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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter-Lesson V. - May 3.

ISRAEL OFTEN IMPROVED. - Amos 4: 4-13.

GOLDEN TEXT. - He that, being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy. - Prov. 29: 1.

AMOS, THE FARMER PROPHET, naturally follows Jonah, as he lived in the latter part of the same reign. Amos prophesied "in the days of Uzziah, king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam, the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake."

There is a tradition that Amos suffered death at the hands of his countrymen for the boldness of his denunciation, but it has not the support of early authorities.

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY. - This may be learned from 2 Kings 14: 21; 15: 7; 2 Chron. 26, and the prophets of Hosea and Amos. Its prosperity. The period of Amos ministry was one of great external prosperity for the kingdom of Israel. It stood at the zenith of its power. Under the reign of Jeroboam II. the natural prosperity of the kingdom rose to a height it had never previously known.

Its wickedness. Intercourse with the heathen communities; the loose morality of armies; the self-indulgence of the rich, were ruining the country. The country was spoiled by prosperity. Society became corrupt. Drunkenness and debauchery spread. Even the women were given to their cups.

Such sensuality and profuseness led to all other vices. The passion for money became general. No truth, or mercy, or knowledge of God was left in the land.

Swearing, lying, homicide, stealing, adultery, house-breaking, and murder ran riot. Bands of robbers infested the thoroughfares.

For these sins Amos foretold the ruin of the nation. The only way of salvation was in repentance.

"Thus saith the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live" (5: 4, 6). "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice. It may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious" (5: 15).

THE OBSTACLES GOD PUT IN THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSORS TO MAKE THAT WAY SO HARD THAT THEY WOULD TURN FROM IT. God gave great prosperity, in order that the good of God might lead them to repentance. God gave great victories, an enlarged country, wealth and peace. God's goodness and mercy were to make it hard to sin against him.

THE MISSION TO THE NINEVITES by Jonah, and their repentance, showed the danger of sin, and that salvation could come only through repenting and forsaking sin. Come to Bethel. One chief centre of the idolatrous calf worship. Make pilgrimages here from all parts of the nation. And transgress by worshipping the golden calves.

It was as if he had said, 'Go on in your sins, since you are determined to do so, and see what will come of it: see if I do not tell you the truth in my warnings. Learn by experience if you will, but how much better it would be if you would believe my warnings.' That these verses are sarcasm is seen by the contrary command in 5: 4, 5. At Gilgal. Another centre of their idolatrous worship. Multiply transgression. Increase your sins as rapidly as possible. Do your utmost. Bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes also. And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving. Praise your false gods. With leaven. Instead of being content with unleavened cakes. Proclaim and publish the free offerings. This may be taken as an invitation, to all to offer freely. Be proud of your gifts. For this I rebuke you. Do as you please. 'But for all these things God will bring you into judgment.'

FAMINE. - Vers. 6-8. Now follow a series of lesser punishments God sent upon Israel to hold the nation back from final destruction. And I also. The idolaters of Israel had not been allowed to go on without warning. They had been severely chastised. Cleanness of teeth. For want of something to eat. In all your cities. Everywhere, in all places. In spite of all your worship and gifts to idols, they cannot stop the famine of God wills to come. Yet have ye not returned unto me. Showing that God sent the famine with the purpose of leading them to repentance. Also I have withholden the rain. And the idols you worshipped could not bring it for you. When there were yet three months to the harvest, to refresh the ground, and swell the corn. The drought meant is recorded in 1 Kings 17: 1. I caused it to rain upon one city... not to rain upon another. To show clearly that it was God's hand that sent or withheld the rain. Two or three cities

wandered unto one city. They staggered through weakness, amid the general drought. Yet have ye not returned. All was in vain.

BLIGHTED HARVESTS. - Ver. 9. I have smitten you with blasting, mildew. A blight, in which the ears have no grain. When your gardens. Being mostly watered artificially, it was beyond the reach of ordinary drought. But even this was not safe, for it was devoured by the palmerworm, a kind of locust. Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord. Men now are as little influenced as Israel of old. They do not believe judgments are punishments. They deem them accidental.

PESTILENCE AND WAR. - Ver. 10. The pestilence (a plague) after the manner of Egypt. Egypt is the birthplace of the plague or black death, and the circumstances augmenting its horror are here terribly portrayed. Pestilence was rare in Palestine. Your young men (who should be your defence) have I slain with the sword, because they were so weak that they could not stand against the enemy. And have taken away your horses. By the incursions of enemies. And I have made the stink of your camps. The stench of the unburied dead soldiers. Yet have ye not returned. Even this did not lead them to repentance.

THE EARTHQUAKE. - Ver. 11. I have overthrown. The prophet uses the very word employed (in Gen. 19: 24, 25), to describe the destruction of the city of the plain. And ye (who escaped) were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning. Once it had been green, fresh, fragrant, with leaf or flower; now scorched, charred, blackened, all but consumed.

UNKNOWN DANGERS. - Ver. 12. Therefore thus will I do unto thee. What he will do is not expressed. Prepare to meet thy God at the judgment seat. Prepare by repentance, by returning to God. If you are not prepared the irrevocable doom must come. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and declareth unto man what is his thought. God knows our thoughts more truly than we ourselves. Treadeth upon the high places. The highest of earth are beneath his feet. The God of hosts. Hosts are all God's creatures, the angels, the forces of earth, every power, all organized into an army to do the will of God.

