

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

LESSON IX.—AUGUST 30.

THE STORY OF NABOTH.—1 KINGS 21: 1-13.

COMMIT VERSES 17-19.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.—1 Kings 21: 20.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

The tendency of sinners is to grow worse and worse and end in ruin.

DAILY READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 21: 1-19. T. 1 Kings 21: 25-28; 22: 1-4. W. 1 Kings 22: 29-40. Th. 2 Kings 9: 14-26, 30-37. F. 2 Kings 10: 1-11. Sa. 2 Kings 11: 18-28. Su. Luke 12: 13-21.

TIME.—About the year B.C. 900.

PLACE.—Jezebel and Samaria, the capitals of Israel.

PERSONS.—Ahab, king of Israel, B.C. 918-877; Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, B.C. 918-889.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—For several years after the events of the last lesson we hear nothing from Elijah. About 875, however, he was again in Syria; and in the succeeding year he turns his attention to the beautiful and fertile grounds of Naboth, which Ahab wanted for this purpose, but which Naboth refused to part with.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

4. AHAZ CAKE.—In Samaria, from Jezebel the inheritance of my fathers.—It was contrary to Jewish law to part with it, except the Jubilee year. (Lev. 25: 28, 29.)

WHY LETTERS IN AHAZ'S NAME.—and, therefore, he was responsible for what she did, as he gave her permission by adding to her his seal. SEALING THEM WITH HIS SEAL.—In the East, all letters and documents are stamped with a seal, instead of signing the name as we do. ELIHAZ AND SOULS.—The prophet, assuming that he had sealed the papers, and that he had sealed them with his seal, also was put to death. (2 Kings 9: 24.)

WHY SAID THE LORD, etc.—These words were fulfilled in Ahab's son Jehoram. (2 Kings 9: 25.) Ahab repented, and the Lord ordered the full punishment. (1 Kings 21: 29.) But he also partly fulfilled in himself. (1 Kings 22: 34-38.)

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTORY.—How many years elapsed between the events of the last lesson and this? Give some account of what took place in this interval. What do we know of Elijah during this time? SUBJECT.—THE PROGRESS OF SIN.

I. COVETOUSNESS.—Where was Ahab's summer palace? What kind of a palace did he have? (1 Kings 22: 39.) Whose garden did he desire? (v. 2.) What did he offer for it? Why did Naboth refuse? Was it wrong of him to sell his inheritance? (Lev. 25: 25-28.) Had he as good a right to it as Ahab's palace? Which of the two commandments did he break? With a y amount of possessions keep us from covetousness? Why not?

II. COVETOUSNESS LEADING TO DISCONTENT.—What did Ahab say when Naboth refused him? What kind of a spirit did he show? With any amount of possessions keep us from being discontented? What was the result? (1 Tim. 6: 8; Heb. 13: 5.) Is discontentment a sin? Why?

III. DISCONTENTMENT LEADING TO CONVICTION.—Who tried to comfort Ahab? Why was he false comfort? What did Jezebel promise the king? What did he do to aid her? (v. 8.) What were the results? Was Ahab to blame for what Jezebel did in his name? Was she any worse than he? Are we guilty of the sins we permit ourselves to do for us, which we dare not do when ourselves?

IV. CONVICTION WITH CRIME LEADING TO LYING AND HYPocrisy.—Who were the two witnesses? (Deut. 17: 6; 19: 15.) What were the names of the witnesses? What were the charges against Naboth? Why might a good man be likely to speak against such a king as Ahab? Should Jezebel have been a hypocrite in her charge of blasphemy? What was the Jewish punishment for blasphemy? (Lev. 24: 14-16.)

V. LYING AND HYPocrisy LEADING TO MURDER AND ROBBERY.—(vs. 14, 15.)—What was done with Naboth? Who was slayed with him? (2 Kings 9: 26.) How would this bring the property into Ahab's possession? How many commandments were broken in obtaining possession of this vineyard?

VI. ALL THESE CRIMES FOLLOWED BY RE TRICTION.—(vs. 15-19.)—What did Ahab do when he heard of Naboth's death? Who met him in the street? What did Ahab say when he saw him? (v. 26.) What doom did Elijah pronounce upon him? Meaning of the Golden Text? How was this doom mitigated, and why? (1 Kings 21: 27-28.) How and when was it fulfilled? (1 Kings 22: 34-38; 2 Kings 9: 24-26.) How was Jezebel punished in his punishment? (1 Kings 21: 25; 2 Kings 9: 30-37.) What lessons can you learn from this history?

VOICES FROM NABOTH'S VINEYARD.

I. Covetousness is the root of many sins.

II. No amount of possessions can keep us contented.

III. Ahab's Sins: (1) Covetousness; (2) oppression; (3) discontentment; (4) hypocrisy; (5) moral weakness; (6) lying; (7) robbery; (8) murder.

IV. We are responsible for what we do through others, or permit to be done for us.

V. Sin increases, multiplies, leads to many other sins.

VI. Only brief enjoyment in ill-gotten possession.

VII. Be sure your sin will find you out.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 19, 1885.

The English breadstuffs markets are rather easier than they have been for two or three days past, and the demand is short. Prices are, however, slightly higher than at our last report. Red Winter wheat is now quoted in Liverpool at 6s 11d to 7s 1d and Canadian Peas at 5s 7d. The local grain market is very dull and without change. We quote:—Canada Red Winter, 9 1/2c to 9c; Canada White, 9c to 9 1/4c; Canada Spring, 9c to 9 1/4c; Peas, 78c; Oats, 35 1/2c to 36c; Rye, 67c to 69c; Barley, 50c to 65c; Corn, 60c to 64c.

