I was very much occupied with business on the week-days of my stay, yet man pays as he goes, every time.' not infrequently, as I returned from good deal as to the reason of this nonattendance; but after a while other
things pushed the query from my mind,
and it did not recur to me again till I
went to take my usual vacation at
good husband and father, I know,
to take my usual vacation at
good husband and father, I know,
the street to his nouse and get full of their message, they
one day, and the little folks all ran out
got to set by what 'I' think, and what
'I' believe, and come out square with
things pushed the query from my mind,
his wife stood in the open door with a
more, and nothin' less, will do. And
went to take my usual vacation at
good husband and father, I know,
the way are to believe what they
they have got to believe what they

to that short sketch, however, the fact dren died young.

"I tell you, cap'en, the 'Postle Paul that his view of the question was so "Dr. Blaise was a good deal blamed knew what he meant when he said.

the misty distance, and the slight hosts of friends in his own church and breeze that rippled among the "popples" on the edge of Beaver Brook, only seemed to heat the July atmostory about. He was reserved, and a little phere. The deacon sat in the small haughty. I believe he thought it become fast accrost the hills and waste proch with his Bible, and I swung in the hammock that was hung from the hamm my disappointments concerning the found in that church." evening services of the day.

"Why is it, deacon?" I said, in concluding the rather long tale of my ex- asked the deacon. periences. "Why is it, do you suppose, that those services were so poorly vant question. attended?"

"Well," answered the deacon, taking b'lieve?" off his spectacles, and shutting them into his Bible, "there is most always a more than I expected."

"He was a young man, not particularly eloquent, who had no written fancy breastpins made out on 't?"

DAILY R

"I wasn't quite a fool, deacon. West

"I wasn't quite a fool, deacon. West fully in earnest, though, he seemed to sent me out to sell his pig-iron, and mean every word he said, and I think nothing else, and I sold it he did."

rest?" "Oh, Mr. Fearing I had often heard concernin' this make?" of as a remarkable man. He was a very bright man, evidently one who "I should think so!" I answered, TIME.—Solomon studies much, and keeps up with the indignantly. "It would be of little use a reign of 40 years. studies much, and keeps up with the indignantly. "It would be of little use times. I should hardly call him eloquent; but he was scholarly, and radional, and convincing. His people are very proud of his reputation as a scholar, I hear."

The deacon laid down his Bible on I hear."

What did he preach about?"

"The relations of the soul to the settletics of morality."

"Who was the next one?" asked the deacon, thoughtfully.

"It would be of little use to send a man out to sell bars of gold of this world are didnered for the individual or the nation, is through obedience to God.—Peloubet.

Solomon's Sin.—(1) A wrong heart.

(2) Pride from worldly prosperity.

(3) Polygamy. (4) Marrying heathen wives. (5) Consenting to and aiding idolatry, which was almost treason against God. (6) Oppression of the wishout a Presbyterian journal. A perusal of the Premium List given elsewhere will been a-answerin' your own question.

Consequences to Himself.—(1)

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"When the bell rings for dinner or the next man was Mr. Phraude, full, what did he preach about?"

"The next man was Mr. Phraude, full, what did he preach about?"

"Come to Jesus." quitting time, they quit at once what a young, good-looking fellow, with a they are at, and cannot be induced to fine presence and much elocution. "That's it; that's it!" cried the dea-

I found a half-filled house—a reluctant audience, who came dropping in late, church—I think his name was Smith and hurried out as soon as the bene- he was, well, I didn't hear very much in Latin: 'If you want me to cry at diction was uttered. I heard some said about him, anyway. What I did what you tell, you must cry yourselt. Consequences to himself.—The con- bright eyes and go-betweens good sermons, and some that were not hear was all to the good. He was If a man don't show in himself that he sequences to his kingdom. — How can possibly think of and adso good; in one church only did I find poor, for the church could not give him is growin' more and more like Christ, mercy joined with justice.—God ful-mire. a full house, interested hearers, and that a large salary, but I think he was care- he can't preach Him to any puppus; no filling His promises. - Did Solomon a full house, interested hearers, and that a large salary, but I think ne was care- ne can't preach frinto any pappers, in sense of general satisfaction that is ful, for I heard some one say in a more than you could hev' sold your iron repent?—Jeroboam. — The way in apparent to a certain spiritual sense certain shop where I stood, 'Shall I if you'd been a cheat, or a liar, or a man which he could succeed. — General of every variety and every Sunday-School Lesson Helps

" 'No,' said the storekeeper. 'That

these meetings, I questioned myself a mean-come up the street to his house and get full of their message, they've

convincing to me that I enlisted at once for his lavish way of spending money. 'We having the same spirit of faith, sequences? Does God punish directin the Lord's army, and have always To be sure, he had a good salary and a according as it is written, I believed, ly, or does he guide the natural control prices will prevail; no special the other voices of this century."

