

Notes on the Lessons.

LESSON I—October 4th, 1896.

Solomon Anointed King. I KINGS I : 28-39.

(Commit to memory verses 28-30).

GOLDEN TEXT: "Keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways." I Kings 2: 3.

PROVE THAT—Those in authority should be respected. I Pet. 2: 13.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Questions 39, 40, 41.

LESSON HYMNS: *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 16, 22, 57, 69.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday*. A mother's request. I Kings I: 15-27. *Tuesday*. Solomon anointed king. I Kings I: 28-39. *Wednesday*. A danger averted. I Kings I: 41-49. *Thursday*. David's prayer for Solomon. Ps. 72. *Friday*. A prosperous king. I Chr. 29: 20-30. *Saturday*. The Prince of Peace. Isa. 9: 1-7. *Sabbath*. Everlasting dominion. Dan. 7: 9-14. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections.*)

EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. Our lessons this Quarter treat of the life and writings of Solomon. The genius of David laid the foundations of the splendor of this reign. Our opening lesson describes the circumstances attending the accession of the new king.

LESSON PLAN. The King's Promise. vs. 28-31. II. The King's Instructions. vs. 32-35. III. The King's Successor. vs. 36-39.

28. Then king David answered and said—Adonijah, the eldest son of David, in many points resembling his half-brother Absalom, had taken advantage of David's increasing feebleness to organize a conspiracy and seize upon the succession. Even Joab and Abiathar were implicated in it. Gathering his adherents around him at a great banquet near Enrogel, a fountain close by Jerusalem on the south-east, while the company were excited with wine and good fellowship, he caused the cry to be raised "Long live king Adonijah." Knowing that David had already selected Solomon as his successor, as soon as he heard of these proceedings, Nathan the prophet told Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, who at once informed the king. While she was speaking Nathan came in and, according to etiquette, Bathsheba retired from the royal presence. Nathan repeated the news to the king, who recalled Bathsheba. If Adonijah had thought that David was in his dotage his prompt and energetic action proved the reverse. He does not stagger irresolutely hither and thither, like a sick, feeble old man without any will of his own, but, as if he were still the strong hero, the undismayed, determined, energetic man, such as in his best years he had so often shewn

himself amid dangers and in critical situations, he raises himself from his sick-bed, swears to observe his word, issues his orders and puts them into immediate execution. (Baehr). **Call me Bathshe'ba**—She had retired when Nathan was announced, not in order that they might seem to have acted independently, but "for reasons of propriety, inasmuch as, in audiences granted by the king to his wife or one of his counsellors, no third person ought to be present unless the king required his attendance." (Keil). **And she came into the king's presence and stood before the king**—Lit. "came before the king and stood before the king." 29. **And the king swore**—This was a solemn renewal of a previous promise (v. 13). The emergency arouses all the old time vigor and promptitude of the king. **And said, As the Lord liveth**—i. e. "as surely as the Lord liveth," the commonest form of reverent oath among the Hebrews (Jer. 4: 3; 5: 2; Hos. 4: 15), "by the life of Pharaoh" (Gen. 42: 15). It corresponds to our own phrase "so help me God." God is frequently spoken of as "the living God," and the idea in this form of asseveration seems to be this, "the Lord is living, of that there is no doubt, and as certainly