

SCHOLARS' NOTES.

(From Westminster Question Book) LESSON VI. Aug. 10, 1884. [2 Sam. 15: 1-14]

ABSALOM'S REBELLION.

COMMIT TO MEMORY VS. 4-9.

1. And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate; and it was so, that when any man had a controversy come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee. 4. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5. And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. 6. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment; so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7. And it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said unto the king, I desire, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, in Hebron. 8. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode in Geshur in Syria, saying, If it the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord. 9. And the king said unto him, Go in peace, so he arose, and went to Hebron. 10. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. 11. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew no other thing. 12. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Gath, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom. 13. And there came a messenger to David saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom; make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. GOLDEN TEXT. Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.—Ex. 20: 12 HOME READINGS. M. 2 Sam. 15: 23-29. Absalom's Exile. T. 2 Sam. 11: 1-12. Absalom's Revolt. W. 2 Sam. 11: 23-33. Absalom's Restoration. Th. 2 Sam. 15: 1-14. Absalom's Rebellion. F. Ps. 3: 1-8. David's Lament. Sa. Ps. 5: 1-25. Friends' Faithfulness—God Faithful. S. Ps. 143: 1-12. David's Prayer. LESSON PLAN. 1. The People's Hearts Struck. 2. The Conspiracy Rises. 3. The King's Flight. Time.—B.C. 1025. Places.—Jerusalem and Hebron. LESSON NOTES. I.—V. 1 AFTER THIS—the reconciliation of David with Absalom, ch. 14: 23. CHARIOTS—a war carriage, such as was used by kings. I Sam. 8: 11; 1 Kings 1: 5. HORSES—then but little used among the Jews. V. 2 THE WAY OF THE GATE—the place of justice. (See 1 Sam. 8: 1.) A CONTOURNEY—a suit. V. 3 THERE IS NO MAN—he seeks favor for himself by blinding his father. V. 4 PAY MY VOW—He vowed to meet him as a friend rather than a prince. V. 6 HE STOLE THE HEARTS—turned the people's favor from his father to himself. II.—V. 7 FORTY YEARS—rather four year. MY VOW—a mere pretence to enable him to carry out his conspiracy. HEBRON—the capital of his father's 12 tribes, containing many friends of his youth. V. 10 SPIES—walkers in secret, secret messengers. V. 11 CALLED—invited to the festival, simplicity—ignorance of the conspiracy. V. 12 Ahithophel—David's most able counsellor. I Chron. 27: 33, 34; Ps. 41: 9; Job 12: 14. GILGATH—in the mountains of Judah, south of Hebron. III.—V. 13 SAYING—so secretly had the conspiracy been conducted, and so suddenly discovered that it seemed later before David had any suspicion of it. V. 14 LET US FLEE—overwhelmed by the treason of his favorite son, he would not wait the risk of a siege, but fled from the city. WHAT HAVE I LEARNED? 1. That pride and ambition lead to great crimes. 2. That children who treat their parents with disrespect and injury will not prosper. 3. That men are very apt to lose courage when they have done wrong. 4. That popular favor is very fickle, and easily turned from one favor to another. AUNT JANE'S MISTAKE.—The little brother came quietly into the parlor where Mr. Featherly was making an evening call, and after looking eagerly around remarked to his sister, "Aunt Jane is mistaken." "What is it?" his sister asked gently, patting the dear little fellow on the head, while Featherly gazed at the two in rapt admiration. "I don't see any cap," he replied, "but Aunt Jane said you were in the parlor, setting your cap for Mr. Featherly."—Exchange.

COMMERCIAL.

MONTREAL, July 29, 1884.

As far as can now be learned there is a prospect of a fair average grain crop throughout Ontario. The fall wheat, what there is of it, is looking well; good plump heads, splendid quality and a large yield. Spring wheat will not yield heavily to the acre, but, unless something intervenes between this and harvest to blight it, it will be a good sample. Barley, while not a heavy crop, is of good quality. Pease are looking splendid, while oats will be a rather light crop. In short, the prospect is that while we will not have a large or full crop it will be a good one, and if the prospect for good prices were but better, the grain trade would have a bright outlook.

