

SCHOLAR'S NOTES.

(From the Hebrew Question Book.)

THE WISE CHOICE IN THE LIFE OF SOLOMON.

INTRODUCTORY NOTE.—The first quarter closed with a lesson upon Absalom's death, which occurred B. C. 1014. Over this death David mourned bitterly, but finally he arose and returned in triumph to Jerusalem. His remaining enemies were then subdued after which Satan induced him to number the people for which act God sent fearful pestilence. Through penitence and in obedience this was finally stayed, whereupon David purchased ground, erected an altar, and offered sacrifices, which God accepted by sending fire from heaven to consume them. By this token David knew this was the chosen spot for God's permanent worship. 1 Chron. 22:1-2 Chron. 3:1. This led him to resume his efforts for a temple to God, and in preparation for this David's charge to Solomon was given some eight years after Absalom's death.

LESSON I

JULY 21. DAVID'S CHARGE TO SOLOMON. (About B. C. 1015.) READ 1 Chron. 28:1-10.

TOPIC—A Country of God's blessing.

GOLDEN TEXT—From the mouth of the father, and from the womb of the mother, and with a willing mind. 1 Chron. 28:9.

HOME READINGS.—M.—1 Chron. 28:1-19, 7-12; Sam. 7:1-13, 17-1 Chron. 21:18-30, 2A-1 Chron. 22:1-16, E-1 Chron. 29:1-9, Sa.—1 Chron. 29:10-28, N.—Psa. 91:1-16.

OUTLINE: Ministry to God appointed.—1. As to what men shall do, v. 1-6; 2. As to how men shall do, v. 7-10.

QUESTIONS, etc.—Recite the TITLE. What special point of this charge is stated in the GOLDEN TEXT? The general lesson is stated in the TOPIC. recite it. Recite the OUTLINE. What was our last lesson from the Old Testament? Read the INTRODUCTORY NOTE, and tell what had occurred between the time of that lesson and of this. How many years intervened?

1. Ministry appointed as to what men shall do, v. 1-6; Ps. 75:7, Dan. 2:21.

Ministry is the act of ministering or serving. What proposed ministry to God is named in v. 2? How long before had he proposed this? 2 Sam. 7:1-3.

Read his desire expressed in Psa. 132:3-5. Who checked this purpose of David's? 2 Sam. 7:4-7, 1 Kings 5:3. Why checked? To what ministry not proposed by David did God call him? v. 4.

What lines of ministry to God were chosen for Solomon? v. 5, 6. Read 1 Cor. 12:8-11, and explain how it illustrates our TOPIC.

Read 1 Cor. 1:27, 28, and tell how it illustrates God's independence of men. What ministry has God assigned you?

2. Ministry appointed as to how men shall do, v. 7-10; Ps. 24:3-4, Isa. 1:16, 17.

How did God require that Solomon should act? v. 7. How does David ask the people to act? v. 8. How does David charge Solomon to act? v. 9, 10. How does God require you to act?

What light does this lesson shed—

- 1. Upon the way to choose a business? 2. Upon what religious work to do? 3. Upon whom to consult at all times?

DOCTRINE—God a sovereign. Ps. 103:19, 145:1, 1 Tim. 6:14, 15.

LESSON II.

JULY 21. SOLOMON'S CHOICE. (About B. C. 1015.) READ 2 Chron. 1:1-7.

TOPIC—Making choice of divine wisdom.

GOLDEN TEXT—If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally.—James 1:5.

HOME READINGS.—M.—2 Chron. 1:1-17, T.—Prov. 1:1-19, H.—Prov. 3:1-18, 7A.—Matt. 7:7-14, F.—Mark 10:35-45, Sa.—Luke 18:35-43, N.—Pa. 72:1-20.

OUTLINE: 1. The royal offering, v. 1-6. 2. The great opportunity, v. 7. 3. The wise choice, v. 8-10. 4. The Divine blessing, v. 11-17.

QUESTIONS, etc.—Recite the TITLE and OUTLINE. The general lesson is stated in the TOPIC. recite it. What special encouragement have we in the GOLDEN TEXT? In what year did the events of our lesson happen? What is the CONNECTION LINK with the preceding lesson?

1. The Royal Offering, v. 1-6; 1 Kings 3:4, 1 Chron. 29:21, Heb. 9:13-14.

Explain the three things said of Solomon in v. 1. From v. 2, tell, (1) Why Solomon went to Gibeon; (2) Who went with him; and, (3) What they did there.

What offering grander than this has been made in what respects was it grander?

