

the fund should finally decide was suitable. Meanwhile, I would venture to suggest, for their consideration, the founding of a Fulford Education Fund...

Very respectfully yours, LEWIS P. W. BALCH. October 26th, 1868.

SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS.

BY REV. W. H. POOLE.

"And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, and it shall come to pass, that when ye go, ye shall not go empty. But every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment."

"And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment. And the Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians."

It is an easy thing for a sceptic to misrepresent God's dealings with His people, and also the conduct of the Israelites to their former masters, as alluded to in the words above quoted. Many an earnest and devout reader of the Bible has been puzzled and embarrassed as a strong case has been made out against the honor and honesty of the transaction here recorded.

1. The word "borrow," which is shaal in Hebrew, means "to ask," "request," "demand," "require," and is not used to signify the act of loaning a thing. In the Greek text it reads, "She shall ask," and in the Latin it reads, "She shall demand."

2. The Egyptians had been enriched by the labor of the Israelites, and God, who judges rightly, now constrains them to refund a part of that which was justly due to them as wages.

3. The Lord inclined the Egyptians to remunerate them willingly. "The Lord gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians."

4. The Egyptians felt it to be a forlorn hope, and esteemed it a good bargain to repay them; to settle up with them in full, in order to secure their departure.

It is recorded that an Egyptian prince came to Alexander the Great, soon after the conquest of Syria, and said to the conqueror, "Our nation has heard that you are so benevolent that you pay all the just debts of your poor subjects, and of those whom you have conquered. I am sent to enquire," Alexander replied, "that he did pay all lawful claims. Then said the prince, 'The Jews a long time ago borrowed jewels of silver, and jewels of gold and costly plate, and have returned them. I demand in behalf of my nation, both the principal and interest. Alexander enquired as to the evidence supporting his claim. The prince referred him to the Jewish Scriptures and to Egyptian records. Alexander asked three days to examine the evidence, and called in his secretary and treasurer, a learned Jew, named Mordecai. The secretary assured the parties that he was quite willing to entertain the case, but that the Egyptian prince must promise three things.

1. To take the Jewish Scriptures and the Egyptian record as the only evidence for or against his claim.

2. To answer whether Egyptian law allow servants a just and equitable compensation for services rendered, and how much?

3. To pay the balance if due on the other side.

To this the prince agreed. Mordecai then produced Gen. 46, 6, where Jacob took their cattle and their goods, with their wealth and their families. They were there 215 years, and gave their labor and their service, and received no return of lands or cities, save only their bread. That Egypt owed its existence, its laws, its policy, and its opulence to Joseph, and yet they did not so much as furnish him with a grave.

He then requested the prince to value the property taken down to Egypt; the flocks and the herds; to count up the wages; to calculate the interest; to double the sum for the time they did double work; to value the materials for the time that Pharaoh refused to furnish them; to find the total amount due the Jews, and from that sum deduct the small amount they received on their departure; then to tell the balance. In this way, at very low wages, he brought the young prince immensely in debt. He also reminded Alexander that the prince did not understand the language of the Jews; that they did not borrow the gold and silver plate and jewels, but that they demanded it as a small instalment of the amount long since due as wages. The young prince made his best bow, and retired.

lish "priests" only concerned, we might pass the matter by with a smile. But the natives have become infected; and one of the preachers, Pundit Nehemiah, has become the apostle of a new Puseyite sect, and has published his "Tract No. 1." Bishop Milman, by his indelicacy, is strengthening the hands of Attitudinarians, striving to satisfy both parties by his contradictory letters.

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