Soliday profits. The larger spiritual director, though he is quite of business men, so of course he was you can see how he believed. Just was it in the case of Solomon? Why

the misty distance, and the slight hosts of friends in his own church and "I tell you, cap'en, there would be or hope for a nation except in obedi-

Baxter about my Sundays there, and bles. I wondered at the empty pews I Terry Cooke, in Congregationalist.

"You went to C--- to sell pig iron for the Yahoosie Works, didn't ye?' "Yes," said I, wondering at the irrele-

"And you did consider'ble well, I

"Yes, I did. My success was really

say that one meeting-house was generally full?"

"Yes, there was the—church that was full the night I went; and I heard it said that it was always well filled."

"What sort of a preacher did they her?"

"Odd that was merely that I golden TEXT—Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.—Eccl. xii about how iron come to be put in cerewith the parts of creation in not in others.

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"What sort of a preacher did they her?" with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be

"And you had a good character, as "H'm! Well, how was it about the bein' a reliable, honest feller, who knew what pig-iron was, and could be trusted

My face grew hot.

tion, as much as to say, 'You people painting, on the probable occupations know what you fellers that go about to of the larger part of his kingdom from are at the bottom of this.' tion, as much as to say, 'You people painting, on the probable occupations know what you refless that go about to of the redeemed in heaven; it was sell things do. You follow up men his family.

"They are at times very troublesome and dangerous, and great care is taken another sphere while I listened. I goods are the only ones there is any to keep strangers at a respectful distance. They are immense in size, and plate was passed round, with a sort of you are instant in season and out of bad example. (3) Division of the cost from 1,800 to 2,500 silver rupees thud, as if I had fallen from a height." season. You convince men because kingdom. each; that is to say, from \$900 to "I think likely. Well, who come you're full of conviction yourselves. \$1,250 each. Why, that young man that had a church

WHY?

A CITY full of churches, and I was a stranger therein, if one can be a stranger entirely where there are churches and the Gospel.

But not being tied by bonds of choice, affection, or preference, to any one church there, I betook myself on Sundays to the church of my own de nomination, and that where my hosts belonged; but on Sunday evenings I belonged; but on Sunday evenings I belonged; but on Sunday evenings I there are churches and the graph of the stranger in dead and unflagging.

Of so many subjects that, it was interested, but I was stranger at the graph of act is, you need a certain there ain't no skercity of hearers for Moody and Pentecost to-day? Why, also absorbed and included Benjamin. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. David may have a light alway: likes of such a display. It's a profession of such as there ain't no skercity of hearers for Moody and Pentecost to-day? Why, also absorbed and included Benjamin. 33. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. David may have a light alway: likes of such a display. It's a profession of such as the case that the case of such a display. It's a profession of such as there ain't no skercity of hearers for Moody and Pentecost to-day? Why, also absorbed and included Benjamin. 33. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. David may have a light alway: likes of such a display. It's a profession of such as there ain't no skercity of hearers for Moody and Pentecost to-day? Why, also absorbed and included Benjamin. 33. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. David may have a light alway: likes of such a display. It's a profession of such as there ain't no skercity of hearers for Moody and Pentecost to-day? Why, also absorbed and included Benjamin. 33. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. David may have a light alway: likes of such a display. It's a likes of such a display. It's a likes of such a display alway have a light alway: likes of such a display alway have a light alway. Profession has there ain't no skercity of hearers for moore the code of such as a store nead the such as a stor they can't preach up to it. It's the old David did for his. saw that I've heard Father Brace kote Subjects for F

openly, for his owr. use."
"I tell you, cap'en, when them men want to fill their evening meetings or "And I saw him-the minister, I any others, they've got to go to God

"I tell you, cap'en, the 'Postle Paul of this lesson?

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LESSON xii, December 22, 1889. CLOSE OF SOLOMON'S REIGN. 1 Kings xi. 26-43.

COMMIT VERSES 42, 43.

