December 1, 1918 LESSON IX. Joseph sold by his brothers.—Genesis 37: 18-28

COMMENTARY.-I. A cruel plot (vs. 18-20). 18. When they saw him far off-The occupation of Jacob as a herdsman required those who kept his flocks to travel far in search of pasturage. Jacob owned land at Shechem, and thither the brothers of Joseph went with the herds. As dangers were likely to beset his sons and his ions, Jacob was desirous of knowing how they were getting along. It was necessary for Joseph, who was sent by his father, to journey sixty miles to Dothian to find his brothers. The brothers saw him at a great distance and recognized him. They conspired against him to slay him-The arrival of Joseph aroused in his brothers the determination to rid themselves of him. They retained in their minds the dreams he had had, and they hated him to that extent that they became conspirators and murderers at heart. 19. This dreamer-it is not difficult to imagine the contempt with which Joseph's brothers spoke of him as "this dreamer." The dreams are recorded in verses 5-11 of the present chapter, and they did not impress Joseph's brothers favorably when he told them to them. 20. Come now— The brothers saw that the opportunity was presenting itself to put Joseph out of the way and they were deciding on the course they would pursue. The suggestion was to slay him and make some disposition of his body. Into some pit—There were many "pits" in that country. They were cisterns constructed below the surface of the ground to hold water during the long dry season. Into one of these cisterns it was proposed to place Joseph's body with the thought that it would be effectually concealed . We will say, etc.-Jealousy, hatred, murde rand lying were sins in the hearts of Joseph's brothers. One sin id to another. The would-be murderers were planning to deceive their father into believing that Joseph had been slain by a wild beast. We shall see what will become of his dreams—The brothers were plainly irritated over Joseph's dreams and plotted to make their fulfilment an utter impossibility They were taking a course that called for deep repentance in future years. If they could have looked forward a score of years and could have seen how their brother would be exalted and how they would be humiliated, they would, perhaps as a measure for self-protection, have refrained from their ill-treatment of Joseph. Even so, they would have been guilty before God, for they cherished murder and hatred in their hearts.

II. Reuben's successful plea (vs. 21, 22). 21. Reuben heard it- This was Joseph's eldest brother and the one who owned protection to him. Delivered him out of their hands-Reuben plan to kill Joseph. He had it in mind, not only to save Joseph's life, but also to restore him to his father (ve. 22). Let us not kill him-Reuben's love for his father and Joseph and his regard for right led him to make this plea. Although the moral law, as embodied in the Ten Commandments, had not yet been given, the principles underlying it were written on the consciences of men. 22. Cast him into this pit-In shape the pit was circular, as the custom was to construct them thus, large at the bottom and small at the top. One could not escape from them unaided. While the brothers were planning to report that he had been slain by wild beasts. Reuben was planning to rescue him from their murderous hands. He would put him into the pit alive, instead of slain, as they desired. That he might...deliver him to his father again-Reuben was Jacob's eldest son and the one would naturally come into the blessings of the first born, and he knew that Jacob's affection for Joseph was stronger than that for him; yet he had that largeness of heart that moved him to exert himself to the atmost to restore him to his father. Reuben's attitude toward Joseph was very different from that of Judah and the rest of his brothers. His was a determination to deliver him to his tather, theirs was a fixed purpose to destroy him. Neither purpose was fully accomplished, but his life was preserved, and that for a wise nurpose. The Lord would preserve his people from extinction through the famine that he knew was coming, and while he did not approve of the course Joseph's brothers took with him, yet he so far made use of their plans as to accomplish his own great purpose. Man tries in vain to fight against God.

III. Joseph soid into slavery (vs. 23-28). 23. When Joseph was come unto his brethren-On his part there was so suspicion of mischief and only relief to know that he had found his brothers, for whose welfare his father had sent him to inquire. On their part, there was a spirit of hatred and murder. His coat-This token of his father's especial affection was, to his brothers, a hated thing, and they would have the satisfaction of removing from him that mark of distinction. 24. The sit was empty-Although there was no water in it, there was probably mud or slime in the bottom, and it was a foul place to stay. If they placed the asual stone cover upon the mouth of the pit, Joseph's imprisonment was uncomfortable indeed. 25. Sat down to eat bread—To be content to eat inder such circumstances showed that they were heartless. It is more than thely that they were eating delicacies that Joseph had brought them from Rebron. A company of Ishmeelites A caravan composed of Ishmaelites, descendants of Ishmael and Midianites descendants of Midian, a son of Abraham by Keturah. There may have been other tribes in the company, travel was principally by caravan for safety. Dothan was on the caravan route from Damascus to Egypt. Spicery-Probably the gum tragacanth which, with myerb, was used in Egypt which, with myrch, was used in Egypt for embalming. Balm—The anomatic balasm, for which Gliend was noted, was used in the temples of Egypt 26. Judah—Pernago be was slightly moved by the cries of Joseph for help, and saw that there would be an opportunity to be rid of Joseph without putting to death and, at the same than,

selves, 27. Sell him to the labor.

