

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book)
LESSON IX.
AUG. 31, 1884. [Ps. 19:1-14]

GOD'S WORKS AND WORDS.
COMMENT TO MEMORY VER. 7-11.

- 1. The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.
2. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.
3. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.
4. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them shall be set a tabernacle for the sun.
5. Which as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
6. His going forth is from the end of heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
7. The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.
8. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.
9. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
10. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honey-comb.
11. Moreover by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward.
12. Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.
13. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.
14. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

GOLDEN TEXT.

Thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.—Ps. 138:2.

HOME READINGS.

- M. Ps. 19:1-14. .... God's Works and Word.
T. Ps. 138:1-8. .... God's Word Magnified.
W. Ps. 8:1-19. .... Glory Above the Heavens.
Th. Rom. 1:18-25. .... "Clearly Seen."
F. Ps. 111:1-10. .... His Commandments Sure.
Sa. Ps. 119:1-9:14. .... "Teach me Thy Statutes."
S. Col. 3:1-17. .... Richly in all Wisdom.

LESSON PLAN.

1. The Works of God. 2. The Word of God. LESSON NOTES.

L.—V. 1. THE HEAVENS—the region of the sun, moon and stars. THE GLORY—the wisdom, power, skill and majesty. V. 2. DAY UNTO DAY—each successive day. UTTERETH SPEECH—imports instruction. V. 3. NIGHT UNTO NIGHT—each successive night. V. 4. KNOWLEDGE—no words have sun, moon and stars which to speak. NONE LANGUAGE—no sounds do they utter. V. 5. THEIR WORDS—the sentences which the heavenly bodies speak to all mankind. A TABERNACLE—tent, dwelling-place. (Compare Hab. 3:11.) V. 6. COMING OUT OF HIS CHAMBER—the sun seems to rise from a night of repose, cheerful and active. V. 6. HIS GOING FORTH—the race he has to run is from the east to the west, the whole sweep of the heavens. THERE IS NOTHING HID—everything that lives feels his quickening influence. THUS THE SUN ILLUSTRATES the glory of God and shows forth the divine perfection.

11.—V. 7. THE LAW—marginal reading, "doctrines." TRUTH—six words are here used to describe it, with a corresponding statement of its effect. CONVERTING—turning from the ways of sin to holiness. THE TESTIMONY—the truth by which he bears witness. V. 8. RIGHT—just, proper. ENLIGHTENING THE EYES—giving light and knowledge. V. 9. THE FEAR OF THE LORD—the precepts of piety or religion. V. 10. SWEETER—also—more grateful to the heart than the greatest luxury to the palate. V. 11. WARNED—admonished, instructed. (Compare Prov. 6:22, 23; 1 Tim. 4:8.) V. 12. SECRET FAULTS—faults unknown to the one who committed them, as well as to the world. V. 13. PRESUMPTUOUS SINS—sins proceeding from self-confidence and pride. THE GREAT TRANSGRESSION—the great guilt of unheeded inducements of secret faults and of open sins. V. 14. INNOCENT—devoid of guilt.

WHAT HAVE I LEARNED?

- 1. That the works of God make known to us His power, wisdom and glory.
2. That the word of God reveals his will and our duty.
3. That the commandments of God are holy, just and good.
4. That it is our interest as well as our duty to keep them.
5. That we should seek to be kept from secret as well as open sins.

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COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 19, 1884.

The price of wheat is still the absorbing question in business circles, and some astounding figures are given to prove that the low price this year is not the result of anything but a superabundant supply. During the five years ending in 1879 the wheat crop of the United States amounted to 1,815,000,000 bushels, or 363,000,000 annually. During the five years ending in 1884 the wheat crop of that country amounted to 1,308,000,000 bushels, or 261,600,000 per year, an annual increase of 98,000,000 annually. In addition to this India, Australia and South America has gone eagerly into the business of growing wheat so that the English market is now supplied from Russia, India and Persia, Australia, Chili, the Danube, and the Argentine Republic, in such quantities that the wheat crop of America, though yet the largest of all, is not the most important factor in fixing the price. It appears to be almost certain that there will be a great deal more wheat than the world wants, not that it cannot all be sold but that it must be sold cheaply. Anything that would now tend to put a fictitious value upon wheat will only depress the price further in future and it is for this reason that the holding back of wheat is deplored.

Chicago has weakened again this week, prices for future delivery being 2 cents weaker, while futures hold their own a little better. The quotations are as follows: September at 77c; October at 79c and November at 81c. Corn is about steady 30 1/2 Sept., 4 1/2 Oct., 4 1/2 Nov., and 4 1/2 c a year.

The local market is as dull as ever. Canada Spring is quoted at \$1.00 to \$1.02; Canada Red Winter, \$1.00; to \$1.02; Canada White, \$1.00; Peas, 92c per bushel; Oats, 40c per bushel.

FLOUR—Not much can be said about the market. There is no business doing on change, although receipts run up as high as 4,000 barrels a day. The quotations are as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.15 to \$5.25; Extra Superfine, \$4.70 to \$4.80; Fancy \$4.25 to \$4.35; Spring Extra \$4.20 to \$4.30; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.40; 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; Pollards, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, (bags included) Medium, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Superfine, \$1.65 to \$1.75; City Bags, (delivered) \$2.75 to \$2.80.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese still continues at about the same prices as last week, and the large exports still keep up. Last week showed an increase of about 11,000 boxes over the shrunken shipments of last week. The price of cheese in England rose to 53 shillings per hundred pounds, during the week, and to-day sank to 52s 6d. But we quote fine to finest, 10c to 10 1/2c. Butter is quiet but prices are slightly firmer, and shipments have decreased. The quotations are as follows:—Creamery at 20c to 21c; Townships 17c to 19c; Western 14c to 16c.

