

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From International Question Book)

LESSON VII.—AUGUST 14. THE PROPHET OF THE LORD.—1 KINGS 13:30-46. COMMIT VERSES 36-39.

GOLDEN TEXT.

The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God.—1 Kings 18:39.

CENTRAL TRUTH.

God answers the prayers of his people in a wonderful way.

DAILY READINGS.

M. 1 Kings 18:30-46. T. 2 Chron. 7:1-14. W. Deut. 13:6-18. Th. James 5:13-20. F. Luke 11:1-13. Sa. 2 Kings 19:35-37. Su. Ps. 137:1-6.

TIME.—10c. Immediately following the last lesson; the afternoon of the same day.

PLACE.—Mount Carmel, the eastern extremity.

CIRCUMSTANCES.—The people of Israel were assembled on Mount Carmel with King Ahab, to witness the trial between Elijah and the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal. These last had prepared the altars of stone, and for three hours had prayed to Baal for fire from heaven but no answer came. Now it was Elijah's turn.

HELPS OVER HARD PLACES.

30. COMPARE—To defend and to watch the prophet. 31. TWELVE STONES—to show that all the twelve tribes should be one in serving the Lord. 32. A FIRE SIGN.—AS GREAT AS WOULD CONTAIN TWO MEASURES OF STONE.—ITS HEARD here is the sea, containing about three gallons. The trench was as wide and deep as a vessel that would hold two measures. 33. FILL FOUR BARRELS (WATER JARS) WITH WATER—to prove to the people that there was no trick or deceit. 34. TIME OF THE EVENING SACRIFICE.—A FEW. 35. THE FIRE OF THE LORD FELL—from heaven, openly, before the eyes of the people. 36. THEY FELLOE THEIR FACES.—It was no ordinary fire, but divine. THE DUST—the earth which filled the enclosed place between the altars. 37. THEY RAN TO HIS ALTARS.—They were trying their country. They were traitors. And they were punished on the same principles that murderers are executed, or an invading army is attacked and slain. Not to die it would be cruel and not mercy. 38. A CLOUD.—LIKE A MAN'S HAND—AS LARGE AS A MAN'S HAND. IN PASSING THIS IS THE PROCESSION OF A RAIN STORM. 39. THE HAND OF THE LORD—the power of the Lord, enabling him to turn the sevenfold dews to frozen snow. 40. FROST AND HAIL—to show that though a prophet he was still an obedient subject of the king.

QUESTIONS.

INTRODUCTION.—What company was assembled in our last lesson? In what place? For what purpose? What was the result of the trial on the part of the idolators?

SUBJECT: TWO PRAYERS AND THEIR ANSWERS.

I. ELIJAH'S PREPARATION FOR THE SACRIFICE (VS. 30-35).—Why did Elijah gather people about him? Of what did he hold the altar? Was it a new one? Why did he use just twelve stones? How large was the trench around it? How many "barrels" or water jars were poured over the sacrifice? For what purpose? Why was this very important?

II. ELIJAH'S PRAYER (VS. 36-37).—When was Elijah's sacrifice ready? Why did he pray this time? How did he address God? Why did he use this address? What did he desire in his prayer? Had God then already turned the heart of the people back again? What characteristics of true prayer do you find in this prayer?

III. THE ANSWER (VS. 38-40).—In what way did God answer? What showed that the answer came from God? What is a miracle? How do miracles prove the word to be from God? Why do we not need miracles now? What was the answer in the hearts of the people? Were they really converted? How did Elijah immediately set them to work? The result of this? How many prophets of Baal were slain? According to what law? (Deut. 17:2.) Did they deserve it? Could the country have been saved in any other way? How was this question an act of mercy to the nation? What practical lessons can you find in the above verses.

IV. ELIJAH'S SECOND PRAYER (VS. 41-43).—What did Elijah do next? Had rain been promised? (1 Kings 18:1.) Why, then, was it necessary to pray for it? Why was the answer delayed? How many times did he send to see if the rain was coming?

V. THE ANSWER (VS. 44-46).—What did the watcher first see? What message did Elijah send to the king? Was this answer given by natural law? How does it differ from the answer to the previous prayer. Does God answer in both ways now? Where did Ahab and Elijah go? Why did Elijah run before the king? How far was it? What lessons can you learn from this part of the lesson.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

