMELET makes a delicious relish for tea, and is a good way to use steak that is not tender enough to be acceptable when broiled. Chop fine a pound and a half of raw beef; add pepper, salt, and summer savory, or celery-salt, if this seasoning is not liked. Mix with two well-beaten eggs, press into a pan, and bake one hour. When cold, cut in thin slices, and serve like tongue.

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