The merchants in the cases: not only dealers in spices, but also in slaves. Content—The brothers were satisfied with that turn of affairs. 25. Twenty pieces of silver Each p of silver was a shekel in weight, and worth about sixty cents. If the brothers divided this money equally among themselves, each would have the equivalent of a little more than a dollar. Can we imagine their feelings with that paltry sum in their purses and their guilt on their hearts?

Questions-Where was Jacob's home at this time? How did he show special affection for Joseph? Relate Joseph's two dreams. Give the interpretation. Describe the feeling of Joseph's brothers toward him. Upon what errand did Jacob send Joseph? What plot did they form? What was Reuben's suggestion? What did Judah propose? What was finally done with Joseph? What deception was practised upon

PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic.—Seeds and fruits of family discord.

I. Paternal favoritism. II.Fraternal envy.

I. Paternal favoritism. In this lesson we study the training of a great character in the process of prepasing a chosen instrument for a great purpose. A more noble and symmetrical one of the most interesting and inspiring in the world. It stands in almost solitary excellence and records no moral lapses. As son, slave or sovereign, exalted principles and purposes appear at every stage of the history. discretions, which were natural and innocent, are manifestations of truthfulwisdom and opportunity enlarges luster in association with others equally commendable. Jacob's favoritism was entirely natural, though unwise and unfortunate in its results. Joseph "was the son of his old age" and the child of his beautiful, favorite and departed wife, to secure whom he endured fourteen years of galling servitude. It is evident also that even in his boyhood Joseph was distinguished from his older brethren by superior qualities which would endear him to the parental heart. Preference in affection was natural and perhaps innocent, but its pronounced and continued expression was unjust and harmful to Joseph, and to all the rest. II. Fraternal envy. Envy is the

disposition which feels displeasure or

distress over the excellences or successes of others. It is a most unworthy and belittling impulse, of which noble minds are incapable. No disposition is more distorting to the vision, perverting to the judgment or unjust to its object. It imagines evil where none exists, transforms virtues into vices, mistakes into malice and gloats over the difficulties or distress of its objects. While Jacob's unwise expressions of preference cannot be his brothers in their approved, the sinister disposition of Joseph's brethren discloses an unworthiness of character in striking contrast to the excellence of his own. Their envy was open and avowed. They hated him and could not speak peaceably to him." Joseph's unwitting narration of his dreams fanned the smoldering hatred into a consuming flame, and even called forth parental reproof while parental love grasped the promised greatness. "His father observed by saying." We are reminded that when he came, of whom Joseph was in some sense a type, his mother kept the sayings concerning him "in her heart." In the events of the lesson the family disport reached its climax. The opportunity of evil arrived. occasioned by Joseph's persevering obedience, and Jacob's concern for "thy brethren" and "thy flocks." That the murderous purpose was overruled for beneficent ends, does not in the slightest degree exonerate the plotters. With one exception Joseph's brethren must stand branded as murderers. There is a second choice of evil, which, reaching its ends by find!rect methods, is not less criminal in fact, though more plausible in process. "Come onw and let us slay him."
"What profit is it if we slay our brother?" "Come, and let us sell him .. and let not our hand be upon him" antedating by many generations the treachery of Judas and the ecclesiasti-

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THE LORD PONDERETH THE

HEARTS. The Lord knoweth the way of the

righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.—The Lord will shew who are His, and who is holy.—Thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall re- places, and there was little to inconward thee openly.

Search me, O God, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the and measured doses; the persibility of way everlasting.—There is no fear in a time when we should need all our love; but perfect love casteth out fear. Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my grouning is not hid from Thee. -When my spirit, was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.-He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the some he maketh into

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# ELLIS DEL LINKET DEMANDS

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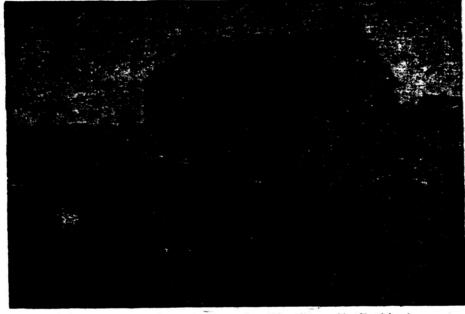
considerable premium was paid for the heavy steer, as compared with his lighter brother. Steers weighing 1,400, 1,500 and 1,600 were finished in those days at three years and some. times four years of age. The heavy steer has for several years been in character does not appear in scripture the minority on our markets, but rebiography. The history of Joseph is cently there has been, owing to war conditions an increased demand for heavy shippers, and they have been selling at a considerable advance over the price paid for the best butcher's stock on the leading markets. No doubt when conditions are normal Mingling with possibly some early in- again, the market wil revert to prewar status and the well-finished butcher's steer will hold pride of as is the case with the helfers. Heifness, perseverence and fidelity, which place on most of our markets, with ers bring from a cent to two cents are most promising. As years teach the exception of the few extra well-less per pound than steers of equal finished heavy cattle which may find these qualities shine with increasing their way to Buffalo, Chicago or the are worth about one to two cents Old Land.

