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INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS.

FTH YEAR, 1877. MAY. KINGDOM OF ISRAEL.

B. C. 838. Lesson ix. The Death of ELISHA; or, Powerful in Death. 2 Kings 13. 14 21. May 27.

EXPLANATORY.

the Shunammite's son, must himself sink into the arms of death. Neither the highest holiness, the greatest gifts, nor the most abundant usefulness, can ward off the Destroyer's shafts. Joash. Called also Jehoash, son of Jehoaz, and grandson of Jehu. Wept over his face. He who had failed to follow the prophet's counsels now weeps upon his dying couch. "Those few drops of warm water, shed upon the face of a prophet, shall not lose their reward."-Bishop Hall. The chariot of Israel. He realized now, too late, that the prayers and prophecies of Elisha far more than its serried hosts were the strength and defense of his realm.

TAKE BOW AND ARROWS. The dying man of God has no thought of self; his preparation for that hour has been made long before. All his anxieties are for the ship of state, the bark of God's cause, now tossing upon tempestuous waters. No men in history exhibits a more intense patriotism than the long line of prophets, from Moses to Malachi. Good men in every age are the devoted, self-sacrificing lovers of their land. Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. The king's hand gave strength; the prophet's imparted power. Vain the one without the other So a nation's material forces must be energised by a divine influence to win victory. So our efforts for God's cause must receive power from on high to make them successful. Let us pray for his blessing upon the church and the nation.

OPEN ... EASTWARD. Toward the scene of recent Syrian conquests in the land of Gilead and Bashan. 2 Kings 10, 32, 33. The arrow. Literally, "Of deliverance by the Lord; and of deliverance from Syria." A declaration of war against the Syrian oppressors. Aphek. A town on the border, between Syria and Palestine, six miles east of the sea of Galilee, now called

SMITE UPON THE GROUND. As a token of blows to the Syrian power, which was then threatening the very life of Israel. Smote thrice and stayed. As each blow betokened a victory, the number of them measured the monarch's faith in God as the giver of conquest. The widow's faith similarly tested, (2 Kings 4, 5,) led her to obtain large results: the king's doubt, perhaps unbelief, led him to be content with a limited, formal obedience. He who deals with God needs boldness, energy, perseverance, and above all, faith.

WROTH. The energy of the prophet's mind rose above his languishing body. It was the holy indignation of an earnest soul with lukewarmness and want of faith. How the all-conquering zeal of the prophet stands out in contrast with the lassitude of the king! Smite Syria but thrice. The last verse of the chapter records the fulfillment of the prophecy. The Syrian power waned before the gathering cloud of Assyrian empire that loomed up beyond it to the east.

THEY BURIED HIM. Josephus says that the prophet received a princely funeral. Had he been heeded while living as he was honored when dead, there would have been no need to recover lost provinces or beat back invading armies. How often do men crown the statue when they have not crowned the brow, and pay honor to the dead ashes which they have denied to the living spirit! Invaded. A raid for plunder from the hill-country across the Dead Sea. Coming in of the year. The spring, when incursions are frequent, as then the crops begin to ripen in Pales.

BURYING A MAN. A funeral procession was interrupted by the sudden appearance of enemies. The sepulcher of Elisha. Probably in the vicinity of Jericho; a case wherein lay the body, wrapped in long linen foldings. Revived. It has not said whether there was a permanent restoration to life or a momentary quiver. But whatever the nature of the miracle, it was wrought by the power of God, and not by the virtue of the dead prophet's bones. So God works in the world still through the remembered words and the written thoughts, the "remains" of good men whose bodies have crumbled back to their

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But Dr. Parker, of Hartford, has suggested a new method for churches in the East. He proposes that the notices be prepared in meter, so as to be sung at some interval in the services, especially during the taking up of the collection, instead of the usual orga. fantasies. As illustrating his notion of the thing, he furnishes the following among other specimens of pulpit notices in different meters:

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S. M. The Busy Bees will meet On Friday evening next, Young gentlemen to tea, at six,

They eagerly expect. H. M. The deacon of this church, And the committee too, Will meet on Monday night, Grave matters to review. A full atttendance is desired,

The doctor goes on to explain how the notices could be prepared either for chanting or intoning, and to show what grand devotional effects might thus be produced. Surely here is a wide field, and new, for our intoning Episcopal

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HISTORY is a great painter, with the world for canvas, and life for a figure. It exhibts man in his pride, and nature in magnificence; Jerusalem bleeding under the Romans, or Lisbon vanishing in a flame and earthquake. History must be splendid. Bacon called it the pomp of business. Its march in the high places, and along pinnacles and points of great a ffairs .- Willmott.

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