V. JOHN GIBSON LSON,-I did not think ast mail about Brother I should so soon have cease of dear Brother sad event took place ing the 7th inst., at dear Bro. was taken by that disease which e caught cold in going from this place. His n seriously ill and he medical advice. On ned incessantly and he d, which entirely laid much loved toil. It was saw him that his days t he was consumptive, earth was only a questhe first he became so ith difficulty he could hortly after he gave up is bed, which he never Master called him asure to Him to find ministry rally round ulpit from Sabbath to ghted his heart when know that the Lord ed his labors among parge by pouring out Spirit and converting rom every part of the erested in his welfare. cthers in trying to f kindness how he had those to whom he had of life. At one time wanted some grapes. roat were very sore. lid his best to procure ould not succeed. He o a kind brother there re to get some for him then, instead, by a he sent him some of ble. The fact is everyrother, his disposition im a general favorite.

hat he spake. His conbut perceive that his with that divine prinbeen spared he would minister of the New his illness he often s in Scotland. He has r now living in Glasefforts was to write a Willie, and there is no ther epistles sent, teshich God has graciousis servant. L was Bro. die in Carbonear, and made to bring him up became so week that seen, would only prove he never got here unmen belonging to his ed up with his corpse of 26 miles, thus showneir deceased pastor. It to witness the taking lission house at Island s. His wife felt it seole thronged to catch a in which contained all him who had ministerto them. n the Saturday follow-

able expositor of the

s indeed a rich treat to

on the love of Christ.

llv shine whilst dwell-

us theme. It was evi-

ed to the grave by six otland. Twelve of his cores of the people folto their last resting ch brethren Goodison, Bryant gave short ade character, usefulness ear brother. A sacred sanctuary. Many were d all felt that a prince rael. On the Sabbath the Rev. James Dove, roved his death by sermon founded upon Cor. v. 1: "For we thly house of this taberd we have a building of made with hands, eter-" I had not the pleadiscourse, but learned dges that the subject a masterly style and e was eminently felt. Bro. Dove gave a short rie's ministerial career s landing in St. John's in Island Cove. And cene that was. How illy (after bidding good child, and other mem. ld) he passed away to ed 27 years. Those who n scarce knew he was and his happy spirit the chorus of that Reoved and so faithfully and generation. May eath to our good and to

JOHN GOODISON. 15, 1878.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

JUNE 8

B. C. 555. LESSON XI. MESSIAH'S KING-DOM; or, The Everlasting Kingdom. Dan. 7, 9-14. June 16.

EXPLANATORY.

VERSE 9. THRONES WERE CAST DOWN. This may refer to the four great empires of the world, destroyed before God's kingdom. But some of the best recent authorities suggest the translation, "set up, established," instead of "cast down," as the original words permit either rendering; and the passage would then refer to God's throne of judgment on the nations. Garment was white as snow. In token of. the purity and perfection of the Being who wears it. Hair ... like the pure wool. Like a fine white fleece, as a symbol of his age, and long duration of his power. Wheels. According to Oriental imagery, the throne was movable, resting on fiery wheels, to indicate rapid motion over all the earth. So Ezekiel saw God's throne in his vision. Ezek. 1, 13.

20. A FIERY STREAM. He who dwells in light, radiates it to the ends of the earth; a light which illumines his people, but dazzles and destroys his foes. Thousand thousands. The attending angels who wait on God's will and execute his commands. Ten thousand times ten thousand. The inhabitants of the earth, swayed by the sceptre of the Almighty. God's empire casts into utter nothingness the proudest kingdoms of the world. Judgment. This does not refer directly to the general judgment of mankind at the end of the world, though it may illustrate it: but to God's judgment upon the earthly kingdoms. The estates of earth must stand at the bar of God, and the realms recognize him as their ruler. Books were opened. Records of each nation's history, with the estimate of its character, and sentence of its destiny. Do we in enlightened America realize that our favoured nation must answer for its privileges, and account for its use

11. Words which the horn spake. On the head of the fourth beast in Daniel's vision appeared ten horns, generally sup- | will appear to chain the attention and posed to refer to the ten kingdoms which profit the heart. What mightier sugarose out of the Roman Empire. In the gestions to a young minister than midst of these horns arose another, small at first, but soon growing to greatness, and "speaking great things," an apt illustration of the Roman Church, whose Pope claimed universal rule. Under this interpretation the prophet beheld the symbols of events destined to occur thousands of years after his day. But some of the leading recent commentators (among them Lange and Cowles) decide that the reference is to the Syrian kingdom of Antiochus Epiphanes, which suddenly arose to power, and was bitterly hostile to the Jews and their religion. The beast was slain. The power of the papacy, which received a fatal blow in the Reformation, but still endures in a measure; or the fall of Antiochus before the Maccabean reformation, B. C. 164. Every enemy of God's cause is sure to meet with failure and destruction in the end. An infidel was boasting of his cornfield, plowed, planted, and hoed, all on the Sabbath. "See, here it is October, and what a fine crop! Don't tell me that there is a God!" "Well," says a Christian neighbor, "God does not always settle up his accounts in Octo-

