

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)

LESSON XII. [Ps. 101: 1-22] Sept. 21, 1884.

A SONG OF PRAISE. COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 15.

- 1. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. 3. Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thine diseases; 4. Who releaseth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; 5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things, so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6. The Lord executeth righteousness: a judgment for all that are oppressed. 7. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. 8. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. 9. He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever. 10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. 11. For as heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. 12. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. 13. Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him. 14. For he knoweth our frame: he remembereth that we are dust. 15. As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. 16. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more. 17. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children. 18. To such as keep his covenant, and to them that remember his commandments to do them. 19. The Lord hath prepared his throne in heaven, and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20. Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, harkening unto the voice of his word. 21. Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his that do his pleasure. 22. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

GOLDEN TEXT.

- "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." HOME READINGS. M. Ps. 103: 1-22. A Song of Praise. T. Ps. 101: 1-22. Perpetual Praise. W. Ps. 145: 1-21. Gladly to be Praised. T. Luke 1: 1-5. Mary's Song. F. Luke 1: 67-79. Zachariah's Song. SA. Rev. 3: 1-11. The New Song. S. Rev. 7: 9-17. The Song of Saints and Angels.

LESSON PLAN.

- 1. Remembering God's Benefits. 2. Recounting God's goodness. 3. Calling to Praise. Time and Place, uncertain. Written by David on his recovery from dangerous sickness.

LESSON NOTES.

L-V. 1. ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME—all my powers and affections. Deut. 10: 17. DISEASES—God cured the sickness of his body and forgave his spiritual diseases, his sins, and helped him to overcome them. V. 4. REDEMPTETH—delivereth. CROMWELL—adorneth. Ps. 65: 11. V. 5. He completely does God's bounty feed thy strength that even in old age thou growest young again and soothest like an eagle. This far, his reasons for praise are drawn from personal experiences. With thine, all our grateful exercises must begin. V. 6. From private causes of thanksgiving he now turns to more general views of God's providence. He is not only merciful to me, but to all his people. V. 7. HIS WAYS—his modes of dealing with his people. (See Ex. 33: 13. Compare Ps. 114: 6, 12.) 11. V. 8. MERCIFUL—compare Ex. 34: 6. V. 9. WILL NOT ALWAYS CHIDE—AS SUCH as the sinner repents God will pardon. V. 12. He moved—put far from us, as no longer having anything to do with us. V. 13. LIKE AS A FATHER—always ready to receive us, writing soul-like in 11: 28. V. 14. OCE FRANK—our iniquity, our guilt. WE ARE DUST—made of it and tending to it. Gen. 2: 7. Ps. 90: 3. V. 15. He so short and frail is life that a breath may destroy it. V. 17. In marked contrast with man's frailty is God's everlasting mercy. Ps. 90: 10, 27. 28. HIS RIGHTeousNESS—his faithfulness to his covenant of mercy. V. 18. To the children of love that fear him the covenant promises shall beholding unless they are faithful to the covenant and obey his laws. V. 19. PREPARED—established. OVER ALL—S. 11: 3. 11. V. 20. The Psalmist now calls upon all God's creatures to render him praise. HARKEN—listening intently for the faintest intimation of his will. Ps. 137: 2. HIS HOSTS—his armies. It doubtless is in power and multitude. MINISTERS—Heb. 1: 14. V. 22. ALL HIS WORKS—all that he has made; creatures of every sort over which. Bless the Lord, O my soul—he thus returns to himself, and ends as he began.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That God is the giver of all my mercies and blessings. 2. That God's goodness calls upon me for gratitude and praise. 3. That God is ever ready to pardon the penitent sinner. 4. That his love for his children exceeds that of the most tender and loving father. 5. That he will crown with everlasting glory all who "fear him" and "keep his covenant," and "do his commandments." "BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL."

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Sept. 9, 1884.

There has been no great change in the volume of business nor in local prices, but Chicago and Western prices generally have tumbled badly, and are now some three or four cents under those of last week. Corn has become the favorite grain for speculative purposes and this has led to the market, being manipulated by a "ring" causing much fluctuation in the price. The Canadian grain business can not be said to be in a very satisfactory state. All summer there has been but little movement of produce, and business is not now brisk, nor does it promise to be brisk enough to counterbalance the stagnation that lasted so long.

The Chicago prices are lower now than last week by 3/4c for Sept., 4c for Oct., and 4 1/2c Nov. Quotations now are—76 1/2c Sept.; 77 1/2c Oct.; 79c Nov. Corn is about three cents higher all round and is now quoted at 55 1/2c Sept.; 54 1/2c Oct.; 46 1/2c Nov.

The local grain trade is not more active this past week than it was a month ago, and prices are steady. We quote—Canada Red Spring, 90c; White 89c to 90c; old Canada Spring, 90c to 95c. Peas, 88c to 78c. Oats, 38c to 40c. Barley, 55c to 65c. Corn, 65c to 69c.

Flour.—The market has weakened but the volume of business has increased somewhat. We quote: Superior Extra, \$4.35 to \$4.45; Extra Superior, \$4.25 to \$4.35; Fancy \$4.10 to \$4.15; Spring Extra \$4.10 to \$4.15; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.35; Strong Bakers' (Can.), \$4.50 to \$4.85; Strong Bakers' (American), \$5.00 to \$5.50; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Pollards, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Spring Extra, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Superfine, \$1.65 to \$1.75; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.75.

DAIRY PRODUCE—Cheese, which was slightly depressed last week, is a little stronger this, and is quoted 9c to 9 1/2c July, August 9 1/2c to 10c. The price in England is 51 shillings per hundred. Butter is still dull. We quote—Creamery, 21c to 23c; Eastern Townships, 17c to 19c; Western, 14c to 16c.