I. The Church of God is one, in spite of all its apparent divisions.

II. There is advantage in worshipping God at stated times.

III. Miracles are God's signature to his message, and endorsement of his messengers.

IV. God still approves his message and his messengers by his divine power in changing the hearts of men.

V. Righteous punishment of the criminal is mercy to the nation.

VI. Persevere in prayer. Watch as well as pray.

VII. Small beginnings often result in great endings.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Aug 5, 1885.

The tone of the English breadstuffs markets has improved slightly during the week and everything points to a satisfactory opening for the fall trade as soon as the new wheat begins to move. Red Winter is now quoted in Liverpool at 6s. 9d. to 6s. 11d. Canadian Peas at 5s. 6d. Throughout western Ontario the fall wheat was harvested in splendid condition and is expected to run twenty to thirty bushels to the acre. In the midlands quite a lot of old wheat is moving at a profitable figure to make room for the new. Chicago is uninteresting, quiet and steady, with no great change in quotations, 90c Sept., and 92c Oct. being quoted prices. The local grain market has not changed. We quote:—Canada Red Winter, 92c to 95c; Canada White, 92c to 94c; Canada Spring, 95c; Peas, 72c to 75c; Oats, 35c to 36c; Rye, 72c to 74c; Barley, 50c to 65c; Corn, 60c to 64c.

FLOUR.—There has been but little change in prices, but business has been fair brisk and the reported sales approach outside more often than inside prices. We quote:—Patents, \$4.50 to \$4.85; Superior Extra, \$4.25 to \$4.40; Extra Superfine, \$4.00 to \$4.10; Fancy, \$3.85 to \$3.95; Spring Extra, \$3.80; Superfine, \$3.55 to \$3.60; Strong Bakers' (Manitoba), \$4.50; Strong Bakers' (Canadian), \$4.00 to \$4.15; Strong Bakers' (American), \$4.50 to \$4.75; Fine, \$3.40 to \$3.75; Middlings, \$3.20 to \$3.30; Pollards, \$3.00 to \$3.05; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.00 to \$2.05; do., Spring Extra, \$1.90 to \$1.95; do., Superfine, \$1.75 to \$1.80; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.25 to \$2.30.

MEALS.—Oatmeal, \$4.25 to \$4.40 per lb. DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter unchanged as to price, and the buyers say that the volume of business is still small. We quote:—Creamery, 18c to 20c; Eastern Townships, 15c to 16c; Morrisburg and Brockville, 12c to 15c; Western 12c to 14c. Cheese is also very dull at 7c to 8c for fine to finest.

Eggs are rather lower again this week at 11c to 12c per dozen, in cases.

HOG PRODUCTS are quiet and steady. We quote:—Western Mess Pork, \$13.50; do., Short Cut, \$13.75 to \$14.00; Canada Short Cut, \$13.75 to \$14.00; Mess Beef, \$15.50; India Mess Beef, \$25.00; Hams, city cured, 11c to 11c; do., canvassed, 12c to 13c; Lard, in pails, Western, 9c to 10c; do., Canadian, 9c; Bacon, 11c; Shoulders, 9c to 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 7c.

ASHES.—Pots are steady at \$3.80 to \$3.90 per 100 lbs.

FARMERS' MARKET.

The farmers have not yet completed having operations and few, except those living near to the city are bringing produce to the markets, but there is no lack, as traders and market gardeners have ample stocks on hand, and with the prospects of larger receipts shortly, prices have a downward tendency. Potatoes are very plentiful and cheap for so early in the season and small onions are almost a drug on the market. Poultry have been less plentiful than formerly and prices are higher. Good print butter is rather scarce and prices higher. The supply of new hay is increasing and the price of it declining, but good old hay is scarce and brings pretty high rates. The fruit market is liberally supplied with the different kinds of small fruits such as raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries, currants &c which sell at from 30c to 40c per gallon. Apples are rather scarce and sell at from \$4 to \$5 per barrel, tomatoes are getting plentiful but sell at pretty high rates, or about \$2 per bushel. Oats are 80c to 95c per bag; peas, 80c to 90c per bushel; beans \$1.25 to \$1.50; do.; potatoes 25c to 35c per bushel; butter, 15c to 35c per lb.; eggs 14c to 25c per dozen; apples \$4.00 to \$5.00 per barrel; dressed hogs 6c to 6c per lb.; turkeys \$1.50 to \$2.00 the pair; fowls 6c to 8c; do.; ducks 8c to 9c; do.; spring chickens 35c to 50c; do.; hay \$8.00 to \$15.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

The closing of Viger Market for the sale of cattle and the removal of the market to the abattoirs during the past week have helped to demoralize business to some extent, as drovers do not care to bring their cattle until there are better arrangements for selling them. In the meantime, the

supplies of beef cattle are rather light and prices are higher, though the quality is not very good. Pretty good beasts sell at about 4c per lb., and leanish animals at about 4c do., while the more lean beef critters sell at from 3c to 3c do. Calves are also scarce and prices are firm. Sheep and lambs are plentiful with lower prices, except for the best lambs, sheep selling at from \$3 to \$5 each and lambs at from \$1.50 to \$4.25 each. The hog market is quiet and prices continue at about 5c per lb. There are not many milch cows being brought to market, and good milkers are in better demand at higher rates, several having been sold lately at about \$50 each. Common cows are not wanted and sell at from \$20 to \$35 each. The horse market is quiet with very few sales made, and these on local account.

