Rest.

"Come ye yourselves apart, and rest awhile.

O THOU who feelst life's journey long, And fain wouldst with a listless song The time beguile,

Leave now the world-its gains, its loss, Come sit beneath the Saviour's cross, And rest awhile.

O thou poor, weary, anxious one, Toiling from morn till set of sun, Nor yet one smile

To soothe that dull and aching heart; Oh, come now from yourselves apart, And rest awhile.

Thou child of pleasure, bright and gay, Happy and thoughtless, day by day,

Thou, too, needst rest, Lest in thy joy and selfish pride, Thou shouldst forget the One who died

To make thee blest.

And thou, e'en though thy life hath been One long, unpardoned, unrepented sin, So dark, so vile !

Though all the world oppress and hate, He calls thee now, ere 'tis too late, To rest awhile.

To every true and faithful heart Christ says, "Come ye yourselves apart, And rest awhile."

He knows the labourers are few, And surely thou hast much to do,

Yet, rest awhile. Rest now from all thy toil and care, Rest 'neath the Saviour's cross, for there

Shalt thou be blest. O God, when life's long day is done, When through time's glass the sand has

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Oh, grant to every weary one A heavenly rest !

## LESSON NOTES. FOURTH QUARTER.

STUDIES IN JEWISH HISTORY.

B.C. 984] LESSON XL [Dec. 15.

SOLOMON'S FALL.

1 Kings 11. 4-13. Memory verses, 9, 11. GOLDEN TEXT.

Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.-1 Cor. 10.

OUTLINE.

The King's Folly, v. 4-8.
 The Lord's Anger, v. 9-13.

TIME. -984 B.C. PLACE. -Jerusalem. EXPLANATIONS. - When Solomon was old

EXPLANATIONS. -- When Solomon was old --He was not more than fifty-two years old, but his life had been very eventful. Turned away his heart--Incredible almost, he became an idolater. The hill before Jerusalem--This is still called the Mount of Offence. Will rend the kinydom--A pro-phecy of the divided monarchy which came to pass very soon after Solomon's death.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON

Where in this lesson are we taught-

- 1. To avoid wicked companions? 2 That the heart is the seat of evil ?
- 3. That God will surely punish sin?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

THE LESSON CATECHISM. 1. What was the occasion of Solomon's fall? "His heart was not perfect with God." 2. What form did his sins assume? "He worshipped false gods." 3. What was the effect on his character? "It corrupted and debased him." 4. What was the effect on his kingdom? "It caused its division." 5. Why, did this come upon him? "He 5. Why did this come upon him? "He had broken God's covenant." 6. How does our Golden Text warn us? "Wherefore let him," etc

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION .- Apostasy.

CATECHISM QUESTION. 57. What is the Providence of God?

The Providence of God is his preserva-tion of all his creatures, his care for all their wants, and his rule over all their ac-

In him we live, and move, and have our being.-Acts 17. 28.

Hebrews 1. 3; Nehemiah 9. 6; Psalm 103. 19; Psalm 145. 15, 16; 1 Timothy 6. 15.

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B.C. 980-975] LESSON XII. [Dec. 22. CLOSE OF SOLOMON'S REIGN.

1 Kings 11. 26-43. Memory verses, 42, 43. GOLDEN TEXT.

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his command-ments: for this is the whole duty of man. -Eccl. 12, 13,

OUTLINE.

Ahijah's prophecy, v. 26-39.
 Solomon's death, v. 40-43.

Тіме.—980-975 В.С. PLACE. -Jerusalem.

EXPLANATIONS.—Repaired the breaches— Probably openings or breaks in the masonry of the city walls which required the service of so skilled an engineer as Jeroboam. The ot so skilled an engineer as Jeroboam. The charge of the house of Joseph—The officer in charge of the revenues from the two tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, or sone kindred position of trust. Clad...new garment— The prophet was wrapped closely in a new outer mantle. Have a light alway—A figure from the fire always burning on the altar: it means a representative always in the line it means a representative always ourning on the altar: it means a representative always in the line of direct descent. Book of the acts of Solo-mon—This record has not been preserved as scripture, and we have no knowledge of its contexts. its contents.

TEACHINGS OF THE LESSON. Where in this lesson are we taught—
1. That sin brings trouble?
2. That a good man brings blessing to his

children 3. That obedience to God is our highest

good ?

THE LESSON CATECHISM.

1. What word of doom hung over Solo-mon's closing days? "Thy kingdom is divid-ed." 2. To whom was it foretold to have been given? "Jeroboam, Solomon's chief engineer." 3. To what did the prophecy im-pel Jeroboam? "To rebel against Solomon." pel Jeroboam? "To rebel against Solomon."
4. What was the result to Jeroboam? "He became an exile to Egypt." 5. What was this great king's comment upon life at its close? "Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."
6. What is the lesson it should teach us? "Let us hear the conclusion," etc. DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION.—The run of sin.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

58. Is there then any special Providence over men?

Yes; our Lord said : "Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they?" (Mathew (Luke 12. 7.)
Psalm 31. 15; Proverbs 16. 9; Romans

8. 28.

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