For God shall bring every work into sinner.

DAILY READINGS. M. 1 Kings xi. 14 25 Tw. 1 Kings xi. 25-43.

W. Eccl. ii. 1-26. 7%. Eccl, iv. 1-16. F. Eccl. iv. 1-18. Sa. Eccl. xi. 1-10.

Su. Eccl. xii. 1-14. TIME,-Solomon died B.C. 975, after

unknown place in Ephraim. Lifted up buying. where all day."

Our Story.

A ciry full of churches, and I was a stranger therein, if one can be a stranger many I's on the last of the can be a stranger therein, if one can be a stranger in the stranger is and much elecution.

That's it; that's it; 'uried the dea date all alight con, his grand old face all alight; con, his grand old face all alight con, his grand old face al his hand : rebelled. 27. And this was

SUBJECTS FOR FURTHER STUDY AND SPECIAL REPORTS.—Solomon's sin.—

QUESTIONS

to keep him from falling? At what time in his reign did this take place? SUBJECT: THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN.

Deacon Bayter's farm, among the beautiful Vermont hills.

Perhaps some reader will remember
that I once had a conversation with the

The property of the pro deacon about joining the church, which glance of sympathy or affection between for life with the black water, 'Here's a (Prov. iii. 3, 4; viii. 35; xii. 2; xvi. 7.) I recorded under the title of "What them; nor did his parishioners speak sure help. Catch hold all of ye! Catch What other consequence is mentioned beacon Baxter Said." I did not add of him tenderly. I believe all his chil-hold alongside o' me!"

Note that a conversation and the said about it to others?

Others?

Others?

Others?

Others?

Others?

Others.

Can any one sin and avoid the con. count the trade.

spiritual director, though he is quite unaware of it, and when I have a question in my mind, like that which troubled me during my sojourn in C—, I am apt to ask him about it. He is not a learned man, not even an educated man, but he has good sense, is honest to the very depths of his soul, and as earnest and faithful a follower of Christ in his daily life as the world contains.

It was again a hot Sunday afternoon, after church. Again the hills folded the mind and as arraying was again a hot Sunday afternoon, after church. Again the hills folded the mind and the sight hosts of friends in his own church and learned man, the members asy that he was a liar, and she to be was a liar, and she to be was a liar, and she to be was tway he used to be preach for the Master. I don't b'lieve how the held to the one thing, the one show he held to the one thing the very down and at searnest and faithful a follower of Christ man.

"As for the odd fellow, Dr. Prodd, he was popular with the prophet. The Consequences rouns King of the world to be was agood God punish in?

It The Consequences rouns King of the

the porch to an apple tree near by. and hard work in the parish, and never Suddenly some subtle association respared himself or his money. I think among you but Jesus Christ and Him (2 Sam. vii. 10 16.) Whose fault was called to me my stay in the city of he knew every poor man and woman in C—, and I began to tell Deacon his parish, and all their needs and trous. I could only say, "Amen."—Rose David was not received by Solomon? What does this teach us about the fulfilment of God's promises? Does God delight to show mercy? On what condition could Jeroboam have a successful kingdom ?

> IV. CLOSE OF SOLOMON'S LIFE .- What became of Jeroboam? Why did Solo-mon seek his life? How long did Solomon reign? How old was he when he died? Why was not the offer of a long life fulfilled in his case? What are the chief lessons you can learn from Solomon's life and career?

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS. I. God Himself punishes sin.

II. God has made the world so that sin contains within itself evil for the

III. Those who show talent and faithfulness in lesser things are called to greater ones.

IV. God always fulfils his promises,

as completely as those to whom they are made fulfil the conditions. V. Solomon was saved if he repented. He was treated exactly the same

as any other sinner of equal guilt. VI. It is a very dangerous thing to sin, expecting to repent in later life.

VII. The only way to true success,

deacon, thoughtfully.

"He was Dr. Blaise, said to be the most eloquent man in the State. He men had preached the Gospel with as eloquent; he poured out a perfect much faithfulness as you sold your iron, stream of splendid language, real word they would have found hearers? I his rule by Jeroboam. (5) The loss in the Premium List given elsewhere will consequences to Himself.—(1) show our readers that we are willing to pay liberally those who may devote their time and out. (xi. 14 25.) (4) Rebellion against the whole column carefully and then send tor stream of splendid language, real word they would have found hearers? I his rule by Jeroboam. (5) The loss

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