Eggs are in good demand at 17c to 17 1/2c per dozen.

HOG PRODUCTS are unchanged. We quote:—Western Mess Pork \$19.50 to \$20.00; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2c; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, western in pairs, 10c to 11c; do., Canadian, 10c; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES.—Pots are worth \$3.90 to \$3.95, as to tars, Pearls are nominal at about \$4.75.

FARMERS' MARKET PRICES.

Most of the farmers are too busy at their harvest work to find leisure for bringing their produce to market, yet there is no lack of supplies and the prices of oats have declined fully fifteen cents per bag since the new crop began to appear on the market. Besides the increase in the oat supply, the quality of the new crop is much superior to that of last season, both in color and plumpness. The dry weather has arrested the progress of the rot among the potatoes, still large quantities are being marketed at very low prices. All other roots and vegetables are very plentiful, of superior quality and low priced. The fruit market is almost glutted with apples, and blueberries are also abundant; tomatoes are in large supply but meet with an active demand both for local

consumption and for shipping to other cities in the Dominion. The present spell of hot weather has ripened the tomato crop sooner than usual and it is probable that over a thousand bushels per day will be delivered by the market gardeners here for some time to come. Eggs, butter, and poultry are all in good demand at higher rates. Oats bring from 95c to \$1.05 per bag; potatoes 35c to 50c do.; turnips, beets and carrots, 35c to 45c per bushel; cabbages 20c to 35c per dozen; apples \$2.00 to \$3.50 per barrel; tomatoes 75c to \$1.00 per bushel; butter in tubs 20c to 30c per lb.; do., in tubs, 17c to 21c do.; eggs 20c to 30c per dozen. Hay \$6.00 to \$8.00 per 100 bundles.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

There is an abundant supply of beef and mutton critters of common and inferior quality, but owing to the active demand by shippers, good cattle have been advancing in price of late, the advance amounting to about half a cent per lb. Live weight, and steers which could be bought at 3c per lb. two weeks ago would now bring 4 1/2c do. Pretty good dry cows and ordinary steers sell at from \$30 to \$35 each or about 3c per lb.; common dry cows at \$23 to \$28 each or about 3c per lb.; lean steers and hard looking small bulls \$12 to \$20 each or 2c to 2 1/2c per lb. Common lambs sell at from \$2.25 to \$2.75 each, and superior lambs at from \$3.25 to \$4.00 each. Live hogs sell at about 6c per lb. Shipping cattle sell at from 5c to 5 1/2c per lb. Good milk cows are in demand and prices have been advancing considerably of late. There is very little doing in the horse market at present.

NEW YORK, August 11, 1884.

GRAIN.—Wheat 90c Sept; 91c Oct.; 93c Nov.; 95c Dec. 97 1/2 Jan. Corn, 50c Sept; 50 1/2 Oct.; 51 Nov. Rye, quiet, 66c to 72c. Oats in fair demand, 31c Sept, 32c Oct. Barley, nominal. Peas nominal.

FLOUR.—quotations are—Spring Wheat Superfine, \$2.50 to \$2.80; Low Extra, \$3.20 to \$3.40; Clears, \$3.85 to \$4.60; Straight (full stock), \$4.45 to \$5.00; Patent, \$4.75 to \$6.25. Winter Wheat, Superfine, \$2.70 to \$3.10; Low Extra, \$3.30 to \$3.50; Clears (R. and A.), \$3.95 to \$5.20; Straight (R. and A.), \$4.40 to \$5.75; West India, \$4.90 to \$4.95; Patent, \$5.25 to \$5.75; South America, \$4.70 to \$4.90; Patent, \$5.15 to \$5.75. Southern Flour—Extra \$3.55 to \$5.00; Family, \$5.05 to \$5.75; Patent \$2.50 to \$6.00. Rye Flour—Fine to Superfine \$3.00 to \$4.80.

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 \$1.90 to \$1.60.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese is in fair demand, 8c to 10c; Butter in small demand at 9c to 23c.

PROVISIONS.—Pork, Mess, old to new, \$15.00 to \$18.50; Beef, Extra, Mess, \$11.50 to \$12.50. Lard \$7.90 to \$8.25.

MANY WISH to train their girls to help missions yet scarce know how to set about it. Here is a very practical plan described by a correspondent in the C. M. S. Gleaner:—We have a fortnightly working party of young girls from nine years old upwards. We make scrap-books, work-cases, balls, pin-cushions, &c., and dress-dolls to send out as prizes to one of the mission schools, from which we receive letters saying how glad they are of our gifts. We also prepare work, such as patchwork, wool slippers, mats, &c., for the native women and girls to finish. This plan utilizes the energies of these young people, whose work would hardly be good enough for sale, as the members almost exclusively consist of the working classes in a manufacturing village. We obtain our materials through asking various friends for any odds and ends of wool, canvas, or scraps of silk, print, &c., and the girls often bring these themselves. A box is placed on the table for any contributions in money. Occasionally we have a tea-party, when the profits go towards buying dolls, &c., and we invite some one interested in missionary work to give us an address. Much genuine pleasure will be found in connection with such working parties, which are not only helpful to missions, but enkindle an interest

in the Lord's work which may prove fruitful in later years. Not a few who to-day are laboring in the mission field first caught the missionary spirit in such working gatherings.—The Christian.

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