

ADDED QUESTIONS FROM OUR QUARTERLY.

Juniors.

1. Who was Hezekiah? To whom did he write letters? Why did he want them to come to Jerusalem? What kind of a king was Hezekiah? What was the "Passover"? Where was it to be observed?

2. What did the king and princes do?

3. Why could they not keep the feast at the proper time? At what other time could they keep it?

4. What did the king think of this plan?

5. What did they establish? To whom did they make the proclamation? Where was Dan? Where was Beersheba? What is meant by "from Beersheba to Dan"?

6. How did they call the people? Who commanded the letters? What request did the king make? Why did he ask them to return? What great blessing would follow their return?

7. What had their fathers done? How did they transgress? How did God punish them?

8. What is "stiffnecked"? What is meant by yielding to God. What is it to enter into his sanctuary? How can we serve God? Why was God angry with the people of Israel?

9. What would they find if they turned to God? What will God do to those who repent and turn to him?

10. How far did they send the letters? How did the people of Israel receive them?

12. What did the people of Judah think of the feast?

Seniors.

Vs. 1-5.—What kingdom did Hezekiah rule over? To what kingdom did Ephraim and Manasseh belong? What led to the division of the tribes? When was the Passover instituted and what did it commemorate? What obstacles were in the way to prevent the observance of the feast at the proper time? How did the king obviate the delay of a year? Where did he find his authority for the change of date? What steps did they take to secure full attendance? What is implied in the observance of the ordinances of God's house? What results follow neglect of worship of God?

6-9—What was Hezekiah's desire in regard to the whole of Israel? What was implied in the title with which Hezekiah speaks of God? What was the sin of their fathers mentioned in v. 7? To what great duty does Hezekiah urge the people of Israel? What results would follow its observance? What attributes of God's character are mentioned in v. 9.

10-13.—How was the message from the king received? Do you know of any other king who sends messages to men? How are they received? What is the result if they are neglected?

PRACTICAL THOUGHTS.

First things first. Our Lord, who knew all beings and all interests, says: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness." It was upon this principle that Hezekiah was acting. He desired first to worship and serve God; being convinced that no success or prosperity could come to his kingdom or people without the blessing of God.

Whatever the Lord has commanded that we ought to obey. Whatever else we may forget or neglect we cannot afford to forget or neglect the commands of God.

Our greatest delight should be in the observance of the ordinances of God's house. If we truly love God we will delight to meet and commune with him in his sanctuary. Some wholly forsake the house of God, others attend only occasionally, just as convenience or inclination may serve. In other cases any trifling thing is sufficient excuse for absence.

Attendance upon public worship is sanction-

ed by divine authority; the example of Christ and his disciples. We are enjoined not to forget to assemble in the house of God. If we had nothing more, the promise of the Lord to be present to bless should be enough.

Forgetfulness of God and his worship will certainly be followed by sorrow and distress. The apostasy and idolatry of the fathers of Israel had been their ruin. We should be warned against this sin by their punishment.

Forsaking of sin and turning to God is the only way whereby we can enjoy the favor and blessing of God.

We should enter into covenant with the Lord to serve him forever. This is our honor and happiness.

God's mercy and grace will be abundantly manifested to those who seek to honor and serve him.

We should be all of one mind and heart as regards the serving and worshipping of God.

ANSWER IN WRITING.

1. What was the Passover?
2. What rules had been given for its observance?
3. Tell what you know of Hezekiah's Passover?
4. Who is called "Our Passover"? Why?