FLOUR.—The market though quiet is very steady. We quote:—Patent, \$4.20 to \$4.45; Superior Extra, \$4.20 to \$4.25; Extra Superfine, \$4.05 to \$4.10; Fancy, \$3.85 to \$3.90; Spring Extra, \$3.85; Superfine, \$3.55 to \$3.60; Strong Bakers' (Manitoba), \$4.55; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.15; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$4.75; Fine, \$3.40 to \$3.45; Middlings, \$3.20 to \$3.30; Pollards, \$3.00 to \$3.05; Ontario lags, (bags included) Medium, \$1.95 to \$2.00; do., Spring Extra, \$1.90 to \$1.95; do., Superfine, \$1.75 to \$1.80.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$4.25 to \$4.40 per brl. DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter is as dull as ever, and the market is devoid of interest. We quote:—Creamery, 18c to 19c; Eastern Townships, 14c to 16c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 13c to 16c; Western 12c to 14c. Cheese.—The market shows no new features, but is dull, with prices more or less nominal. We quote:—Fine to fancy, 6 1/2 to 7c. The public cable is sixpence lower at 35s 6d.

Eggs are steady at 12c to 13 1/2c per dozen, as to quality.

Hog Products are quiet and rather lower. We quote:—Western Mess Pork, \$13.00 to \$13.25; do., Short Cut, \$13.25 to \$13.50; Canada Short Cut, \$13.25 to \$13.50; Mess Beef, per brl, \$15; India Mess Beef, per ton, \$25; Hams, city cured, 11c to 11 1/2c; do., canvassed, 12c to 12 1/2c; Lard, in pails, Western, 9c to 10c; do., Canadian, 8c to 9c; Bacon, 11c to 11 1/2c; Shoulders, 9c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 7 1/2c.

ASHES are quiet but steady at \$3 82 1/2 to \$3.90 as to rates, for first Pkts.

FARMERS' MARKET.

There has been a rather small attendance of farmers at the markets here lately and the prices of grain are slightly higher than on last week, but potatoes and other roots and vegetables are abundant, of excellent quality, and very low priced. The prices of dairy produce are rather higher. The fruit market is abundantly supplied with native and foreign grown apples, also, blueberries from the Saguenay, with a pretty large supply of tomatoes which sell at about 7 1/2c per bush but will be much cheaper in a few days. The market is still glutted with cucumbers and there are also unusually large supplies of southern water-melons. The hay market is well supplied and prices are low. Oats are 80c to 90c per bag; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50; potatoes 35c to 40c per bag; butter, 16c to 35c per lb.; eggs 14c to 25c per dozen; apples \$2.00 to \$3.50 per barrel; dressed hogs 6 1/2c to 6 1/4c per lb.; turkeys \$1.50 to \$2.00 the pair; fowls 60c to 80c; ducks 60c to 70c; spring chickens 55c to 60c; do.; hay \$7.00 to \$10.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

There has been a glut in the cattle market here of late, and all kinds, except the very best, are lower priced. Only choice animals bring over 4c per lb., the general prices of dry cows and ordinary steers being from 3c to 3 1/2c per lb., while lean stock bring less than 3c per lb. with a good many held over for a future market. Sheep and lambs are very plentiful, and cheaper all round.

Sheep sell at from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each and lambs at from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. The prices of fat hogs are again lower, or about 1 1/2c per lb. There is a better demand for good milch cows, and the prices of this sort are higher, but strippers and small bossies are very dull of sale. Very few transactions are reported in the horse market, both sellers and buyers having left the city for the present.

NEW YORK, AUGUST 18, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat 93 1/2c September; 95 1/2c October; 97 1/2c November; 99 1/2c December. Corn 52 1/2c nom. August; 52 1/2c September; 52 1/2c October; 51c bid November; 48 1/2c bid December. Oats, 31 1/2c August; 30c September; 30 1/2c October; 31c nom. November.

FLOUR shows little change this week. We quote:—Spring Wheat, No. 2, \$2.65 to \$2.75; No. 3, \$2.55 to \$2.65; Superfine, \$2.90 to \$3.50; Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.75; Clears, \$3.90 to \$4.50; Straight, \$4.20 to \$4.55; Patent, \$4.35 to \$5.50. Winter Wheat—No. 2, \$2.75 to \$3.35; Superfine, \$3.45 to \$3.55; Low Extra, \$3.60 to \$3.75; Clears (R. and A.), \$3.95 to \$4.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$4.90; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.50; Straight (White Wheat) \$4.50 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.70 to \$3.75; West India, sacks, \$3.80 to \$4.00; West India, barrels, \$5.00 to \$5.10; Patent, \$5.00 to \$5.55; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.50. Rye flour, fine to superfine, \$2.90 to \$3.75.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$1.50 to \$3.35 in brls FEED.—100 lbs or sharps, \$22.00 to \$24.00; 100 lbs or No. 1 middlings, \$19.00 to \$21.00; 80 lbs or No. 2 middlings, \$17.00 to \$18.00; 60 lbs or No. 1 feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00; 50 lbs or medium feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00; 40 lbs or No. 2 feed, \$16.00 to \$17.00. Rye feed, \$17.00 to \$18.00.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 13c to 21c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy, 11c to 18c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 8c to 16c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 6c to 13c. Cheese—State factory, ordinary to fancy, 4c to 7 1/2c; Ohio Flat, fair to prime, 4c to 6c.

Eggs.—State and Pennsylvania, in brls, 15c to 15 1/2c; Canadian, fine, 14c to 14 1/2c; Western, inferior to fancy, 10c to 14c.

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