

TEMPERANCE is the topic of the special Order of Service issued for to-day which is **PATRIOTIC SUNDAY**. The Quarterly Temperance Lesson has therefore been interchanged with the Review Lesson.

Lesson XIII.

REVIEW, SUPPLEMENTAL LESSONS

June 29, 1913

TO MAKE READY FOR THE REVIEW—The scholar should revise his Supplemental Bible Work, Scripture Memory Passages, Shorter Catechism (Questions 51-60), and the Question on Missions for the Quarter.

THE BLINDING EFFECT OF SIN—TEMPERANCE LESSON

Amos 6 : 1-8. Commit to memory vs. 7, 8.

GOLDEN TEXT—Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live.—Amos 5 : 14.

1 Woe to them that are at ease in Zi'on, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!

2 Pass ye unto Cal'neh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or their border greater than your border?

3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near;

4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall;

Revised Version—¹ to them that are secure in; ² the notable men of the chief of; ³ come; ⁴ is; ⁵ sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that devise for; ⁶ revelry; ⁷ pass away.

LESSON PLAN

I. Warning, 1, 2.

II. Self-Indulgence, 3-6.

III. Doom, 7, 8.

DAILY READINGS

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M.—The blinding effect of sin, Amos 6 : 1-8. T.—God's judgment, Isa. 5 : 8-16. W.—The source of woe, Isa. 28 : 1-7. Th.—An apostle's exhortation, Titus, 2 : 6-15. F.—An example to observe, Dan. 1 :

5 That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David;

6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.

8 The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

8-16. S.—Children of light, 1 Thes. 5 : 5-11. S.—The woes of intemperance, Prov. 23 : 29-35.

Lesson Hymns—Book of Praise: 474 (Supplemental Lesson), 250, 246, 92 (Ps. Sel.), 581 (from PRIMARY QUARTERLY), 251.

Special Scripture Reading—Prov. 23 : 29-35. (To be read responsively or in concert by the whole School.)

Lantern Slides—For Lesson, T. 247, Alcohol Weakens Muscle. For Question on Missions, F. 49, Two Savage Girls of the Head Hunters; F. 71, Dr. Mackay, and His Family; F. 48, Formosa Presbytery. (Slides are obtained from the Presbyterian Lantern Slide Department, Weston, Ont., at \$2.00 a dozen.)

THE LESSON EXPLAINED

Time and Place—B.C. 750; Samaria.

Connecting Links—Amos, the earliest of the Old Testament prophets whose writings have come down to us, was a native of Tekoa a small town in the uplands about six miles south of Bethlehem. By occupation he was a herdsman or small sheep farmer and also a "pincher of sycamores," a tree whose fruit was more quickly ripened by being bruised or pinched. Although he was thus a native of Judah, the southern kingdom, he was called to exercise his prophetic activity in Samaria, the capital city of the northern kingdom of Israel.

I. Warning, 1, 2.

V. 1. *Woe*; a word never pronounced by the prophet save upon people whose actions have already invited calamity. *At ease*; careless, indifferent. *Zion*; the southern kingdom, here denoted by Zion, that is Jerusalem, its capital city, included with the northern in the prophet's present address. *Trust in the mountain of Samaria*; "are reck-

less in the mountain of Samaria." Both Jerusalem and Samaria were splendidly situated for defense, being surrounded by lofty mountains. *Which are named*; "who name themselves." *Chief of the nations*; "the first people of the earth"—the prophet speaks ironically—such are the pretensions of these arrogant men of Judah and Samaria. *House of Israel* (the people of the land) *come* (Rev. Ver.). They are the judges and leaders of Israel, and the people must come to them.

V. 2. *Pass ye unto Cal'neh*; a large and powerful Syrian city, probably about 75 miles north of Hamath the great, another famous Syrian city-state, on the Orontes, 150 miles north of Damascus, the modern Hama, with 30,000 inhabitants. *Gath of the Philistines*; the one of the five city-states of the Philistines, nearest to the borders of Judah, the other four being Ashkelon, Ashdod, Gaza and Ekron. Substituting "you" for *they*, "your" for *their* and "their" for *your*, the meaning is: the cities named, great and