NEW YORK, Aug. 4, 1885.

GRAIN.—Wheat, \$1.00 Aug.; \$1.12 Sept.; \$1.03 1/2 Oct.; \$1.05 1/2 Nov. Corn, 52c Aug.; 52c Sept.; 53c Oct.; 53c Nov. Oats, 32c Aug.; 31c Sept.

FLOUR is somewhat higher this week. We quote:—Spring Wheat, No. 2, \$2.65 to \$2.75; do., Superfine, \$2.85 to \$3.05; Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.75; Clear, \$3.85 to \$4.80; Straight, \$4.55 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.50. Winter Wheat—No. 2, \$2.75 to \$3.35; Superfine, \$3.50 to \$3.70; Low Extra, \$3.45 to \$3.85; Clear (R. and A.), \$4.00 to \$4.50; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.10 to \$4.50; Patent, \$4.70 to \$5.50; Straight (White Wheat), \$4.55 to \$5.25; Low Extra (City Mills), \$3.75 to \$3.85; West India, sacks, \$3.85 to \$4.10; West India, barrels, \$5.00 to \$5.10; Patent, \$5.00 to \$5.50; South America, \$5.00 to \$5.80.

MEALS.—Cornmeal, \$1.50 to \$3.35 in brls. DAIRY PRODUCE.—Butter—Creamery, ordinary to fancy, 13c to 19c; State half firkins, ordinary to fancy 11c to 17c; Western dairy, ordinary to choice imitation creamery, 8c to 16c; Western factory, ordinary to choice, 6c to 11c. Cheese—State factory, ordinary to fancy, 4c to 8c; Ohio Flat, fair to prime, 5c to 6c.

Eggs.—State and Pennsylvania, in brls. 11c to 15c; Canadian, fine, 14c; Western, fair to fancy, 11c to 14c.

PROVISIONS.—City Lard \$6.55; Pork, \$11.37 1/2 to \$11.62 1/2; Bacon, long clear, \$5.70; Beef mess, \$10.50 to \$11; Cut meats, 6c to 7c, pickled bellies; 11c to 11c pickled hams; Dressed hogs, 6 1/2-16 to 7c; Tallow, 5c.

THE REMAINS HAVE JUST BEEN DISCOVERED

of the son of Prof. Banaberger, of Vienna University, who suddenly disappeared during a trip in the Alps last summer, and had never been since heard of. At length, on the 2nd of July this year, some tourists came upon the skull and other remains of a man. There were stopped teeth in the head but no other sign of identification was discovered till Saturday, when other bones were found, and near them a notebook, with visiting cards, letters, and telegrams, placing the identity of the remains with the lost Richard Banaberger beyond all doubt. His notes show that he had abandoned his original intention of climbing the Rax Alps, and had, without a guide, made the ascent of the Schneeberg on one of its most dangerous sides. He appears to have been surprised by night, and to have slipped and fallen over a precipice.

THE KHEDEVE OF EGYPT has issued a decree explaining the charges to be paid out of the new Egyptian loan of \$45,000,000. The decree states that claims for indemnity arising out of the bombardment and pillage of Alexandria, and losses resulting from British occupation will constitute the first charge on the loan. Five million dollars of the loan it is intended, the decree states, shall be expended in irrigation works for the benefit of those engaged in agricultural pursuits. It is estimated that the loan will not meet the deficiencies of the Government and certainly not leave any balance.

THE GREAT EL MAHDI was ill only two days before he died. There were no doctors present at the time of his death, which occurred on June 20th. The Mahdi before dying enjoined that his success or should continue to wage war with the Christians. He left two youthful sons.

THE CHOLERA has broken out on the French frontier. One-fourth of the inhabitants of one town died of cholera during the past ten days. The survivors have fled with the exception of one gendarme who remained to bury the bodies of the dead.

THE ANTI-VACCINATION CONGRESS has resolved to urge the United States Government, in the interest of justice and freedom, to abolish the present alleged sanitary practice of compelling all immigrants to be vaccinated on their arrival.

TERRIBLE AND DESTRUCTIVE STORMS accompanied by thunder and lightning have prevailed over the southern provinces of France during the past week. Many farm houses have been destroyed and many persons are reported killed.

THE HEALTH of the Emperor William of Germany has greatly improved. He walks well, saluting or talking with friends he meets. There are fears, however, that he takes too much exercise.

THE LATEST RETURNS estimate the present population of Ireland at \$4,924,342; showing a great decrease, chiefly owing to emigration to America.

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