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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Fourth Quarter-Lesson IX.—Feb. 26

READING THE LAW.—NEH. 8:
1-12.

GOLDEN TEXT.—*Open thou mine
eyes, that I may behold wondrous
things out of thy law.*—Ps. 119: 18.

THE MONTH OF MEETINGS.—The
walls of Jerusalem, three or four
miles long, were finished in 52 days.
The seventh month, Tishri, (Sept-
ember-October) included three great
festivals: (1) The Feast of Trump-
ets, ushering in the new year and
the new moon; (2) the great Day of
Atonement, the 10th of the month,
and (3) the Feast of Tabernacles,
from the 15th to the 21st, the Jew-
ish Thanksgiving. In addition to
these Nehemiah held another solemn
meeting of confession and renewing
the covenant. This month was large-
ly given up to religious meetings,
chiefly for the study of God's Word.

At this time began under Ezra a
new era of Bible study. At this
time there was no printing and no
cheap paper; copies of the law were
scarce and expensive. Even in A. D.
1272 in England it took the wages
of a laboring man for 13 years to
buy a Bible. Probably there were
few copies in existence even before
the destruction of the temple, and
many of these may have been de-
stroyed. Ezra renewed the study
of the Bible, inaugurated a class of
scribes, for copying and teaching
the Law, and synagogue meetings
for reading it. The inner life of the
people is far more important than
outward defences. Hence this series
of meetings.

A SUNDAY-SCHOOL OF THE OLDEN
TIME.—Vers. 1, 2. The occasion
was the celebration of the new-
moon feast of the seventh month.
Trumpets were blown everywhere,
unless the feast fell on the Sabbath.
They proclaimed a day of rejoicing,
they were a public acknowledgment
of Jehovah as King; a call to re-
pentance.

ITS MEMBERS.—Ver. 1. *All the
people gathered themselves together as
one man.* They came from all the
surrounding country. The numbers
present have been variously estimat-
ed at from 20,000 to 50,000. The
congregation was made up of men
and women, and all that could hear
with understanding i. e., parents
brought those of their children who
were old enough to understand.
They were eager to learn their duty.

If we want our children to go to
the Sunday-school and to stay there,
we must go with them, setting an
example.

ITS PLACE OF MEETING.—*Into the
street. That was before the water
gate.* The place of assembly was the
open space south of the temple,
called Ophel, lying between the
temple-wall and the city-wall.

THE LEADER.—Ver. 1. *They
spoke unto Ezra the scribe.* (See
Lesson VII.) This is the first men-
tion of Ezra in the present book.
The scribe. One who devotes himself
to writing off the law; a student and
teacher of the inspired writings.
They choose as leader the one best
acquainted with the Scriptures, and
who had shown organizing skill,
great devotion and courage, and a
progressive spirit.

THE TEXT-BOOK.—Vers. 1-4. *The
book of the law.* The common name
of the five books of Moses, or the
Pentateuch. The book was probably
the whole body of sacred writings,
which had been collected into one
volume by the care of Ezra and
which formed in substance what we
call the Old Testament.

Ezra the priest. He was priest as
well as scribe. *Both men and
women.* Both have equal need of
studying God's Word *He read
therein . . . from the morning until
midday.* He began as soon as he
was light enough, and read on, he
and his assistants, till noon. The
reading appears to have been varied
by occasional exposition. *The ears
of all the people were attentive, fixed
on nothing else. Ezra . . . stood upon
a pulpit of wood.* An elevated plat-
form, broad enough to allow 14 per-
sons to stand upon it and of consid-
erable height.

THE TEACHERS.—Vers. 4, 7. *And
beside him stood.* Six stood on his
right hand, and seven on his left.
Mattithiah, etc. Nothing is known
of most of the persons. Hilkiah
was a chief priest. They did their
work and passed away.

The second kind of helpers are
named in verse 7. These aided Ezra
by reading in concert, or by explain-
ing the meaning to different por-
tions of the assembly.

Blessedness of Teaching. Jesus
is called "the Teacher," a blessed
name. He loved to teach. It is a
great blessing to be a teacher. He
has the blessing of doing good. If
people realized the greatness of the
privilege of teaching, they would
ask for the opportunity. Men would
go to the highways and hedges to
obtain a class.

Aiding the Minister and Superin-
tendent. The officers of the church,
the teachers in the Sunday-school,
should be the preacher's helpers and

co-laborers in his work, reflecting
and spreading the truths preached,
visiting those in need, inviting and
welcoming neglecters. Every person
young and old, can do something to
aid the work of the pastor in saving
the world from sin. Wherever there
is a church co-working with their
pastor, "all at it and always at it,"
there will be found a successful
church.

WORSHIP.—Vers. 5, 6. *And Ezra
opened the book.* The "book" was
a long strip of parchment, rolled
upon a stick at either end, whence
it was called a "roll." The writing
was in parallel columns across it.
Such rolls are still used in Jewish
synagogues. *And when he opened it
all the people stood up.* To show
attention and respect. It was cus-
tomary for the people, and even for
the officiating minister, to stand
during the reading from the sacred
book, but to sit during the remarks
that followed. *Ezra blessed the
Lord.* He opened the service with
prayer. *And all the people answered.*
Responsive worship is no new thing.
Amen. "That which is true"; "So
let it be." "Amen" involves the
idea of acceptance and truthfulness.
Lifting up their hands. An appeal
to God, that they accepted the law
thus read, and would obey it. *Bow-
ed their heads, and worshipped the
Lord with their faces to the ground.*
They sank down into the posture of
humble prayer, first falling on their
knees, and then bending forward
and down till their faces came "be-
tween their knees."

