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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter—Lesson XIII.—June 26

MESSIAH'S REIGN.—Ps. 72: 1-19.

THE QUARTERLY MISSIONARY LESSON.

GOLDEN TEXT.—All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall serve him.—Ps. 72: 11.

Doctrines. The Messiah's reign in righteousness and peace shall extend over all the earth and endure forever.

THE MESSIAH.—Vers. 1. Give the king thy judgments, O God. The prayer in this verse is a prediction, as the psalmist only asks what he knows that God will give.

The King is doubtless first Solomon, who, when he first became king, after the wonderful promises God gave him in a vision, doubtless cherished the idea, in which he was joined by the most pious of his people, that the Messianic age would be realized in his reign. An almost inconceivably rapid development of the kingdom had taken place under David, as statesman, organizer, general, poet and prophet of religion, and this was greatly increased in outward wealth, glory, and learning, and institutions of religion under Solomon. Solomon became in reality a righteous, gentle, God-fearing ruler; he strengthened and also extended the kingdom; he ruled over a vast number of people, exalted in wisdom and riches above all the kings of the earth; his time was the most blessed, the richest in peace and joy, that Israel has ever enjoyed. Most of the Psalm was fulfilled, in some lower degrees, in the earlier part of his reign. We can easily imagine how brilliant were the hopes that the promises to Abraham and to David were in the dawn of fulfillment. But "a greater than Solomon is here." The voice of the most remote antiquity assigns this Psalm to the Messiah. All the soundest expositors admit that the hopes and aspirations here expressed—so grand and so far-reaching that they are little less than prophecies—find their fulfillment in one greater than Solomon. Thy judgments. Refers to the several decisions which the king may be called upon to pronounce, and the prayer is that these may be so in accordance with the will of God, that they may be as if uttered by his mouth. And thy righteousness. Refers to the inner and outer spirit. So Isaiah (11: 1-3) declares of Immanuel, "the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord." This righteous spirit is the gift of God. It was the prayer, "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." Unto the king's son. Jesus was the son of David. He was also the son of the King of Kings.

THE CHARACTER OF THE MESSIAH'S REIGN.—Vers. 27. Righteousness and justice. These not only characterize the divine government, but any government is good just in proportion as it embodies these. He shall judge thy poor with judgment. The poorest are to be treated as justly as the rich and powerful. No other course is justice. We approach the millennial kingdom so far only as perfect justice prevails, especially toward the poor, the weak, the helpless.

Peace. The mountains... the hills. The features of the country, for the whole country. Peace. The necessary result of righteous government. It is peace in righteousness. Peace includes prosperity, for prosperous times naturally follow good government and righteousness between men. In Christ's kingdom is peace with God, peace with men, peace with ourselves.

Peculiar Care for the Poor and Needy. He shall judge thy poor. The test of righteousness is not how we treat the rich and powerful, but how we treat the poor, the weak, the helpless.

Destruction of the Oppressor. And shall break in pieces the oppressor. No oppressor can exist in Christ's kingdom. He either changes them from oppressors into friends and helpers, or destroys them. Sin, Satan, all enemies, all oppressors of men, shall be destroyed.

Deep Religious Life. They shall fear thee. The deepest and most essential thing in a man's life is his religion. While the sun endureth. That is, forever.

R-freshing Comfort and Tender Love. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass. The reign of the monarch would be accompanied by signal tokens of the divine favor and blessing. So Christ came with the tenderest love to the afflicted, to those who were deprived of earthly comforts, to the sad, the weary, the heavy laden, the outcast. As showers. God's blessings are sent without measure.

Revivals of Righteousness. In his days shall the righteous flourish. Righteousness is always in a righteous person. A revival of Christ's

religion is always a revival of righteousness. And abundance of peace. And the blessings and prosperity, natural and spiritual and intellectual, which grow out of peace.

Illustration. I have had twenty-one years' experience among natives. I have seen the semi-civilized and the uncivilized. I have lived with the Christian native, and I have lived, dined, and slept with the cannibal. I have visited the islands of the New Hebrides, which I sincerely trust will not be handed over to the tender mercies of France. I have visited the Loyalty Group, I have seen the work of missions in the Samoan Group, I know all the islands of the Society Group, I have lived for ten years in the H-rvey Group, I know a few of the groups close on the line, and for at least nine years of my life I have lived with the savages of New Guinea; but I have never yet met with a single man or woman, or with a single people, that your civilization without Christianity has civilized.—Rev. James Chalmers.

