

idea and is consequently growing more extended every day, would never terminate in so luminous and so ample an expedient as that of alphabetical characters.

*Students.* That is a very striking argument indeed. The Mexicans are another example of the same kind.

*Tutor.* Yes—but they never arrived at the same degree of perfection as the Chinese in the use of arbitrary signs. We shall take up the subject in our next conversation.

## Questions on Scripture Geography,

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### ABELSHITTIM, A TOWN.

**WHERE** is *Abelshittim*?

In the plains of Moab to the north-east of the Dead Sea. Num. xxxiii, 49.

*In relating what circumstance is this town mentioned by this name in Scripture?*

The last or 42d station of the Israelites in their march through the wilderness before they entered the land of Canaan.

*What signification is given to this name in the margin of the Bible?*

The plain of Shittim.

*Is it not inferrible from this that Abelshittim was the place adjoining the place distinguished by the name of Shittim?*

Yes. See Numbers xxv, 1. JOSHUA II, 1, and III, 1. Micah vi, 5.