

tell of the horrors of Eastern prisons, and the unmerciful treatment of prisoners.

Be quick to show how the eclipse began to pass away, and the reason for this, v. 21. Be sure to make plain, also, that it was no mere favor of God, but God's grace worked out in faithfulness, and sweetness of temper, and willingness to serve, and utter trustworthiness (qualities which count everywhere), that led to the advancement which follows.

Go into the details of Joseph's new responsibilities; and show how the writer insists on God's part in it—God was leading His faithful servant by the hand, through the long, dark tunnel, out of the darkness, toward the light.

Answer the questions of the class as to the

chief butler and the chief baker, and the reason for their imprisonment. Joseph could not guess that their coming into the prison would be the means of his going out: he was faithful and "served them" patiently and well—that was all.

There will be more questions still as to the dreams, and how Joseph was able to interpret them. Again, it is the Lord. Bring up the parallel of Daniel (Dan., chs. 2, 4 and 5).

And then, the touching request of Joseph, ch. 40: 14.

End with the three first words of the Golden Text, as the key to true living in every circumstance.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Recall Jacob's route from Haran to Hebron (see Lesson II.). The scholars will remember his passing through Gilead (see Exposition, Lesson III.).

It was from this same region that the merchants to whom Joseph was sold by his brothers, came to Dothan on their way to Egypt. It was through these traveling merchants that the traffic of the time between

crossed the Jordan further north than Jacob had done on his return from Haran, and got into the plain of Dothan, which opened out,

as we have already seen, into the great Maritime Plain. Get the scholars to picture Joseph in the caravan, perhaps fastened to a pole and dragged behind one of the camels, traveling some 80 miles southward, passing



different countries was carried on. These traders might have followed Jacob's route as far as Hebron, from which a road led on to Egypt. But, instead of doing this, they

within about 30 miles of his old home at Hebron, and then striking across the Wilderness of Shur for 150 miles to Egypt. (See also for this Lesson, SKETCH MAP, LESSON II.)

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Some Test Questions

1. How did the sons of Jacob deceive him concerning Joseph?
2. What effect had their story upon Jacob?
3. To whom was Joseph sold in Egypt?
4. Describe his advancement in his master's household.

5. By whom was he cast into prison?
6. How did the gaoler show his confidence in him?
7. To what two officers of the royal household was Joseph appointed to minister?
8. By what were these officers perplexed?
9. How did Joseph help them?
10. What was his interpretation of the chief butler's dream?