There have been some small fluctuations in the Chicago wheat market this week, but the volume of actual business done is not large. August is at 83 1/4 higher than last week, and it reached 1 1/2 higher; Sept. 85 1/2; October 86 1/2; corn is steady at 54 1/2 Sept.; 54 1/2 October; and 45c year.

The less said about the state of the local trade the better. White Winter Wheat is quoted at \$1.08 to \$1.15; Red do., \$1.14 to \$1.17; Canada Spring, \$1.14 to \$1.16; Peas, 91c per 66 lbs.; Oats, 40c per 33 lbs.; Barley, and Rye, nominal.

FLOUR.—The situation is practically unchanged, but there is some indication that the market for low grades will improve, as the supply is becoming much reduced. We quote as follows:—Superior Extra, \$5.25 to \$5.40; Extra Superfine \$4.90 to \$5.00; Fancy \$4.25 to \$4.30; Spring Extra \$4.20 to \$4.25; Superfine, \$3.25 to \$3.45; Strong Bakers' (Can.) \$4.75 to \$5.00; Strong Bakers' (Am.) \$5.25 to \$5.60; Fine, \$3.00 to \$3.10; Middlings, \$2.75 to \$2.95; Pollards, \$2.65 to \$2.75; Ontario bags, included Medium, \$2.25 to \$2.35; Spring Extra, \$2.15 to \$2.20; Superfine, \$1.65 to \$1.75; City Bags, (delivered), \$2.80.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—The butter market is very quiet and uninteresting, with but little movement; prices unchanged. We quote:—Creamery, 18 1/2 to 19 1/2; Eastern Townships, 15c to 16 1/2; Western, 12c to 14c. Last week's exports were only 713 pkgs, against 1,022 pkgs the week previous. Cheese, is a little stronger this week and with more business, but the market is in a somewhat queer state. Prices range from 8 1/2 to 9 1/2, principally 9 to 9 1/2.

Eggs continue steady at 15 1/2 to 16c per dozen for good stock.

HOG PRODUCTS are in fair demand in a jobbing way at the same prices;—Western Mess Pork \$18.75 to \$19.25; Canada short cut, \$21.00 to \$21.50; Hams, city cured, 14c to 14 1/2; Bacon, 13c to 14c; Lard, in pails, western, 10 1/2 to 11c; do., Canadian, 10c to 10 1/2; Tallow, common refined, 7c to 8c.

ASHES.—The market is weak at \$3.90 to \$4.50, as to tars, for Puts, and \$4.80 for Pearls.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Although the number of butchers' cattle brought to the market here is pretty large, but few of them are of really good quality, and this has led to an advance in the prices of the best animals, but half-fatted and lean stock are dull of sale at low prices, which, apparently, have not yet touched bottom. Choice cattle sell at from 4 1/2 to 5c per lb., and good grass fed steers at about 4c do.; dry cows and leanish steers sell at from \$25 to \$35 each, or 3c to 3 1/2c per lb., while bulls and lean stock in general, sell at from 2 1/2 to 3c do. The supply of sheep and lambs is about equal to the demand, but the quality is not up to the former seasons; consequently, good lambs bring relatively high rates. Sheep sell at from \$3 to \$6 each, and lambs at from \$2 to \$4 each. The price of live hogs has still an upward tendency and ranges from 6 1/2 to 7c per lb. Milch cows are hard to sell at present, but few really good ones have been offered here of late.

FARMERS' MARKET.

