

# The Liver

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### INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter-Lesson XI.—June 14. THE BOOK OF THE LAW FOUND.—2 Chron. 34:14-28.

GOLDEN TEXT.—The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver.—Ps. 119:72.

THE STATE OF THE KINGDOM.—We pass over 57 years from the death of Hezekiah to the beginning of Josiah's reign. During most of these years Hezekiah's son, Manasseh reigned, followed by the brief reign of his son Amon, Josiah's father. The outward prosperity continued for a long time. But Manasseh fell under bad influences, and there was a terrible reaction. The idolatrous party became triumphant. Persecution of God's servants followed. Some were slain almost every day. The streets were red with the blood of the saints. In punishment for these crimes, the kingdom was conquered by the Assyrians, and Manasseh was made captive, and carried to Babylon. He was bound with fetters, and led by a cord attached to a ring in his lips or nose. Manasseh's imprisonment brought him to repentance. He was restored to his kingdom. Some reforms were made, but there was no thorough religious reformation. Manasseh was succeeded by his son Amon, who followed in the footsteps of his father's earlier days. Immorality was rampant. Crimes and shameful vices abounded.

THE BOY KING; JOSIAH. Josiah began to reign when he was eight years old. It seems to have been by the choice of the people. He reigned 31 years. He was married at the age of 13. He kept in the ways of the Lord, and did not turn aside from righteousness. His reign makes the last glory of the earthly kingdom of David. His kingdom virtually extended over the territory of the ten tribes.

HIS CONVERSION. The first step in the reform of the people of his kingdom was his own conversion. In the eighth year of his reign he began to seek after the God of David his father. This conversion was one of the wonderful acts of the Holy Spirit. The son of a bad father, in the midst of the temptations of a corrupt court, this young man at the dawning of his manhood begins to serve the Lord.

Applications. There are no circumstances in which we cannot become a Christian. Thank God for a religious mother and her training. These had a powerful influence over Josiah. A child may become a Christian very early in life. A young person may become a Christian when the pleasures of the world are most attractive. A child may be a Christian without being unmanly or unwomanly. One who becomes a Christian in early life is likely to become a better man than one who lives through a career of sin.

THE REFORMATION BEGUN. The character of the idolatries "which had haunted themselves in the eyes of men" for 13 or 14 years, may be seen by the complaints of Zephaniah (1:4-9; 3:1-4), and of Jeremiah in his earlier ministry (Jer., chaps. 2-11). The Temple was first cleansed of idols and all the implements of idol worship; then the images and groves, and the idol altars were broken in pieces, and ground to powder throughout all Judea. This was the negative work of the reformation, as essential as breaking off bad habits, and giving up a bad business, and ceasing to do evil, is to becoming a Christian in our day.

THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES. The Temple, besides cleansing, needed repairs. Josiah sanctioned a collection of money for the repairs, not only in the Temple itself, but throughout Judah and Benjamin, and all the land of Israel.

FINDING THE BOOK OF THE LAW.—Vers. 14-17. And when they. The commissioners mentioned in ver. 8. Brought out the money. From the place in some of the Temple chambers where it had been placed. Hilkiah the priest found a book (in the form of a roll) of the law of the Lord given by Moses. The treasure had been deposited in some secret place. The Rabbinical tradition is, that the book was found beneath a heap of stones, under which it had been hidden when Ahaz burnt the other copies of the law.

What was this Book of the Law? The book of the law cannot mean anything else than the Mosaic book of the law (the Pentateuch), which is so designated in the Chronicles and the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The book of the law that was found was simply the Temple copy, deposited by the side of the ark of the covenant, which had been lost under the idolatrous kings Manasseh and Amon. Hilkiah answered. Shaphan's inquiry as to what he had that interested him so.

And said to Shaphan the scribe.

The king's secretary, through whom Hilkiah made known his discovery to the king. And Shaphan carried the book, etc. Shaphan, bearing the book lives a calm account of the business on which he had been sent first, viz., the inquiry and arrangement about the money which had been gathered. When that part of the business is despatched he tells the king concerning the book that has been discovered.