Eggs are selling at 15c to 17c as to quality.

HOG PRODUCTS are unchanged. We quote—Western Mess Pork \$20.00 to \$20.50; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western in pairs, 11c to 11 1/2c; do, Canadian, 10c to 10 1/2c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES are quoted at \$3.80 to \$3.90 for Pots, and \$4.50 to \$4.55 for Pearls.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of both cattle and lambs has been unusually large of late and prices are lower all round, while the shippers are not operating here at present. Only very choice butchers' steers bring over 4c per lb., while good fat cows and fair conditioned steers sell at from 3 1/2c to 4c do. Common dry cows sell in lots at from \$25.00 to \$32.00 each, or about 3c per lb., while leanish stock bring from 2 1/2c to 2 3/4c do. Good lambs sell at from \$3.00 to \$3.50 each; common lambs at from \$2.25 to \$2.60 each, and inferior ones at \$1.50 to \$1.75 each. Old sheep sell at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 each, or 3 1/2c to 4c per lb. Hogs are rather dull of sale and have been declining in value of late, the price at present being about 6c per lb. There is an active demand for milch cows, and prices are looking up.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers are coming to market in large numbers and nearly all kinds of seasonal produce are abundantly supplied at pretty low rates. The supplies of oats are much larger than for several months past and prices are declining. Potatoes and other roots and vegetables are abundant at former rates. The prices of fruit have been advancing of late, except tomatoes, which are still a drug on the market. Poultry have been rather scarce and pretty high priced of late. Eggs are in larger supply, but the quality is not above suspicion. There are no changes in the prices of tub butter, but superior prints have advanced to 36c per lb. The supply of hay is about equal to the demand and prices are unchanged. Oats are 90c to \$1.00 per bag; potatoes 50c to 55c do; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 35c to 50c per bushel; cabbages 12c

to 35c per dozen heads; butter 17c to 35c per lb; eggs 17c to 30c per dozen; apples \$2.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; tomatoes 20c to 30c per bushel; nutmeg melons \$2 to \$5 per dozen; hay \$6.00 to \$8.50 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 1884.

GRAIN.—Wheat 88 1/2c Sept; 90 1/2c Oct; 92 1/2c Nov; 94c Dec; 95 1/2c Jan; 97 1/2c Feb. Corn, 65c Sept and 63 1/2c Oct; 61 1/2c Nov; 58 Dec; 53 1/2c Jan. Rye, quiet, 66c to 72c. Oats in fair demand, 33 1/2c Sept., 32 1/2c Oct., 33 1/2c Nov. Barley, nominal. Fescue nominal.

FLOUR.—The quotations are as follows:—Spring Wheat No. 1, \$2.10 to \$2.75; Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.80; Low Extra, \$3.00 to \$3.40; Clears, \$3.75 to \$4.75; Straight (full stock), \$4.45 to \$5.90; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.15. Winter Wheat—No. 2, \$2.45 to \$2.75; Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.10 to \$3.50; Clears (R. and A.), \$4.00 to \$5.15; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.40 to \$5.70; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.00; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.00 to \$5.40; Low Extra (City Mill), \$3.40 to \$3.75; West India, sacks, \$4.10 to \$4.20; barrels, \$5.70; South America, \$4.70 to \$4.85; Patent, \$5.15 to \$5.75. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.75 to \$5.00; Family, \$5.00 to \$5.75; Patent \$5.50 to \$5.85. Rye Flour—Fine to superfine, \$3.00 to \$4.40.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$3.10 to \$3.50 in bbls; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per bbl.

SEEDS, dull. Clover 9c to 10c; Timothy, \$1.55 to \$1.70; Flaxseed \$1.60 to \$1.90.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—we quote creamery, ordinary to select 17c to 22c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 15c to 25c. Welsh tubs 16c to 21c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery 9c to 20c. Cheese state factory ordinary to fall cream, 4c to 10c. Ohio flats fair to choice 4 1/2c to 8 1/2c; Skins 1c to 1 1/2c.

PROVISIONS.—Pork, Mess, old to new, \$15.00 to \$18.00; Beef, Extra, Mess, \$11.50 to \$12.00. Lard \$7.70 to \$7.87.

UNITED STATES POLITICS.

The Maine elections have resulted in the return of Governor Robie, Republican, by over 12,000 majority. Mr. Pingree, the Republican candidate for Governor of Vermont, has been elected by about 20,000 majority.

The report is confirmed that Governor St. John was offered a large sum of money if he would withdraw from the Presidential candidacy. St. John held fast, however; there was no tampering with his honor.

Miss Bella A. Lockwood, of Washington, has come forward as a "woman's rights" candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

HEARING WITH HIS MOUTH.

Ezekiel Eads, who died recently near Athens, N. Y., aged sixty-five years, was born without ears, and had no apertures where his ears should have been. He was able, however, to gather sound through his mouth. When addressed he opened his mouth, and could hear conversation that was carried on in an ordinary tone. His hair was black at birth, but was interspersed with oddly shaped gray spots, some of them resembling diminutive human hands and ears. These singular markings never changed, and his black hair never became gray. Eads left fourteen living children. The eldest, forty-five years old, has hair as black as jet, and not a gray hair in his head. The youngest, aged thirteen, is as gray as a man of seventy.

A VALUABLE BOOK.

A singular and unique volume is likely to be put up to auction in England soon, it is a book called "The Passion of Christ," which is neither printed, written, engraved, nor lithographed. It is indeed, much too ancient for its production to have been due to any of the modern methods of book-making. Every letter has been cut with a pen-knife, and the page has then been backed with blue paper, so that the text is quite

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