The Great Opportunity, v. 7. Matt. 7:7, 8. Mark 9:36-51, James 1:5.

Read with v. 7, 1 Kings 3:5. What was this "great opportunity?" What opportunity equally great have you? 3. The Wise Choice, v. 8-10, Josh. 24:15, Prov. 3:5-6, Matt. 4:22.

For what would most persons ask, "to them God should say." "Ask what I shall give thee?" For what would you ask? What did Solomon ask? v. 10. Why? What do Solomon's words in v. 8, 9, show us? Have you a spirit like that in him?

4. The Divine Blessing, v. 11-17, Prov. 21:21, Mat. 6:38, 25:34, Rom. 2:6, 7.

What blessings were granted Solomon? v. 12. Because of what did God do so much? v. 11. How did God fulfil this great promise? v. 13-17. To what conduct should this encourage us?

- 1. Why is Wisdom better than gold? 2. What one blessing should we ask of God? DOCTRINE—The freeness of man. 1 Cor. 13:11, Mat. 11:28, John 5:10.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS.

There is a great hue and cry in some papers about the wicked and wanton cruelty of women in wearing the prepared skins of birds on their hats. It is the same old story over again, "The woman tempted me, and I did eat." Who is it that kills the birds and dresses their skins, and who conceived the idea of using them for adorning the head-gear of woman? Not a woman I'll be bound. More likely some sagaciously wicked man, who saw a market ahead for all the birds he could trap and skin alive. Woman is not cruel—the sight of pain is repulsive and shocking to her. She wears birds and feathers on her hat, to be sure, and that she does sometimes overleap the bounds of good sense in following foolish fashions we will freely admit; but convince her that she is doing a cruel thing, and she will abandon it. She would not wantonly kill a bird and pluck its feathers for the adornment of her person, much less flay one alive to better preserve the brilliancy of the plumage. It is men and boys who do this—they create the demand by supplying the article, and when women, ignorant usually of the means used to secure them, wear the glossy trophies of their cruel cupidity, they are called heartless and cruel.

That it is wrong to thus destroy wantonly and cruelly animal life for the mere gratification of whim and folly, none will deny, but stop the practice where it begins, with those who supply the market.—M., in Western Home Journal.

A WORD TO TEACHERS—Follow up the scholars. You can never know how powerfully they are being won upon by being cared for. Let it quietly grow upon them that they are in your thoughts, and you soon get an influence over them which gives a tenfold power to your teachings. You come to be more than a routine teacher, and as you love your scholars you are loved by them. We call to mind a minister's daughter who was as faithfully looked after as though everything depended on the teacher and nothing on home instruction. The scholar was never absent a Sunday but she was followed by a letter or a friendly visit. The teacher was sorry to miss her from the class. She hoped it was not on account of illness. Should she not see her next Sunday? and so on, in a few thoughtful, loving words, which showed that she was never forgotten and never uncared for. At length the scholar fell sick of a fatal and contagious disease, in which it was imprudent for her teacher to see her. But being asked just before she died what message she would send her, "Tell her," she replied, "that she was the best teacher I ever had. She taught me most, and I loved her most." Anybody can see that a Christian teacher who can win a scholar's love like this, is almost sure to win a soul to Christ. Nor can any one tell how far in this case faithful teaching may have helped the scholar to have no fear of dying, and to meet the king of terrors with a dignity and courage and quiet trust in God which was impressive and almost sublime.—S. S. Times.

—Egyptian ladies would regard it as highly indecorous to display upon the streets the attractions nature has bestowed upon them, or the magnificence of their dress. When they go about the streets of Cairo on shopping expeditions, they cover themselves with a dismal robe of black. As a general rule, whatever they are compelled to exhibit to the public gaze is of a simplicity frequently amounting to ugliness, while what they reserve for private inspection is gorgeous and ornate in the extreme.

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May 18th, 1876.

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JOHN WANLESS, M.D.

(Translated from the French.)

MONTREAL, May 22, 1876

Messrs John Dougall & Co.

GENTLEMEN,—It is with pleasure I to-day reply to your letter of the 1st inst., in which you request my opinion as to the usefulness and worth of your little work "Dress and Health," which has lately issued from your press. Having read the greater part of this little work, I have no doubt that it will produce, in society, the most happy effects. Being essentially addressed to the ladies, it will not fail to make them reflect on their manner of dressing and on the disastrous effects of the fashions of the day. The abuses which are described are in great part the cause of the sickness and feebleness of young people, as well as of mothers, who see with regret premature old age.

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J. EMERT-CODERRE, M. D.

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