

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)
LESSON XL.
Sept. 14, 1884. [Ps. 40:1-17.]
WAITING FOR THE LORD.

- 1. I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
2. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.
3. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise; and thanksgiving shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.
4. Blessed be that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
5. Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are inwards; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
6. Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.
7. Then said I, Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me: I will declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
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9. Then said I, Lo, I come; in the volume of the book it is written of me: I will declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.
10. I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart.
11. I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: so I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.
12. I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.
13. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord: in thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
14. For in mine iniquities have compassed me about; mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am unable to look up; they are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.
15. Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.
16. Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish mine evil.
17. Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame that say unto me, Ah, Ah.
18. Let all those that seek thee and rejoice and be glad in thee; let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.
19. But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me; thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.
GOLDEN TEXT.
I delight to do thy will, O my God.—Ps. 40:17.
HOME READINGS.
M. Ps. 40:1-17. The Waiting Sufferer De.
T. Ps. 22:1-31. Christ's Complaint and Triumph.
V. Heb. 10:1-14. The One Offering.
Th. 1st Jn. 2:1-19. Heard in that he Feared.
F. 1st Jn. 3:1-12. The Suffering Saviour.
Sa. Ps. 16:1-13. Christ's sufferings, Resurrection and Glory.
Su. Heb. 12:1-13. "Let us be wearied."
LESSON PLAN.
1. Mercy Remembered. 2. Obedience Promised. 3. Confidence in Danger.
Time, Peace and occasion unknown.—Written by David in the name of the Messiah, of whom he was a type.
LESSON NOTES.
I. V. I WAITED PATIENTLY.—In waiting I waited—an expression of patience and trust in distress. V. 2. HONORABLE PITY.—MIRY CLAY—compassion. Ps. 28:9. 12. Christ's assurance of suffering, his earnest prayer for deliverance, and his Father's answer to his prayer in bringing him up from the grave and exalting him to heaven and glory, are here described. V. 3. OUR GOD—thus identifying himself with his people. V. 12. WE WARD—here the use of the plural again shows the union of Christ and his people in suffering and in triumph. Rom. 8:17; Phil. 1:29; Titim. 2:14.
II.—A SACRIFICE—a bloody offering, OFFERING—without blood as a peace-offering. JEREMY OFFERING—one wholly consumed by fire. SUFFERING—our mine to atone for sin. These are the kinds of sacrifices known to the Jewish law. V. 7. LOVE—those legal sacrifices availed not to put away sin, he came to do the will of God by meeting the demand of the law by his obedience unto death. Phil. 2:8. (Compare Heb. 10:7.)
III.—V. 11. WITHHOLD NOT—a prayer of Christ that God would give him support and deliverance in his sufferings. V. 12. EXILES—sufferers. V. 13. GOTTESMANN, in the judgment-hall, on the cross to save him. MINE INIQUITIES—personal fault on me—a fault in the doing of the work. (See Ps. 11:19; 51:1; 1st Jn. 3:14.) V. 13. DELIVER ME—see Matt. 26:28; also Ps. 22:19; V. 17. MAKE SO FORTHY—do not delay in coming to my assistance. Thus the poet ends with the suffering Saviour subjected, crushed, forsaken, yet confident, and assured that he will not leave him in his sufferings.
WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?
1. That God will hear the cry of those in distress.
2. That his mercies should be acknowledged and remembered with gratitude and praise.
3. That we cannot be saved by our own obedience or other-gods.
4. That Christ by his obedience unto death has purchased the salvation for us.
5. That the mercy of God in the gift of Christ should be our hearts with joy and faith.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Sept. 2, 1884.
During the last week there has not been a very large business, and nothing has taken place to change the tone of the market. There has been no further decline in prices, and it may be safely believed that the present figures are not far wrong those with which the market for the new harvest opens in earnest. The first wheat which was brought in by farmers, was bought, generally speaking, at too high a price, and a steady decline of course set in in the price to the farmers, this lower price they have refused to accept, and it is in consequence of this as well as the large amount of harvest work that remains to be done, that accounts for the present quietness.
Chicago has gone up about a cent this week as the result of the fluctuations which constantly go on. It is now quoted at 79c Sept., 81c Oct., and 83c Nov. Corn is steady as 51c Sept., 50c Oct., 45c Nov., and 42c year.
The local grain trade is not more active this week than it was a month ago, and prices are steady. We quote:—Canada Red Winter, 90c; White 80c to 90c; old Canada Spring, 90c to 95c. Peas, 88c to 78c. Oats, 35c to 40c. Barley, 55c to 65c. Corn, 68c to 69c.
FLOUR.—Receipts are still large, but the business reported is not increasing. Prices for superiors are slightly lower. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$4.55 to \$4.60; Extra Superior, \$4.40 to \$4.50; Family \$4.10 to \$4.20; Spring Extra \$4.15 to \$4.20; Superfine \$3.25 to \$3.35; Strong Bakers' (Can.) \$4.75 to \$5.00; Strong Bakers' (American) \$5.25 to \$5.60; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.20; Middlings, \$2.85 to \$3.00; Pollaris, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.20 to \$2.30; Spring Extra, \$2.00 to \$2.10; Superfine, \$1.65 to \$1.75; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.75.
DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese.—The great increase in this trade is shown by the fact that there has been 670,000 boxes shipped from Montreal this season, against 500,000 during the corresponding period last year. This represents about \$1,000,000, and this increase is due to the production of a good article at a reasonable cost. The quotations are 9c to 9c for fine to finest. Butter is quiet enough, tub at 21c to 22c creamery, 18c to 20c Eastern Turnings 14c to 16c Western.
EGGS are quoted at 16c to 17c per dozen for good stock.
HOG PRODUCTS are unchanged. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$20.00 to \$20.50; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western in pails, 11c to 11c; do., Canadian, 10c to 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.
ASHES are dull at \$3 65 to \$3 75, as to tars, for Pots, and about \$4.50 for Pearls.
DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—we quote creamery, ordinary to select 15c to 24c. Half firkins, ordinary to best 15c to 21c Welsh tubs 16c to 20c; Western ordinary factory, to choice imitation creamery 9c to 18c. Cheese state factory ordinary to fall cream, 4c to 9c; Ohio flats fair to choice 6c to 8c; Skims 1c to 2c.
PROVISIONS.—Pork, Mess, old to new, \$15 00 to \$18 75; Beef, Extra, Mess, \$11.50 to \$12.00. Lard \$7.70 to \$7.87.
FARMERS' MARKET.
The farmers are getting pretty well through with the harvesting of their grain and many more of them are bringing produce to the market for sale. The market gardeners are also bringing enormous quantities of tomatoes, roots and vegetables which are sold at very low rates. The prices of oats are declining and potatoes are also somewhat lower in price. Tomatoes have been almost unsalable for some time but are improving in price again. Eggs are rather more plentiful and cheaper, but there is no change to note in the butter market. Poultry are scarce and pretty high priced. Inferior apples are almost a drug on the market. Oats are 95c to \$1.05 per bag; potatoes 45c to 50c do.; turnips, carrots, beets and onions 35c to 50c per bushel; cabbages 12c to 35c per dozen heads; butter 17c to 30c per lb.; eggs 17c to 30c per dozen; apples \$1.00 to \$3.00 per barrel; tomatoes 20c to 30c per bushel; nutmeg melons \$2 to \$5 per dozen; hay \$6.00 to \$8.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The supply of butchers' cattle has been much larger this week owing to the slackness in the demand for shipping to Britain. There are also fewer lean scallawag cattle being brought to market. Prices are somewhat lower all round, only very choice heifers and steers are selling at over 4c per lb., while good fat cows and fair condition steers sell at 3c to 4c do. Common dry cows sell at from \$25 to \$35 each or about 3c per lb. and lean animals at \$12 to \$22 each or 2c to 2c do. Only a few calves are now brought to market and these are mostly of rather poor quality. The supply of sheep and lambs has been increasing of late and prices are easier, except for choice lambs which still sell at from \$3.50 to \$4 each, while common lambs bring from \$2 to \$3 each. Sheep sell at from \$3.50 to 5.50 each, or from 3c to 4c per lb. Live hogs were very high priced last week, some superior lots were sold at over 7c per lb.; this week the supply is much larger and prices have declined nearly one cent per lb. Milch cows are again plentiful and prices are on the decline, though they are still higher than they were four weeks ago. A very fine large springer cow brought here from Perth last week was sold for \$1.10 and another this week at \$75. Pretty good cows sell at from \$45 to \$50 each and common cows at \$30 to \$40 each. There is very little being done in the horse market at present.
NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1884.
GRAIN.—Wheat, 80c Sept.; 91c Oct.; 93c Nov.; 95c Dec.; 97 Jan. Corn, 66c Sept. and 60c Oct.; 50c Nov. Rye, quiet, 66c to 72c. Oats in fair demand, 33c Aug., 32c Sept., 33c Oct., 33c Nov. Barley, nominal. Pease nominal.
FLOUR.—quotations are:—Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.55; Low Extra, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Clear, \$3.85 to \$4.75; Straight (full stock), \$4.45 to \$5.60; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.00. Winter Wheat Superfine, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$3.50; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.00 to \$5.15; 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, West India, \$4.90 to \$4.95; Patent, \$5.25 to \$5.75; 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—Superfine, \$4.25 to \$4.50; Fine \$3.00 to \$3.25; unsound, \$3.00 to \$4.00; New Winter Wheat, \$4.85 to \$5.00.
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 \$1.50 to \$1.60.
THE HUNTING OF THE WREN.
An old custom, known as the hunting of the wren, is still observed on the Isle of Man. A legend exists to the effect that a fairy who exerted a baleful influence over the island was pursued by a knight, and only escaped in a moment of extreme danger by assuming the appearance of a wren. In consequence of this, on the supposed anniversary, the islanders devote their energies to the extirpation of the fairy, and the wrens were pursued, pelted and fired at without mercy. Their feathers were preserved with great care, there being a superstitious belief that these possessed the peculiar charm of preserving against drowning or from death by shipwreck. Any fisherman going to sea without such a safeguard was looked upon as exceedingly foolhardy. Every year, after Christmas Day, boys go about the Isle of Man, carrying a wren in a cage suspended upon a pole, and they pluck out her feathers and present one to any liberally minded person who pays them for their song.
A JOURNEY TO THE SUN.
If a man could stretch out his arm and touch the sun, it would be a hundred years before the feeling of burning reached from his fingers to his brain. As to the distance of ninety-three million miles, a cannon ball would travel it in about fifteen years. It may help us to remember that at the speed attained by the Limited Express on our railways a train which had left the sun for the earth when the Mayflower sailed from Delfhaven with the Pilgrim Fathers,

and which ran at that rate day and night, would in 1884 still be a journey of some years away from its terrestrial station. The fare, at the customary rates, it may be remarked, would be rather over two million five hundred thousand dollars, so that it is clear that we should need both money and leisure for the journey.

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