Few very farmers have leisure to bring their produce to the markets, as they are busy in the hayfield whenever the weather is favorable. The prices of oats and hay have advanced considerably of late owing to small supplies, but roots and vegetables are exceedingly abundant of superior

quality and pretty low priced. The market is almost glutted with new potatoes, which sell at from 60c to 75c per bag. Large quantities of cabbages are being shipped to various parts of the Dominion the cost to the shippers here being from \$1.25 to \$2.50 for 100 heads. The supply of American apples is increasing and the quality is also improving while the prices are going down. Considerable quantities of raspberries and blueberries are brought to the market, but the quality is not very good. Montreal tomatoes are getting pretty common and are not so high-priced as on former years owing to the low prices of the American fruit. Green peas and green beans are abundant and cucumbers are almost unsalable. Dressed hogs are advancing in price; poultry are fairly supplied at former rates. The prices of butter and eggs are rather higher. Very little old hay is brought to market and good new hay is in demand at pretty high rates. Oats are \$1.10 to \$1.20 per bag; peas \$1.00 to \$1.10 per bushel; new potatoes 35c to 45c do; tub butter 10c to 10c per lb; eggs 16c to 20c per dozen; apples \$4 to \$5 per barrel; raspberries 60c to 90c per pail; currants 35c to 75c do; blueberries 25c to 30c per gal lon, hay \$6 to \$10 per 100 bundles.

NEW YORK, July 28, 1884.

GRAIN.—Wheat 97 1/2 August; 98 1/2 Sept.; 99 1/2 Oct.; \$1.01 1/2 Nov. Corn, 63 1/2 August; 63 1/2 Sept. and 64 Oct. Rye, quiet, 66c to 72 1/2c. Oats in fair demand, 34 1/2 August; 33 1/2 Sept.; 34 1/2 Oct. Barley, nominal. Pease nominal.

FLOUR dull but steady. We quote:—Low Extra, \$3.35 to \$3.95; Spring wheat extra; low shipping to choice clear \$3.45 to \$4.85; Patent, from \$5.50 to \$6.20; Winter wheat extra, inferior shipping to choice Family, \$3.45 to \$5.85 Family Extras, \$3.20 to \$5.55.

MEALS.—Common, \$3.35 to \$3.45 in brls; oatmeal, \$5.00 to \$5.90 per brl.

SEEDS, dull. Clover 10c to 10 1/2; Timothy, \$1.50 to \$1.70; Flaxseed \$1.60 to \$1.70.

DAIRY PRODUCE.—Cheese is in fair demand, 8 1/2 to 9 1/2; Butter in small demand at 18c to 22c.

EGGS, steady, 18c to 19c per dozen.

PROVISIONS.—Pork, Mess, old to new, \$15.50 to \$17.50; Beef, Extra, Mess, \$12.00; Lard \$7.70 to \$8.00.

A CHINESE LADY-DOCTOR.

At a meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Philadelphia, a dark-complexioned, almond-eyed girl of eighteen attracted general attention. She was attired in a richly embroidered saque and skirt, and wore the silk slippers which are affected by the ladies of high rank in the Celestial Empire.

The girl is Hu King Eng, who arrived last week from China in company with Rev. Dr. Whitney, a medical missionary stationed at Foochow. She is the daughter of Hu Yong Mi, a convert, who occupies the position of presiding elder in the Foochow Conference, and is held in high esteem in China. Her mother, who is a lady of high rank, assists her father in his missionary labors. Her grandfather, Hu King Hi, who died recently, was a military mandarin of high rank, and enjoyed the distinction of being the second convert to the Methodist Episcopal Church in China. He was a devout Christian, and a firm believer in the tenets of Methodism, and gave his children, the parents of Hu King Eng, a good religious education. This was in turn imparted to the girl, who was a pious Christian. She is unusually bright and intelligent. Her purpose in coming here is to obtain a medical education which will enable her to take charge of the hospital on her return to her native country. With this object in view she will enter the girls' department of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, O., in which the co-education system is practised, and then take a regular course in the Woman's Medical College in this city.—N. Y. Witness.

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MACARONI WITH EGGS.—Break half a pound of macaroni into short bits; cook tender in boiling, salted water. Drain well; put into a deep dish and pour over it a cupful of drawn butter in which have been stirred two beaten eggs, and two table-spoonsful of grated cheese, with salt and pepper. Loosen the macaroni to allow the sauce to penetrate the mass. Pass more grated cheese with it.

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