

itself able to make the water better, but, like the new dish, a symbol of purity. Went forth unto the spring of the waters; now called "the Spring of the Sultan," a large and beautiful fountain of sweet and pleasant water, near the site of ancient Jericho. Thus saith the Lord, I have healed these waters. The healing of the waters came from the hand of God.

DAILY READINGS

M.—Elisha succeeds Elijah. 2 Kgs. 2: 12-22. T.—Joshua succeeds Moses, Josh. 1: 1-9. W.—The people's promise, Josh. 1: 10-18. Th.—Bitter waters healed, Ex. 15: 20-27. F.—Christ's parting promise, John 14: 8-17. S.—The Spirit of the Lord, Isa. 11: 1-9. S.—Let us follow! Heb. ch. 11: 32 to 12: 2.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise, 303; 320, 34 (Ps. Sel.); 250; 551 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY); 302.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 43. What is the preface to the ten commandments? A. The preface to the ten commandments is in these words, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

Prove from Scripture—That we should be filled with the Spirit.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—Near what river was Jericho? What sea not far away?

12, 13 Whose place did Elisha take? What great sight did he behold? By what name did Elisha call Elijah? Why was Elijah like an army? Whither did he go? How did Elisha show his grief?

14, 15 With whose mantle did Elisha smite the waters? What did he say? What happened? What is meant by "the sons of the prophets"? How did they receive Elisha?

16-18 What did they think had happened Elijah? What did they propose? Why did Elisha oppose this? What did they do? With what success? Whither had Elijah been taken?

19-22 Where had Elisha waited? Who came to him? What did they say of the city? Of what did they complain? How did Elisha purify the waters?

Seniors and the Home Department—Give the date of the Lesson. Describe the situation of Jericho. On what event does the Lesson follow?

12-15 Give an account of Elisha's selection as Elijah's successor. What promise had he received? For what were our Lord's disciples to wait after His

resurrection? (Acts 1:4-8.) By whose power is God's work to be done? (Zech. 4:6.)

16-18 What proposal was made to Elisha? Why did he know this to be useless? Why did he consent? How long did the search last? Who searched for the body of the risen Saviour? (John 20:11.)

19-22 What miracle wrought by Elisha? By whose power? Of what was the salt a symbol? Where is water used as a symbol of gospel blessings? (Rev. 22:17.)

Seek-Further Questions—By what great servant of God were bitter waters made sweet? What New Testament miracle was wrought at Jericho?

Topics for Brief Papers (To be ready on the day of the Lesson)—1. Good men the real strength of a nation. 2. The power of the gospel to purify.

(The scholars should, during the week, find out all they can from the Scriptures and elsewhere, on these topics, and write a short paragraph on each, to be read in the class or examined afterwards by the teacher, as the teacher may wish.)

THE LESSON IN LIFE

1. "The King is dead! Long live the King!" We must be getting ready for our crown and office. The boys and girls must soon step into the shoes of those who are older. Then learn of them, but do not lean on them, so that you may be able to stand alone when the time comes.

2. "The chariotry of Israel and the horsemen thereof." Think of it! A single life the mainstay of a nation! Shall we not remember that the greatness of our country is her men; and the greatness of men is their character?

3. Like Elijah we may have a double immortality, an immortality of bliss and glory in heaven, and an immortality in our influence over those who remain on earth.

4. The beautiful city had a bad fountain. There may be an evil heart behind a fair face. But if the Holy Spirit cleanse the spring of our actions, all our life will be pure.

5. It is the problems we solve, the difficulties we overcome for ourselves, that give us strength and confidence. The "fifty strong men" did not find Elijah's body, but they found a stronger faith in Elijah's God.

6. Believe in the gospel of a new start. For many a year the fountain had been a blight, but it became a blessing. No life is so bad or useless, that it cannot be made a power for good.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS.

1. Describe what Elisha saw.

2. What gift did he receive?

3. How did he show its power?