Illustration. You may carry steamships and railroads and telegraphs there from now to the end of the century, but I believe that is the very slowest way to get civilization into China. We have begun at the wrong end if we think that is the way to accomplish it. I get letters sometimes from inventors, asking if there is a good market for their goods in China. Why, there is no chance there at all. They do not want your clothes-pins, nor your reapers, nor your sewing-machines, nor anything of the sort. Civilization cannot go ahead of Christianity into China. Christ must go ahead of steam engines and reaping-machines in China, if they are to stay there.—President Angell.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM SHALL ENDURE FOREVER.—Vers. 5-7. So long as the sun and moon endure, and therefore so long as there are any people on the earth. Christ's kingdom shall endure: (1) Because its King is divine, and is stronger than all powers. (2) Because its principles are eternal. It rests upon righteousness, justice, and love, which nothing can destroy. It is a great privilege to belong to an everlasting kingdom, which exists in heaven as well as on earth, so that when we die but go to another part of the kingdom we have loved, and whose laws we have obeyed.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM SHALL EXTEND OVER THE WHOLE WORLD.—Vers. 8-11. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea. From the Mediterranean, their western boundary, to the encircling sea beyond Asia's utmost verge. And from the River Euphrates, on the east. This expresses the world-wide extent of Christ's kingdom. They that dwell in the wilderness. The wild, barbarian tribes. None are too remote, none too degraded, to be reached by the Gospel. In almost every race there have been specimens redeemed by the Gospel, which show what can be done for the race. The whole world is opened to the Gospel. The kings of Tarshish, Tartessus in the south of Spain, the most distant trading point in the west. And of the isles. The empires on the shores of the Mediterranean, are here mentioned as representatives of all the great maritime and commercial countries of the world. Shall bring presents. Render tribute, and aid the kingdom. The kings of Sheba. The great South Arabian kingdom, whence came the queen of Sheba. And Seba. A kingdom of Ethiopia.

The promise that the kingdom of Christ shall rule over all the world is found many times in Scripture (Ps. 45: 6; Dan. 2: 35; 7: 14; Isa. 9: 7; Zech. 14: 9; Luke 1: 33; Rev. 11: 15).

Encouragement comes from this promise. We are fighting no losing battle. We are working for no vain cause. Care, self-denial, labor, will all reap their reward in success.

The Whole World must contribute to Christ's kingdom. It is wonderful even now how the world powers are aiding his cause. They build ships, and missionaries sail in them. They make wars, and China is opened to the Gospel. They extend commerce, and missionaries settle in Japan. They send Stanley through Africa, and missionaries tread the same path. Printing-presses, telephones, telegraphs, art, science, discovery, invention, are all building the highway on which Christ is riding to his triumph.

BECAUSE IT IS WORTHY.—Vers. 12-17. For he shall deliver. His deeds shall be the fitting expression of his character. The needy... the poor. The world helps the strong, and favors the rich. But Christ favors the needy, the sinful, the weak. He shall redeem their soul. Their life, themselves. And precious shall their blood be in his sight. So that by his powerful aid they are saved from death. And men shall pray for him continually. The kingdom of Christ is sustained by prayer. Modern missions were begun in prayer, and are sustained in prayer. Let there be a great re-

vival of the prayer for the salvation of the world; and it will be the dawn of a new era of missions. They shall bless him all the day long. Praise him for himself and for what he is doing for the world. There shall be abundance of corn (grain) in the earth. Extraordinary fruitfulness of the soil, and an extraordinary increase of population, are anticipated.

In Christ's kingdom the abundance of grain represents the fruits of the Spirit. All virtues shall abound and flourish. Also that God's people, the fruit of the Gospel, shall be greatly increased and fill the earth. They of the city. Out of each city men shall blossom like the herb of the earth, a wish for a rapid, joyful increase of population. And men shall be blessed in him. All men are being blessed in Jesus Christ to-day. Even those who reject him are enjoying many of the blessings his kingdom brings.

THE BENEDICTION.—Vers. 17-18. Blessed be the Lord God. All good people are full of gratitude to God for his wonderful goodness to the children of men. Who only doeth wondrous things. Nothing is so wonderful as what God has done for his people. The sending of his Son from heaven, his life and death expressing infinite love, and the transcendent forming power of the Holy Spirit, are all transcendent wonders. And let the whole earth be filled with his glory. No one can see the fruits of this reign, and not pray and labor that the whole world may enjoy its blessings.

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

Chicago W. C. T. U.

The Chicago Central Women's Christian Temperance Union, held its first regular daily prayer meeting in its new Temple, at the corner of La Salle and Monroe streets, on Thursday April 28th. Henceforth the headquarters of the Union will be in this magnificent building, which it has erected at a cost of about \$1,000,000. When completed, as it will contain some 300 offices, besides a number of banks and other prominent business houses. The structure is twelve stories high, and extremely ornamental, as well as convenient and otherwise attractive. The membership of the Union is now about 2,500, and is engaged in several commendable benevolent enterprises.

PREMIER ABBOT ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

A deputation of ladies composed of Mrs. McDonnell, of Toronto; Mrs. Wood, Miss Mitchell, Mrs. W. Young, Mrs. S. Scott, Miss Forfar, Mrs. H. S. Campbell, Miss Scott, of Ottawa; and Mrs. Asa Gordon of Aylmer, waited on Premier Abbott on May 4th, to urge the advisability of granting the franchise to women. Mr. Dickey, M. P., introduced the deputation. Mrs. McDonnell was spokeswoman. She said that the women of Canada from the active interest they took in all that tended to the best interests of the country, were justly entitled to have a voice and vote in the selection of the rulers of the Dominion. She presented a petition to that effect signed by 18,000 women, who live in all parts of the Dominion.

Mr. Abbott listened with attention to what Mrs. McDonnell said. For himself, he replied, he was personally in favor of admitting the ladies to vote. He had studied the question from many standpoints for years, and the more he pondered over the subject the more convinced he was that women's franchise was a necessity and a right, and that the time was very close at hand when it must be granted. The near future would bring about this happy result. He could not promise, however, that the Government would at the present session introduce a bill to grant this desired boon.

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