Worship in the Sunday-School.
Every person ought to worship God.
The truths taught make a deeper
impression under the influence of
worship. They who sincerely worship
will assume some proper form of
worship, or else the spirit of worship
itself will die out. There is special
need of teaching and enforcing this
among the young in the Sunday-
school. The Sunday-school is the
place where children should be
trained for the public services of the
church. All persons should join in
the acts of worship. We should be
careful to fill all the forms of wor-
ship with the spirit of worship.

STUDYING THE WORD OF GOD.—
Vers. 7, 8. *And the Levites: i. e.*
and other Levites," for those named
were also Levites. *Caused the people
to understand the law.* In three
ways described in the next verse.
The people stood in their place. Re-
mained throughout the whole of the
reading and exposition without
quitting their places. *They read in
the book in the law of God distinctly.*
So that every word could be dis-
tinctly heard. *And caused them to
understand the reading.* They ex-
pounded while they read.

THE FRUITS OF BIBLE STUDY.—
Vers. 9-12. *This day is holy unto
the Lord your God; mourn not.* Do
not change the day into one of
mourning. *For all the people wept,
when they heard the words of the
law.* They realized how different
their lives had been from the lives
commanded by God. *Go your way,
eat the fat, and drink the sweet.*
These were expressions of joy, and
aids to joy. *For the joy of the Lord
is your strength.* The joy of the
Lord is not worldly or sinful plea-
sure. It is joy in the Lord, in his
love and care; the joy of perfect
submission and obedience, the joy
in doing good to others; the joy of
loving: joy in the right use of all
worldly things as God's gifts. *Such
joy is our strength.* Send portion
unto them for whom nothing is pre-
pared. The effect of the Bible on
men is to make them love others as
themselves, and to seek out those
who are in need, and supply their
wants.

Consecration to God. A formal
covenant was entered into by the
people, and signed by Nehemiah
and the leaders, princes, and priests,
of renewed devotion to the law and
the service of God.

PRACTICAL HINTS.

There is much value in great
assemblies for Bible study, in reviv-
ing the interest in such study; in
arousing enthusiasm.

Every one should attend, if pos-
sible, teacher's meetings, Sunday-
school assemblies, normal classes,
and conventions for the study of the
Word.

It is the duty and privilege of all
to study the Bible; for there, alone,
can we learn God's will. It is the
light on the pathway of life. It is
the guide to happiness and heaven.
It is the corner-stone of Christian
character, and of national prosperity.

As soon as children can un-
derstand, they should be taken to
church and Sunday school.

Worship is a great aid to the
study of the Word. In worship the
people should respond from the
heart and with the voice, and should
take becoming and reverential
postures.

We should learn many of the
words of the Bible by heart.

We should take great pains to
understand as well as read God's
Word; by comparing scripture
with scripture; by the use of helps;
by the voice of the living preacher;
by meeting together for study; by
living and experiencing its truths.

W. C. T. Union.

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

We clip the following from the
Woman's Journal:

Our Missionary Letter.

The following letter from one of
the St. Stephen, N. B., W. C. T. U.
who is now a missionary in Japan
will be of interest to many.

"I am sure that temperance
workers everywhere, as well as her
more intimate friends in the States
have felt saddened at the news of
the death here last week of Miss
Mary Allan West, editor of the
Union Signal. We had the privilege
of knowing her quite well as she
came over on the "Empress of
Japan" with us; and a few weeks
ago, in returning from her trip
through the north of Japan she
spent a day and night with us here
in the school, speaking in Azabu
church in the afternoon and address-
ing our girls in the evening. We
enjoyed her very much and were
looking forward to another visit
from her this month ere she return-
ed to America as her plan was, when
news came that she was lying very
ill at Kanazawa and on the first of
December she passed away. She
was ill only a week and the disease
was of so severe a type, that even if
the foreign physicians could have
reached her they think it would
have been beyond medical skill.
She had every care and attention,
being with a missionary whose wife
was a former pupil of hers in
America. At first she felt that it
could not be as she was to be taken
away with her work so unfinished
as it seemed to her, but at the
last she felt resigned and happy to
go. Her death has made a deep im-
pression on the Japanese. She had
been every where most kindly re-
ceived by them and had spoken to
immense audiences in almost every
place she visited, and she was asked
to speak before the university
students here, and an assembly of
the noble ladies who had never
shown any interest in the temper-
ance work heretofore. It is said by
those who are able to judge that she
has accomplished much more for the
cause of temperance in this country
than has ever been done before;
and we cannot but think that her
death here; so far from her home
and loved ones, and as it seems, may
be the means of cementing the im-
pressions made by her life and
words more deeply than could other-
wise have been possible.

Through order of the American
Minister of Affairs here, the body
has been embalmed and is to be
brought here this week, if the state
of the roads between Kanazawa and
the railway connection will permit.
They have had several days snow on
the western coast and the hundred
miles to be travelled on foot make
it a tedious journey, but the body
will probably reach here on Satur-
day or Monday, when public ser-
vices will be held in Azabu church
and then the body will be sent home
as her friends have requested.

My interest in Miss West and
her work prompted me to send you
these few particulars.

Yours very sincerely,
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