

Notes on the Lessons.

LESSON V—August 4th, 1895.

The Report of the Spies. NUM. 13: 17-20, 23-33.

(Commit to memory verse 20).

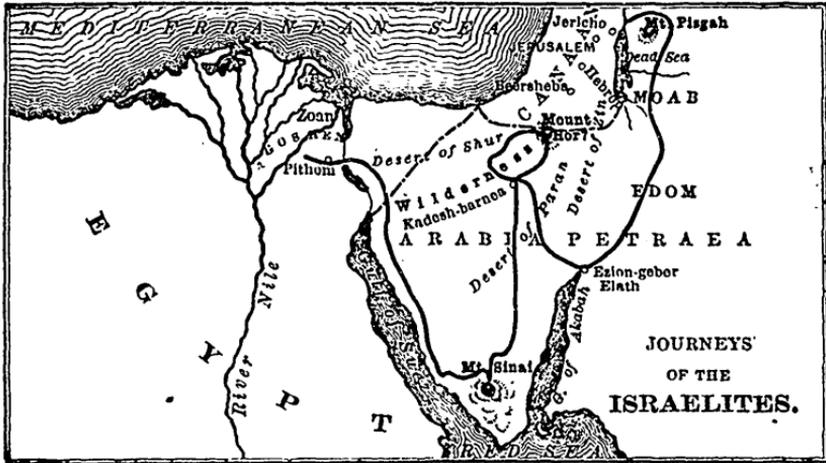
GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord is with us, fear them not." Num. 14: 9.

PROVE THAT—We must not hope without reason. I Pet. 3: 15.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 31. *What is effectual calling?* A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 124, 119, 120, 130.

DAILY PORTIONS. *Monday.* Report of the spies. Num. 13: 17-25. *Tuesday.* Num. 13: 26-33. *Wednesday.* Mistrust. Num. 14: 1-12. *Thursday.* The punishment. Num. 14: 13-25. *Friday.* Judgment on the rebellious. Num. 14: 26-39. *Saturday.* Remembrance of the fact. Num. 32: 6-15. *Sabbath.* Without fear. Ps. 46. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).



NOTES AND EXPLANATIONS.

INTRODUCTORY. After receiving their religious and political constitution at Sinai, the Israelites marched directly across the wilderness of Paran to the borders of Canaan. The unreliable character of the people and the dangers arising from the "mixed multitude" which accompanied them were soon apparent. Murmurs with regard to their hardships were silenced at Taberah, by "the fire of the Lord" and by a second (Ex. 16: 13) and abundant provision of quails. But the gift so thanklessly received became an occasion of terrible punishment, and the name Kibroth Hataavah, "The graves of gluttony," marked the cemetery of the victims of divine wrath. Even those nearest to him, Aaron and Miriam, were jealous of Moses' pre-eminence. Only unbounded fortitude and faith, combined with surpassing meekness of disposition, could have enabled him to continue as leader of the emancipated nation. But, solitary in his greatness, Moses "spake mouth to mouth" with God, and beheld "the similitude of the Lord." Such converse and such a beatific vision lifted him far above the vexations necessarily attendant upon his arduous enterprise, and strengthened his heart so that he might inspire others with his own perseverance and hope (Num. 12: 8; 11: 25). Arrived at Kadesh Barnea, twelve trusty men, "heads of the children of Israel," were sent, by the request of the people (Deut. 1: 22) and the command of God, to "search the land of Canaan," and thus secure information for the guidance of the leaders in the proposed campaign of conquest. Read Deut. 1: 1, 2, 19-36; Heb. 3: 7-19; 4: 1-3.