

a journey furnishing another proof of Elijah's endurance, then on into the wilderness, twenty-five or thirty miles farther south. Talk about the scene under the "juniper tree",—Elijah's discouragement and request that he might die; his greatly needed sleep and the provision of food by the angel,—these repeated a second time; and the command to go on to Horeb, nearly two hundred miles south of Beersheba.

II. ELIJAH AT HOREB, vs. 9-14. Bring out, by questioning, the information in the Geography Lessons (QUARTERLIES), supplementing it as far as possible from the TEACHERS MONTHLY and other sources. Discuss the question which God puts to Elijah; and the prophet's answer. Would the true answer have been, "I was afraid of Jezebel"? Question about the three wonderful signs by which God made His presence known,—the wind, the earthquake and the fire (lightning); and bring out the

teaching of "the still small voice", that more by gentleness and love than by sternness and severity, is God's work in the world to be done. After bringing out the effect of the vision on Elijah,—he wrapped his face in his mantle, because, like Moses (Ex. 3 : 6), he was "afraid to look upon God",—take up God's repeated question (v. 13) and the prophet's answer,—the same as in v. 10. Was the spirit of the answer different though the words were the same? Was Elijah now ready to leave all his difficulties with God and go back to his work?

III. ELIJAH AT WORK AGAIN, vs. 15, 16. Get the scholars to tell you all they can about the persons named in these verses, and, in connection with vs. 17, 18, bring out the teaching that they were all to help in completing Elijah's work of destroying Baal worship. Question about the call of Elisha, vs. 19-21. For a point of application see From the Platform, page 90.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON

Find on any good map of the Sinai peninsula the mountains near its southern end. If you stand on one height known now as Mount St. Catherine and look off in a northerly direction, you find yourself overlooking a deep valley, with a mountain of rocks and bare earth straight ahead at the end of the valley. Beyond that mountain you see the great airy space of another valley, and at the farther side of the second valley a second mountain still bigger and grander. And away up there on the very top you can barely make out a small stone building. Beyond this giant mountain you see other heights,

reaching off into the distance. That mountain with the sharp peak is believed to be the height where Moses, centuries earlier, had received the law direct from God,—the law for whose first two Commandments Elijah himself had fought so valiantly. The building away up there on the summit is a chapel.

To see for yourself the towering peak of the Mount of the Law and the rugged heights and deep valleys around it, use the stereograph entitled, Mount of Moses, Where the Law Was Given to Israel's Leader, Sinai Wilderness.

ADDED HINTS AND HELPS

In this section will be found further assistance under various headings.

Lesson Points

Defeat is the sure portion of all those who defy God. v. 1.

Those who threaten God's servants will have to reckon with their Lord. v. 2.

It is not courage, but foolhardiness, that shows itself in the running of needless risks. v. 3.

The Giver of life is the only One who has

the right to take away life. v. 4.

Human need can always call heavenly succor by the wireless telegraphy of the spiritual world. v. 5.

Ministering to the body is often the most effective way of ministering to the soul. v. 6.

Telling our troubles to God is a long step towards their removal. v. 10.

In the single word "Love" are summed up the character and attributes of God. v. 12.

Not with slavish dread, but with loving reverence, is God to be feared. v. 13.