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SECOND QUARTER: STUDIES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF JUDAH.

B. C. 624. LESSON II. THE SCRIPTURES FOUND AND SEARCHED: or. The Awakening Word. 2 Chron. 34, 14-22. April 14th.

EXPLANATORY.

it, by making them almoners of his bounty and helpers in his work. Brought. The contributions of the people, which were laid at the gates of the temple. Hilkiah. High-priest in the reign of Josian, and one of that noble band of reformers who Moses. Some translate "to Moses." The best scholars agree that this was the original autograph copy, penned by Moses more than nine hundred years before, and

15. 16, 17. SHAFHAN. The prime-minister and trusted servant of the king. I o' th' sarpent. We munnot say, have found. A rare honor thus to bring God's word out of neglect and darkness, and cause it to illumine a land. So did Luther and the reformers of the sixteenth century. And in a sense, so does every teacher who sheds its light on your minds. Book of the law. It may have been carefully hidden to preserve it from destruction during Manasseh's persecution; or it may have been cast into the rubbish of the dishonoured temple. To the king. When the best of books falls into the hands of the best of kings, then great results may be expected. Those who have the treasure of God's truth, should not suppress nor retain it, but extend its blessings to others. Word. Concerning the repairs and improvements in the temple. They do it. Happy the master who can trust his servants! Our King expects a like fidelity, and his allseeing eye is upon his workers. Have delivered it. An example of honesty in trusts. Workmen. Those whose time is occupied upon God's house have a right | plies full duty. It moves from thought | to compensation and support.

a rarity to be admired, but it is read." The best casket for God's word is the heart of an obedient hearer. Heard the words. There is a peculiar power about truth when it strikes the ear for the first time. We, who hear the word so often. can scarcely put ourselves into the condition of this young king, listening eagerly | brings.—Am. Meth. Recorder. for the revelation from the Lord. | Teacher, show your class the need of receiving these early impressions, before the heart becomes hardened.] Rent his clothes. An Oriental token of alarm and grief. Kings are not exempted from trouble of heart; but few have so kingly a sorrow as this

20, 21, 22. THE KING COMMANDED. The noblest in the realm were not too lofty to wait upon the prophetess and learn the will of the Lord. Recently a Japanese o nobleman, who had found a part of the New Testament, sent his trustiest servant three hundred miles to ascertain from a missionary the meaning of the word. For me. He felt anxious for himself. We, in our anxieties for our souls, need not seek answer through human mediators, but can come directly to the great High-Priest for mercy. Because our fathers. The children must suffer whenever the fathers sin. Huldah the prophetess. God makes no distinction of sex in his inspiration, yet does distinguish in the mannes of its manifestation. An Elijah goes abroad to awaken and arouse the land; a Huldah dwells within the sacred walls of home, in wifely honor, and with matronly dignity answers the questions of the king from the voice of the Lord. The wardrobe. The lofficer having charge of the robes of state for the king. College. Otherwise translated, "in the second part," the portion of the city outside the wall. To her. She was at this time the recognized messenger of God. Jeremiah had but recently begun his prophetic ministry in a Benjamite village, and may not have been known as yet in the

GOLDEN TEXT: Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. John 5, 39.

DOCTRINAL SUGGESTION: Inspiration of Scripture.

The next lesson is Jer. 33 1-9.

It will be cause of great regret to many that the income of the Wesleyan Mission. ary S ca ty this year is considerably below that of the previous year. The terrible depression of trade in several districts

"GOD A'MOIGHTY HE KNOWS."

An' here's just where I'd like to ax a question, Mester, about summat 'at's worreted me a good deal. I dunnot want to question the Maker, but I would like to know how it is 'at sometime it seems 'at we're clean forgotas if He couldna fash Hissen about our troubles, an' most loike left them to work out theirsens. Yo' see, Mester, VERSE 14. THE MONEY. Money is the | an' we aw see, sometime, He thinks on sinew of war, both in the State and the us an gi's us a lift; but hasna tha Church. God honors those who possess thysen seen times when tha stopt short, an' axed thysen, "Wheer's God A'moighty 'at He isna straighteein' things out a bit? Th' righteous is forsaken, an' his seed's beggin' bread. An' th' devil's topmast agen." I've encouraged and aided the king in his ef- talked to my lass about it sometimes. forts. A book of the law. A roll of parch- an' I dunnot think I meant harm, ment. containing, probably, the book of Mester, for I felt humble enough—an' Deuteronomy, as might be inferred from when I talked, my lass she'd listen an' the character of its contents. Given by smile soft an' sorrowful, but she never gi' me but one answer :-

"Tim," she'd say, "this is on'y th' skoo' an' we're th' scholars, an' He's placed for preservation in the Holy of teachin' us His way. We munnot be loike th' children o' Israel i' th' wilderness, an' turn away fro' th' cross 'cause 'There's a snake.' We mun say, There's th' cross, an' th' Lord gi' it to us.' Th' teacher wouldna' be o' much use. Tim, if th' scholars knew as much as he did, an' I allus think it's th' best to comfort mysen wi' sayin', 'Th' Lord A'moighty, He knows.' "-Surly Tim.

CHRISTIAN joy comes through knowledge, and gets on to duties done. It is not a mere profession. It is not a sudden enthusiasm. It is more than words. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." The idle Christian, or the disciple who gives little or nothing of his means to the advancement of the cause of truth, no matter what high attainments he may possess, has not attained the solid comfort of the believer. True belief imto word, and from word to act, and it 18, 19. READ IT. "It is not laid up in repeats its deeds again and again, at the king's cabinet as a piece of antiquity, any cost for Christ's sake; and this is the Gospel joy. For any one to Lear about religion, and to talk about religion, and even to claim to be religious, and yet do nothing religious in aid of suffering humanity, is to fail of the happiness which work for Jesus always

> GRACE does not manifest itself upon any scale of years, and we have a right to expect to see persons of all ages brought into the church and then consecrate themselves to God and his service. The expressions we so often hear that if men do not believe when young, they are not likely ever to do so, is a wrong one, and one that weakens the efforts of ministers and others in respect to those whom they might otherwise seek with hope and determination. Mr. Spurgeon says he has found no difference as to the susceptibilities of old or young, and that he had converts in his ministry equally interesting from all ages. The Instructor relates that at a communion in the Ninth Church, Philadelphia, a few weeks ago, a man was admitted who had reached the great age of 102 years.

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