THE EFFECT OF FINDING THE BIBLE.—Vers. 18-28. And Shaphan read it before the king. At the king's request. He was anxious to know what the truth was, and the nature of the law he had been trying to obey. Abdon... Asaiah. Nothing more is said of these men. A servant, in such phrases always means some person of influence in attendance on the king. Go, inquire of the Lord for me, etc. Seek some prophet to whom the Lord communicates, and find out what is God's will; whether there is any way of averting these calamities to which the kingdom is exposed. They were in great trouble. What can they do? For great is the wrath of the Lord, i. e., God's intense hatred of sin, and the punishment threatened. The profound and startling impression made upon the king by the reading of this book may have been due wholly to the fact that it brought to him the very words of God through Moses, supposedly those denunciations of judgment for idolatry which may be seen in Lev. 26 and Deut. 28. The reading of God's word brings conviction of sin. It shows us our departures from right; it is a mirror in which we see our weakness and sin. Went to Huldah the prophetess. The occasion was urgent, and therefore they were sent to Huldah, who was probably at this time a widow. She dwelt in Jerusalem in the college. The outer city, that which had been enclosed by the wall of Manasseh to the north of the old city. Behold, I will bring evil upon this place. The nation had gone so far in sin that nothing could persuade them, as a whole, to repent and be saved. Nothing but the actual infliction of the threatened punishment would cleanse them from idolatry. This threat was accomplished within 36 years. And as for the king of Judah. Whatever was true of the mass of the people, the king sincerely desired to obey God. Because thine heart was tender. He did not harden his heart as did Pharaoh, but was susceptible to the truth of God. Rend thy clothes, and weep. Signs of deep sorrow for sin. Thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace. He would be saved, though the nation were doomed to destruction. His repentance and his labors for his people gave them a longer opportunity to repent, and doubtless many individuals would repent and be saved.

King Josiah undertook four great labors for the salvation of his nation. (1) He held a great Bible meeting for the instruction of the people in the Word of God. The leaders and the people assembled to hear the book of the law. (2) The king and the people renewed their covenant with God, pledging themselves to keep his commandments, with all their heart and soul. (3) The work of destroying idols and idolatry was made thorough and complete. It had been begun six years before. (4) Josiah renewed the religious institutions of his nation by celebrating a Passover, such as had not been celebrated from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the king of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah (2 Kings 23:22). From all parts of the land the people flocked up to the renovated Temple, and joined with every demonstration of gladness in the eight days' festivity prepared for them. Thirty thousand males of full age attended.

LESSONS FROM KING JOSIAH. The time to begin to serve God is in early youth. (1) Because we may never live to be old. (2) Because there are fewer hindrances. (3) Because we have a longer time in which to serve God. (4) Because God has a work for us to do which will occupy our whole life. (5) Because we are likely to live purer and better lives in manhood and age. (6) Because the service of God is so good that the whole life should be spent in it.

W. C. T. Union. Our Motto.—If God be for us, who can be against us. "Our Work."

Mrs. Steadman reported at the weekly meeting of the W. C. T. U., a pleasant, interesting and instructive Session of the Convention meeting held at Chatham. She also visited other auxiliaries and was much pleased and encouraged with the work that is being accomplished.

## WORLD'S W. C. T. U. MEETING, SABBATH EVENING, IN THE CITY HALL.

A large gathering greeted the Ladies of the W. C. T. U. who had the meeting in charge, to hear something about the World's W. C. T. U. and they derived their information from several articles taken from the "Union Signal" and read by the following Ladies and Gentlemen. After the Chairman, Mr. L. W. Johnson, had opened the meeting, Mrs. Steadman read a paper by "Esther Pugh" "The Genesis of the World's W. C. T. U." followed by the Rev. Mr. Cawley, "The Exodus of the World's W. C. T. U."

Mrs. Randolph's selection was "Our Round the World Missionary, Mary Clement Leavitt." The Baptist Choir provided music for the programme. Mrs. Frank Risteen read the "World's Petition" which was presented at the close of the meeting for signatures. Quite a number availed themselves of the opportunity, and the large crowd dispersed wiser and we hope better for the privilege of spending the evening under the auspices of the W. C. T. U.

