

**The Hebrew Proverb.**

BY MIRIAM K. DAVIS.

SEE the swarthy toilers sweating under Egypt's burning skies - Not a moment for repining, not a breath to spare for sighs; Hope itself so long quiescent, they forget it has not fled; Faith so long reviled and taunted that it surely must be dead. Human strength can bear these burdens till they weight it to the ground, Human patience still endure! till deliverance is found; When the task ordained by Pharaoh heart and soul and sense benumbs, "When the tale of bricks is doubled, Moses comes."

Homely toil and sodden longings- what to us such lowly things? Shall the soul that strives for freedom o'er them droop her fluttering wings? Ave! for never work so lowly but of life it is a part; Never trials grow so petty but they fret the human heart. As the winter follows summer, after labour cometh rest, And the Voice divine hath told us that the mourner shall be blest. Surely, though he needs no herald, clash of horns, or beat of drums, "When the tale of bricks is doubled, Moses comes."

Comfort ye, whose hearts impatient long for better things than than these; In the future waits deliverance that no mortal vision sees. Though the daily task oppress thee, others yet have laboured more; Thou canst bear, and strength not fail thee, what has been endured before. Something dear has still been left thee, as the drudging thousands see. Stars unclouded shine in promise of the nation yet to be; And, if all but faith should fail thee, thus the sage his wisdom sums: "When the tale of bricks is doubled, Moses comes."

**LESSON NOTES.**

THIRD QUARTER.

B.C. 1066] LESSON XII. [Sept. 22

DEATH OF SAUL AND HIS SONS.

1 Sam. 31. 1-13. Memory verses, 4 & 6

GOLDEN TEXT.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil. Psalm 31. 16.

OUTLINE.

1. Saul's Death, v. 1-7.
2. Saul's Burial, v. 8-13.

TIME.—1066 B.C.

PLACE.—Mount Gilboa.

**EXPLANATIONS.**—*Archers*—Men who fought with bow and arrow. A very effective instrument of ancient warfare. *A sword, and fell upon it*—This was in ancient and classical times the favourite method of escaping death at the hand of the enemy. Roman and Greek literature contains many instances. *All his men*—Not every soldier of the army, but all his immediate household. *Other side of the valley*—That is, on the opposite side of the great plain of Jezreel. *On the other side Jordan*—That is, on the western side, opposite to Jabesh-gilead. The Philistines thus had at once possession of the whole north of Palestine.

**TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.**

Where in this lesson are we taught—

1. That "the wages of sin is death?"
2. That the innocent often suffer with the guilty?
3. That good deeds will be remembered?

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. What caused the death of Saul? "Defeat by the Philistines." 2. Who else perished in the battle? "Three of his sons." 3. How much of the country was gained by

the Philistines by this battle? "All north-ern Palestine." 4. By whom was Saul's body buried? "By the men of Jabesh-gilead." 5. What prophecy was fulfilled by this battle? "That God hath rejected Saul?" 6. What great truth was thus emphasized afresh? "The face of the Lord is," etc.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—God's hate for sin.

**CATECHISM QUESTION.**

44. What is meant by saying that God is gracious and merciful?

That he is full of compassion, slow to punish sin, and ready to forgive.

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth. Exodus 34. 6.

**TEMPERANCE LESSON.**

B.C. 1066.] (Sept. 29

1 Sam. 25. 23-31, and 35-38.

**GOLDEN TEXT.**

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess. Eph. 5. 18.

**OUTLINE.**

1. Selfishness, v. 23-31.
2. Drunkenness, v. 35-38.

TIME.—1066 B.C.

PLACE.—Carmel, a city of southern Judah.

