

**TIME.**—B. C. 1055. **PLACE.**—Bethlehem, in the tribe of Judah. **RULERS.**—Saul was still king. **DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The omniscience of God.

### HOME READINGS.

- M.* David anointed king. 1 Sam. 16. 1-13.  
*Tu.* David and Saul. 1 Sam. 16. 14-23.  
*W.* God's choice. 1 Chron. 28. 1-10.  
*Th.* Searching the heart. Jer. 17. 5-10.  
*F.* God's omniscience. Psalm 139. 1-12.  
*S.* Promises for David. Psalm 89. 19-29.  
*S.* David's greater Son. Acts 13. 16-28.

### LESSON HYMNS.

No. 222, New Canadian Hymnal.

Thou we adore, eternal Lord!

No. 350, New Canadian Hymnal.

Happy man whom God doth aid!

No. 356, New Canadian Hymnal.

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

### QUESTIONS FOR SENIOR STUDENTS.

#### 1. As Man Seeth, v. 1-10.

What caused the mourning of the prophet?  
 How was he roused from his sadness?  
 What characteristic human quality did Samuel display?

Can you recall a similar one from the life of Moses? (See Exod. 3. 11, and 4. 10, 13.)

Why should the elders have felt troubled at his coming?

What preparation was required before the offering of sacrifice?

Why did the prophet select Eliab?

Why did the Lord reject him?

What is the difference between human and divine judgment of men?

What is meant by looking on the heart?

How many sons of Jesse were set aside by the Lord?

#### 2. As the Lord Seeth, v. 11-13.

How was David brought into the notice of the prophet?

Did Samuel anoint David because he was the only one left?

How was he set apart as a king?

Why was no precaution taken against the matter becoming known?

What was the effect of the anointing?

Did Samuel and David ever meet again? (1 Sam. 19. 18.)

What effect did this act probably have on his after life?

What evidence does our lesson furnish that David's character was different from that of the brothers?

Trace the journey from Ramah to Bethlehem, by means of a good map. How long was Samuel's journey?

Trace the ancestry of David. What blood flowed in his veins?

Find two evidences of Samuel's wide acquaintance in the country.

Find such allusions as you can in the Scriptures to this call of God to David. (Psalm 78. 71; 2 Sam. 7. 8; Psalm 89. 20, etc.)

### Practical Teachings.

Where are we shown—

1. The need of divine preparation for divine worship?
2. The fallibility of human judgment?
3. The impossibility of deceiving God?

### QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

#### 1. As Man Seeth, v. 1-10.

What mourning did the Lord rebuke?

What command was given to Samuel?

Why did Samuel fear to obey?

What was he told to say about his mission?

What was he to do at the sacrifice?

Why were the elders afraid of Samuel?

What did he say to quiet their fears?

What family did he summon to the sacrifice?

What did Samuel think of Eliab?

What was he told not to do?

Why had the Lord rejected Eliab? (GOLDEN TEXT.)

What was the judgment on Abinadab?

What upon Shammah?

How many were in turn refused?

Why should we look well to our hearts? (Prov. 4. 23.)

#### 2. As the Lord Seeth, v. 11-13.

What did Samuel ask about Jesse's family?

What was Jesse's answer?

What command did the prophet give?

What was David's personal appearance?

What direction did Samuel receive?

What gift came to David after being anointed?

With whom does the Spirit of God now dwell? (1 Cor. 3. 16.)

### Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That God calls men to his service?
2. That God directs men in his service?
3. That God qualifies men for his service?