## The Dominion Branch of the World's W. C. T. U.

DEAR OFFICIAL ORGAN:—The Dominion or "National" W. C. T. U. of Canada is unique in its environment. Territorially, the largest of all the British possessions, Canada also contains 500,000 more square miles than the United States, exclusive of Alaska. Yet, its population is only about one-tenth as large as that of its American sister, and is principally found in a narrow band extending from the Atlantic to the Pacific, but only about as wide, on an average, as the state of Pennsylvania. In addition to this, a large proportion—probably three-fourths—of the population of the Province of Quebec is separated from us by the barriers of race, language and religion. Still, for a number of years, Provincial (Canadian for "state") unions have been successfully carried on by Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Maritime Provinces (Nova Scotia and New Brunswick). These Provincial unions and the scattered local organizations in our Northwest Territories, under charge of a superintendent, are the auxiliaries of the Dominion W. C. T. U., and represent 358 local unions, 46 Y unions, and a paying membership, last year, of over 6,000. In some of our local unions the payment of the fee is not essential to membership, and thus our reported membership is much larger—about 9,000.

Twenty-five departments of work are carried on by our faithful company of superintendents.

In Ontario and Quebec scientific temperance instruction is now compulsory in the Protestant public schools. In New Brunswick the higher grades receive temperance instruction, and more or less progress has been made in other provinces. We are hoping that the time is not far distant when the subject shall be made compulsory in all the provinces, and the "Barnes Series" or similar text books, be authorized for use in all our public schools.

Our Y unions are increasing in numbers and interest. The members carry on kitchen gardens, sewing societies, Loyal Temperance Legions and flower missions, and, in Montreal, the Y's send their well-filled coffee barrow through the city streets for the benefit of the cabmen in winter. Nineteen thousand children are enrolled in our juvenile societies, and we confidently expect that when they grow up "King Alcohol" will not only "tremble," but fall from his throne. In the April number of our Dominion organ, the *Woman's Journal*, a bright little paper edited by Miss Mary Scott, of Ottawa, there is a letter from one of the faithful members of the Loyal Temperance Legion, asking if there cannot be a children's petition for prohibition sent to the Canadian Parliament, since only those who are at least sixteen years of age are allowed to sign the one now in circulation.

With the new year our evangelistic superintendent sent out the first number of her monthly Bible readings leaflet, and an excellent leaflet for distribution at parlor meetings has been prepared by the superintendent of that department. Literature of various kinds, scrap-books and work-bags filled with thread, needles, buttons, and other needfuls, have been sent, with Bibles and pledge cards, to sailors and lumbermen. We expect a great help in our "Fair and Exhibition" work from the anticipated visit of the World's superintendent of that department. Indeed, we often receive friendly aid from experienced workers in the neighboring republic and are always glad to lend them our Canadian lecturers, Mrs. Youmans, Miss Phelps, and others not yet so well known across the "line." Mrs. Youmans was our first

Dominion president and is still honorary president, although too feeble to be in active service. We are hoping to raise the amount required for the erection of a tablet bearing her name in the Temperance Temple in Chicago.

The "World's Petition" has been circulated by our unions and presented at various conventions as opportunity has offered. A petition to Parliament for the enfranchisement of women was authorized at our Montreal convention (1890), and is now being circulated for signatures. It asks that the "rights of citizenship shall not be abridged or decided on account of sex, but that the right to vote at elections for members of the House of Commons shall be extended to the women of the Dominion on the same terms as to the men."

Our workers have also given their personal aid in canvassing for signatures to a petition originating with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada, and the General Conference of the Methodist church. This petition seeks to obtain from the Canadian Parliament the total prohibition in Canada, of the manufacture and sale of spirituous liquors as beverages, and thirteen different denominations have now united in authorizing its circulation among the members of their congregations. It is to be forwarded to the "new" Parliament early in May.

The need for such action is imperative, as will be seen by consulting the Inland Revenue Reports. The last year's report shows a total revenue of \$7,854,581, of which \$4,620,393 came from spirits, and \$1,886,000 from tobacco. The total consumption of liquor in the Dominion for 1888 was less than four gallons per capita. In 1889 the total amount used for drinking purposes was 2,960,447 gallons, or a little over four and one-eighth gallons per capita. The report for 1890 shows an increased use of 560,747 gallons, and, of course, a corresponding increase in the average amount per capita.

The fourth annual convention of the Dominion W. C. T. U. will be held June 19 to 23, in the city of St. John, New Brunswick, and we are already busily preparing for our "mercé to the sea." Among the other inducements to attend is the anticipated pleasure of welcoming the President of the World's and National W. C. T. U., Miss Willard, Miss Anna Gordon, Mrs. Josephine R. Nichol, and other talented white-ribboners.

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