**EXPLANATIONS.**—*Speak in thine audience*—That is, "Let me have an opportunity to speak with thee." *Trespasses of thine hand-maid*—She trespassed by coming, a woman, unbidden, to the presence of David, to change his purposes. *A man is risen to pursue*. Abigail means, "Saul is once more pursuing thee." *In the bundle of life*—The figure is taken from the custom of binding in bundles things that were valuable, to preserve them. *Fling out*—Throw away, as a stone is thrown from a sling, where it cannot be found. *Became as a stone*—Had a stroke of paralysis. *Smote Nabal*—Another and a severer stroke, which caused his death.

**TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON.**

Where in this lesson are we shown—

1. An example of self-debasement?
2. An example of courageous tact?
3. An example of self-conquest?

**THE LESSON CATECHISM.**

1. What caused the interview described in our lesson? "The wicked hostility of Nabal." 2. What service had David rendered to him? "Cared for his property in the wilderness." 3. What stopped David in his mission of vengeance? "The wisdom of Abigail." 4. While she was saving his life, what occupied Nabal at home? "A drunken feast in his house." 5. What was the effect of his fear and debauch? "He was stricken and died." 6. What lesson does his life teach? "Be not drunk," etc.

**DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.**—The sin of selfishness.

**ABOUT EARTHQUAKES.**

BY LEIGH NORVAL.

WHEN God gave the Ten Commandments from awful, red Sinai, "the whole mount quaked greatly." This is the first recorded earthquake, though many had gone before. The last will be when God's angel proclaims, "It is done," and there will follow "a great earthquake, such as was not seen since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake and so great." A slight rocking of the solid ground, with peculiar swaying movement of a earthquake, awes. Suddenly and strangely it jars, and a strong house beats time to it like a pendulum, if the shock is severe.

Most of us can recall the rocking and the fright of 1886, when the city of Charleston, which was so prosperous and seemed so secure, had her houses sent reeling to the ground. It was dreadful even to read of the scenes

there. In one moment serene safety, the next a wild roar under ground of the advancing shock, and then the earthquake had seized the city in its terrible grasp. Imposing churches, handsome large stores, and fair homes shook and tottered, and crashed to pieces. Shrieks of agonized fright arose from people escaping for their lives, and wailings for the dead crushed under the fallen buildings lent a final horror to that night. The whole city deserted their homes and rushed into the open squares, and hundreds went down upon their knees imploring God's forgiveness and protection. All were deeply moved, but there were some who with sure and steadfast faith looked up to their heavenly Father, knowing he ruled even the earthquake before which man was so powerless. It is glorious to have an omnipotent Saviour for refuge in the hour of distress and peril. His tender love is ever about those who trust him; and earthquakes cannot harm the soul, whether they be earthquakes of sorrow or earthquakes which shake great cities to ruins.

The cause of earthquakes is not altogether understood. One supposition is that the cavities of the earth contain fiery melted rock, and if water finds its way to those cavities the steam produced presses for escape. It is also stated that where the earth's crust is thinnest there a shock is most apt to occur. There is a trembling which comes before the fierce violence of the most dreadful earthquakes, and which follows them. As the surface of the burning liquids under-ground cools, the steam is lessened, and sometimes causes a gentle quaking for several months.

In 1811 the earth rose and sank in waves at the town of New Madrid, on the Mississippi, and the place was nearly swallowed up. However, in our country, so blessed and prospered by our heavenly Father, there has been felt a mere hint of earthquakes. Twelve or thirteen, which destroy people and property, are said to occur yearly in the world. Since the Creation thirteen million human beings are supposed to have lost their lives from earthquakes; and in Italy, Portugal, South America, and the East Indies, thousands and thousands have been killed by them in one way or another in the last hundred years. The tremendous wave from the sea often sent in upon land by an earthquake drowns multitudes of people.

BE like children, who, no matter where they are, find something to entertain them. Imitate the bees, which extract honey from the flowers that even the thistle and the thorn-bush afford. The sunshine lends a glory to places unpleasant in themselves. So, by carrying the sunshine of a joyous, triumphant soul into the darkness that surrounds you, much of its gloom will be driven away.

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