The Way of Transgressors is Hard, not only because of the awful punishment at the end, but because of the barriers God puts in the way of sinners to keep them from walking in that way. One barrier is conscience. He that goes on in sin must trample on his conscience. Another barrier is our moral nature. All sin is mean and unmanly as well as wicked. The whole providence of God is another barrier. All that God does for man is for the purpose of making him holy. A thousand influences for good must be broken through if one continues in the path of sin. The Bible and the voice of God in nature are other barriers. He that goes on in sin must resist the influences of the Holy Spirit. The way of transgressors is hard, because it is against the infinite love of God in Jesus Christ. Even this must be resisted and despised. It is a terrible thing to go on in sin against all these influences.

LESSONS FROM AMOS. God takes his great men from all conditions of life. Whoever is filled with God's Word and God's Spirit, with moral earnestness and fearless zeal, becomes a power in the world. "The way of the transgressors is hard."

We should take warning from the consequences of sin seen in others. God uses every means to keep men from going on to sin and ruin. The troubles and sorrows that come by the laws of nature are from God, and bear his message to our souls. Fool's make a mock at sin, and go on to their own destruction. We should all prepare to meet our God, for meet him we must.

W. C. T. Union.

OUR MOTTO. - If God be for us, who can be against us.

The adjourned discussion of last week was resumed to-day, when Mrs. Steadman presented the affirmative of the argument from the standpoint of the "Petition for the Enfranchisement of women."

Mrs. Shenton followed by opposing the Petition from the standpoint: That it did not follow, that because God has not given woman a place in the government of the nation, that she has been assigned to an inferior position, or less important duties if properly performed. Her argument was that while woman is the equal of man that equality did not imply perfect similarity; that there is no need of the women taking the work that belongs to and which the men are fully capable of doing and doing

well. Man does not want to take woman's work; why should she take his? That it is not so much an enlargement of woman's sphere, as the cultivation of what she now has that will be the cause for woman's wrongs, if she has any. She contended that the vote for women would not purify politics or give a higher moral grade of legislation than we now have. If women can vote the law must be made that all women of the proper age will be eligible. All women would not vote intelligently but would represent the views of fathers, husbands, sons, lovers, or friends. The ignorant and depraved would exercise the same privileges, and it was her opinion that the field for bribery would be greatly enlarged, both for buyers and sellers of votes. That woman has her kingdom and place - the best for her because God-given, and the Almighty One makes no mistakes. Hers is a higher and holier mission than that of government.

Mrs. Sampson could see "Temperance Purity" and well doing promoted when women could vote. Mrs. McLeod followed in a most impressive address a synopsis of which we hope to print next week, as well as the address of Mrs. Steadman.

After opinions had been freely expressed on both sides of the question, the vote was taken for the Enfranchisement of women. Twenty three voted "yea," among whom were - Mrs. L. W. Johnson, Mrs. Steadman, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. A. Turner, Mrs. Tweedie, Mrs. Burt, Mrs. Beek, Mrs. Whitehead, Mrs. Burkhardt, Miss Whitehead, Mrs. Alfred Edgecombe, Mrs. R. Phillips, Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. B. Yerxa, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Alex. Thompson, Mrs. J. Wiley Sr., Mrs. Porter, Miss Smithson, Mrs. G. Hatt, Mrs. B. Morton, Mrs. Massie, and others whose names were not obtained. The nays were - Mrs. Shenton, Mrs. McLeod, Mrs. L. W. Bailey, Mrs. Tibbits, Mrs. J. M. Wiley, Mrs. Caestnut, Mrs. Ludlow Grant. After which the vote was again taken "Whether the Petition should be circulated," with 19 for to 17 against; so that the petition will be circulated in the name of the W. C. T. U., although so many strongly object to politics being brought into the work of the unions.

April 17th, 1891.

The following is the form of petition: To the Honorable the Senate of Canada: May it please your Honorable Body: The Petition of the "Woman's Christian Temperance Union" of the Dominion of Canada, and the undersigned residents of the several Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, humbly sheweth: That Whereas, Canadian Government is founded on the principle of Representation by population, and Whereas, The women of Canada compose at least one-half of the entire population, and in their various spheres and occupations contribute to the growth and up-building of the Nation, and Whereas, In the homes and schools of Canada, in the great movements of philanthropy and all moral reform, in temperance and missionary effort of every sort, Canadian women have labored unceasingly to inculcate the highest and noblest principles of human conduct, thereby promoting the purest patriotism, and Whereas, In mental and moral power, educational attainments, and industrial effort, the average woman equals the average man, and in all that constitutes true and natural citizenship, viz., intelligence, industry, love of home and country, the power to produce wealth, and to share the national burdens, the average woman has proved herself equal to the average man, and Whereas, The school and municipal suffrage granted to women in some of our Provinces, in England and some of the American States, have been attended with most beneficial results, Therefore, The undersigned Petitioners, residents of the Provinces of the Dominion of Canada, hereby declare their conviction that Woman's Disfranchisement should cease.

That the test of sex in citizenship is a gross injustice to half the people, and a direct violation of the principles of Representation by Population;

Therefore, Your Petitioners humbly pray your Honorable Body to pass a measure providing that the rights of citizenship shall not be abridged or denied 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. And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. - Mrs. Phillips received from Corresponding Sec. of the Spring Hill W. C. T. U.

acknowledgment of the fifty dollars sent from the F. W. C. T. U. in aid of the sufferers from the late disaster. She says: Thanks to your Union for the very generous donation and for your confidence in our judgment, and we assure you that every cent of it will be judiciously expended. We have indeed many aching hearts and desolate homes as some lost three and some two of their loved ones and you can imagine what sorrow when 125 were so suddenly taken out of a small town. None of the Sisters of the Union suffered for which we thank God but being so much among the afflicted has quite unnerved us all. It is so hard for the bereaved to see a loving Father's hand in this sad calamity. Yours for God and suffering humanity, R. F. HENDERSON Cor. Sec. W. C. T. U. Spring Hill, April 8th, 1891.

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