12, 13. DOMINION TAKEN AWAY... LIVES | "Strive to get quite above a light spir-WERE PROLONGED. Although the supre- it. The Spirit of the Lord is a happy macy of these ancient empires over the world passed away, yet Babylon continned in decaying splendor for centuries; Persia still survives as a nation, though in poverty and depopulation; and Macedon retained its existence long after the brilliant but brief era of Alexander. One like the Son of man. While the kingdoms of the beasts pass away, that of restored humanity, a higher and nobler power, appears, with Jesus Christ, Son of man and Son of God, as its exalted head He who is our king is also our brother. Came with the clouds of heaven. He came down from heaven that he might lead and lift us up to a seat beside him there. To the Ancient of days. Even Christ receives his kingdom from the Father, that ' God may | God and His cause. be all in all." 1 Cor. 15, 28. They brought him near. The risen and ascended Christ, accompanied by the angelic host, is duly invested with his heavenly kingdom.

14. Dominion, and glory, and a king-DOM. The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, inaugurated on the day of Pentecost, and still spreading over the world. All people, nations. Other empires were for the honor and aggrandizement of the conquering nation only, all the subject States being oppressed beneath its scepter. But Christ's kingdom bestows its privileges equally upon all tribes. The only religion ever established which is

Christian. Languages. The Bible is now printed in nearly every language of earth, and converts praise God in every tongue. Everlasting. Every earthly empire of the past has been overthrown; but the kingdom of Christ, rising by spiritual forces only, and unconquerable by carnal weapons, shall endure forever. Bayonets cannot pierce ideas, and bomb-shells have no power against moral principles.

GOLDEN TEXT: Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the scepter of thy kingdom is a right scepter. Psa. 46, 6.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: The royalty

The next lesson is 2 Chron. 36, 22-23. SPIRITUAL TONIC FROM WM.

BRAMWELL.

BY J. S. P.

Throughout the Methodistic world. at least, the name of Bramwell is "as ointment poured forth." Of deep and pungent feelings, his early experience in the search after Christian truth, read like the annals of a romance. His selfabasement, his rigid penances, his selfupbraidings, his bodily sufferings, remind the reader of some ancient recluse who sought the light by means of flagellation. What a deep horror of sin must one have, that will cause him to rise at midnight, place his knees upon the roughest sand, and in that painful position spend hours in supplicating pardon for his transgressions. But such a view of sin prepares one to receive more fully, and appreciate more highly, the grace that does yet more abound. He that is forgiven much, loveth much. We cannot come into contact with Bramwell, without feeling that in him we find a spiritual giant, a stalwart veteran, a real man of God. In the little volume that makes up his Memoir, how much there is to stimulate and energize the drooping spirit. The influence of his pages upon one who reads to profit, is that of the seabreeze to one who comes from a far inland town. What heights of spiritual vision did Bramwell reach, and as you read your own vision becomes clarified, and the realities of eternity appear, and its breezes blow upon your cheek. What clear directions do we get of the true methods of Christian living. Turn at random to any page, and something these? "The entire abandonment of the wish to shine, was the most consumate victory he ever achieved over the flesh. He saw that the heart remained | produced. unchanged after the most studied harangues and eloquent orations." In a letter to a friend, he says, " My brother, live every moment in the spirit of prayer." Continually he emphazizes that salvation of souls is the glory of the ministry. Everything must be subordinated to that. "To be all alive to God, is, as it were, two heavens; to be unstable, and not a whole Christian, two hells." Justification and sanctification were constantly enforced. As the result of such preaching, souls were continually being saved. In two years,

Christ in every house, in every company,-all things by Him, from Him, and to Him," p. 207. One involuntarily exclaims, Where are the Bramwells of to-day? How impressive is this, Spirit, but it is a quiet serious Spirit.' How applicable to Christians of the present. "Satan can continue," he says, "his authority with all persons who do not give themselves to prayer." What a different aspect would the church present were this warning heeded by each individual member. Oh, that every Methodist would diligently and prayerfully read this little volume, in which so much of spiritual power is condensed, and having read it, I am sure they would feel as I felt, that here was displayed not so much a remark. able man as a remarkable God in an ordinary man. Let us emulate the devotion of our fathers, be baptized, as they were, of the Holy Ghost, and be

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