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WHY?

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painting, on the probable occupations of the redeemed in heaven; it was really wonderful. I felt rapt into another sphere while I listened. I came down to common life, when the plate was passed round, with a sort of thud, as if I had fallen from a height. 'I think likely. Well, who come after him?' 'The next man was Mr. Phraude, a young, good-looking fellow, with a fine presence and much elocution. He preached about heaven, too, but there were a great many I's in his sermon. 'I think' and 'I believe' were his commonest phrases. And I don't think I ever heard so much about flowers, and stars, and gems, and clouds of sunset, and all that, in the same time in my life.'

know what you fellows that go about to sell things do. You follow up men and make 'em buy. You think your goods are the only ones there is any use in buyin', and you act accordin'. You are instant in season and out of season. You convince men because you're full of conviction yourselves. Why, that young man that had a church full, what did he preach about? 'Come to Jesus.' 'That's it; that's it!' cried the deacon, his grand old face all alight. 'That is the Word that enlighteneth the world—that's the hull Gospel; and he believed it. He was in dead 'arnest about it. Why, I read once that some old preacher asked an acting man why so many folks went to his theatre and so few to meetin', and the play actor said: 'Why, we talk as if we did believe we're the folks we pretend to be; and you talk as though you didn't believe in your own preachin', sir.'

of the larger part of his kingdom from his family. CONSEQUENCES TO HIS KINGDOM.—(1) All the evils that came to himself. (2) Moral deterioration through his bad example. (3) Division of the kingdom. HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.—26. Ephraimite: Ephraimite. Zeredah: an unknown place in Ephraim. Lifted up his hand: rebelled. 27. And this was the cause this verse, and on to the 39th, contains an explanation of how and why Jeroboam "lifted up his hand against Solomon." Millo, probably a fortified embankment over the northern end of the Tyropean valley, between Mounts Zion and Moriah. 28. Charge of the house of Joseph: over the forced laborers from the tribe of Ephraim, the son of Joseph, such as is described in 1 Kings v. 13-15. 29. Shilohite: belonging to Shiloh, in Ephraim, 17 miles north of Jerusalem. It was the ancient religious capital. 30. New garment: belonging to the prophet, and representing the undivided kingdom. Twelve pieces: one for each tribe. 31. One tribe: Judah, which also absorbed and included Benjamin. 32. Ashtoreth, etc.: see last lesson. 33. David may have a light away; his house shall always have a representative, and not be extinguished as a light is put out. This was fulfilled in David's descendant, Jesus Christ, and in His Kingdom, and the new Jerusalem: 40. Solomon sought to kill Jeroboam: because he rebelled against him (v. 26), and did not wait for the Lord's time as David did for his.

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