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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter—Lesson III.—April 19.

JONAH SENT TO NINEVEH.

—Jonah 1: 1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.*—Jonah 3: 2.

THE DIFFICULT MISSION.—Vers. 1, 2. *Now the word of the Lord came.* In what way is unknown. Perhaps in vision, perhaps by inspiration, perhaps with an audible voice. *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city.* Nineveh, situated on the Tigris, the capital of the Assyrian empire, was at that time the largest city of the world. *And cry against it.* Warn them of their danger, persuade them to repentance. *For their wickedness.* The wickedness of the place was in proportion to its wealth and magnificence. In some respects it was hardly less guilty than Sodom or Gomorrah. Even its religion was embodied impurity. *Is come up before me.* Is so great that it is necessary that something be done.

RUNNING AWAY FROM DUTY.—Vers. 3. *But Jonah rose up.* He must do something, go somewhere. *To flee unto Tarshish.* Probably Tartessus, a mercantile city of the Phoenicians, in the south of Spain. *From the presence of the Lord.* This may mean from standing before the Lord or being in his presence, as his servant or minister i. e., he renounced his office of prophet rather than obey so unwelcome a command. It may, however, only refer to that special presence of God in the Holy Land, which all Jews recognized. To run away from duty is always to go from God's conscious presence. *And went down to Joppa.* Then the only seaport of Palestine, on the Mediterranean, and still the seaport of Jerusalem, the modern Jaffa. *And he found a ship.* The way was open. Opportunities to do anything are no sign that it is right to do it. *So he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it.* Jonah had done all he could. The winds and waters must do the rest.

NO SAFETY OUT OF THE PATH OF DUTY.—Vers. 4-6. *But the Lord sent.* The storms and winds are all under the control of God. *And there was a mighty tempest.* A hurricane. *Was like to be broken.* Wrecked, foundered. *The mariners cried every man unto his god.* The crews employed in their ships were often drawn from a variety of nations; and these would have various forms of idolatrous worship. *And cast forth the wares.* Parts of the cargo, and spare tackling and furniture of the ship. *To lighten it of them.* To make things easier for them. *But.* While others were praying the guilty one was sleeping. *Jonah was gone down.* Probably before the storm began, and was sound asleep. *Into the sides of the ship.* Below the deck. *And was fast asleep.* Either from a feeling of security; or, the sleep of great weariness from his long journey.

Asleep in the Storm. Sin always raises a storm, and it may burst in its fury at any time. Sinners are asleep in the storm. They seem unconscious of their danger. They are not only asleep, but are dreaming of success, joy, prosperity, heaven. The time will come when they must be awakened to the realities of life and eternity. Blessed are they who listen to the divine call before it is too late. *So the shipmaster.* The captain. *What meanest thou, O sleeper? How is it possible for you to be so indifferent.* *Arise, call upon thy God.* Pray. No human power can save. *If so be that God.* A hint that the heathen retained a vague idea, starting into prominence in times of distress, of one supreme God.

CONFESSION OF SIN.—Vers. 7-10. *Come, and let us cast lots.* Jonah, too, had probably prayed, as much as a man can who is still doing wrong. He probably prayed more for repentance and forgiveness than for safety. The storm did not cease, for its object was not yet accomplished. Finding their prayers as unavailing as their efforts, the sailors conclude that the storm is sent upon them by the gods as a judgment for some crime committed by one of their number; and they proceed to cast lots to discover who the culprit is. *For whose cause this evil is upon us.* No one can confine to himself the effects of his sin. *So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.* By the guiding providence of God. *Tell us, we pray thee, etc.* They made such inquiries as would throw light upon the case. *I am a Hebrew.* The name by which the Israelites designated themselves. *And I fear.* I am a worshipper and servant of the Lord, Jehovah, which hath made the sea. He declares the truth of one God. *Then were the men exceedingly afraid.* They were exposed to the same danger which God was sending upon the disobedient prophet. They felt that such a prophet ought to perish. Jonah's strange course was an astonishment

W. C. T. Union.

OUR MOTTO.—*If God be for us who can be against us.*

At Set of Sun.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

If we set down at set of sun And count the things that we have done, And counting find One self-denying act, one word That eased the heart of him who heard; One glance most kind, That fell like sunshine where it went, Then we may call the day well spent. But if through all the living day We've eased no heart by yes or nay; If through it all We've done no thing that we can trace, That brought the sunshine to a face; No act, most small, That helped some soul, and nothing cost, Then count the day as worse than lost.

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Social Purity Petitions.

A few weeks ago we received from Rev. J. W. Bell, superintendent of the White Cross department, the following petition, which is being extensively signed in the West, asking amendments in the criminal law as follows: There are in certain portions of the criminal law of our land very grave defects; to wit, in Chap. 162 of the Revised Statutes. In opinion of your petitioners the law as it now stands is radically wrong in the following particulars: (a) It makes a wholly unjust distinction between women and girls who have property or expectations and those who have not: (b) An equally unjust distinction between women and girls who have legal protectors, as parents, legal guardians, etc., and those who have not, protecting those who are least in need of such protection, and abandoning those who are without protectors: (c) An equally unjust distinction is found in Secs. 4, 5, 8, and 9, which relates to "attempts" as against males or females. Males protected, females unprotected; (d) Sec. 4 is not sufficiently comprehensive. (e) In respect to procurement there is an unjust distinction between "principals" and "intermediate." (f) Crimes against girls of tender years are not punishable with sufficient severity. (g) Dependent girls are not sufficiently protected. Wherefore your petitioners pray that in the respects mentioned above the law may be so amended as to give equal protection to all women; that punishment may be made to apply equally to male and female; and that in all cases the age of consent may be raised to seventeen years.

PAPA MADE ME DRUNK.—These are the last words, repeated over and over again, of a little boy who recently died from the effects of whiskey. His father, an old acquaintance of mine, carried a jug of whiskey home with him from town, and gave each of his children a dram out of it. This child was brought under the control of the whiskey devil by this drink given to him, and slipped to the jug as soon as he could do so unobserved, to get as much of the fiery liquid as his cravings called for. When found was lying on the floor by the jug, unable to move and insensible. The doctor was sent for, and he was roused sufficiently to say, and keep on saying till he died, "Papa made me drunk."—A. T. Goodloe.

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