The heavy steer has been largely replaced on our markets. Why? There and breeding, big fellows, 1,800 lbs. are two main reasons. First, the con- or ever, and well finished, may be

The livested become most always office her to buy most. Such a man determine to no small degree the policy of his breeding and feeders consisted to it it is a state of the consumer tions. The basis of the consumer tions of the consumer tions. The basis of the consumer tions of the right beef type, compact, low-set straight away thick and carrying to ever to be reased. We are speaking of beef cattle, sheep and swinc, the utilisate end of all of which is the butcher's block, and the butcher is regulated by the entenser. Market in different peoples differ, and the hardy weighing about 1,900 to the different peoples differ, and change, gradual though they may be are ever taking place. Readers will the minimal considerable premium was paid for the design and in those days a considerable premium was paid for the design and finish weighing 700 to be present the policy of the property of the property of the property of the constant of the less high-finished to cut up on the block and sell out to the poerer trade at a comparative lower the logon's steer of the same weight and not always as the finish weighing and finish weighing 700 to be presented to the property of Following this is the "good" steer of breeding and finish weighing 700 to from 700 to 800 pounds and in feeders around 900 pounds. Beef-cattle 1,000 pounds, and the "common" or less breeder individual of the same feeders are catering to their home market demands. Lighter cattle weight. About two cents per pound is should never mean that there can usually the difference in price bebe any let up on finish. Every bultween the 1,000 to 1,200-pound steer lock marketed, large or small, must and the 700 to 1,000 pound steer.

Heifers may be divided into "good," "fair" and "common." The first named weighing over 1,00 pounds and fat, showing good beef breeding and type; "fair" being lighter and not quite so well finished, and "common" light, poorly finished and weedy.

Cows are "good" and "common" according to size, finish and quality, weight and finish, and the best cows per pound less than the best heifers. Bulls of size, quality, substance suming population in Canada has classed as good or heavy, and sell



plished, the bacon hog can never make the strides it should in this country, which, situated as it is, should produce none other.

grown very rapidly during the last about on a par with heavy well-fintwo decades, and, owing to various ished cows. All other lighter, poorlyreasons among them the high cost of finished bulls may be classed as living and the increased price of meat, has demanded smaller cuts, which come from smaller catle. Second, the feeder has found that it pays him better to finish his eattle at an earlier age and put them on the market at from one to two years old, rather grain besides, and the latter older, than from three to four years of age. The young animal makes most rapid gains, and, provided the calf fat is never allowed to slip off it, develops into a higher quality carcass, with more profit to the feeder. With meat very high in price the average family is in such a position that the provider feels that he cannot afford very large cuts of this seemingly expensive food. However, he must have some meat. and what he buys, he wants good. The present-day market demands highquality meat, which means high finish on the cattle. In times like these the feeder is in a quandary. He hesitates according to quality and breeding. to feed high-priced concentrates, which may be needed for human consumption, to his cattle, and without a cent months have gone to American fair measure of these in his ration, he cannot get prime finish. Consumers should remember that the feeder never gets too much for his finished ! from the corn-belt states do and genlivestock. When meat is high, feeds are scarce and dear, and when meat is cheap there is little profit, even if feeds be low in price. The feeder manufactures raw material into the finished product at a percentage profit which would not appeal to the city manufacturer, and yet he finds it good business to feed a large percentage of what he grows on his own farm and

'Common.

Veal calves are sometimes divided into "good" and "common" or into er and feeder in deserving of a prem-"choice veal" and "grass calves," the former being generally calves which have sucked their dams and been fed grass-fed calves. So far, we have been speaking of

finished beef. Besides this, there are stockers, light, thin, young catweighing 450 to 800 pounds. "Good" stockers are square breedy youngsters, showing plenty of quality and constitution with the best beef type, while "fair" and "common" are the less breedy scrub stuff. Feeders are generally about a year

older than stockers and in a little higher flesh, weighing, say, 800 to 1,000 pounds. These may be divided into "good," "fair," and "common." The heaviest finished cattle which

have been going out of Canada in remarkets. Buffalo gets a goodly number. Canadian cattle rarely show the finish that the heavy bullocks coming erally sell for about one to two cents less per pound on the Buffalo market. Although that market is often high enough to pay the drover for taking his heavy cattle across the line.

The main difference in butcher's steers and shipping steers is in the state possible at the weight which weight. The shipper desired is all tops the market. ways a heavy stee, highly finished.

best time to dehorn, but if not done then, it should be done before the cattle are put on finishing rations. The heavy sheep seems to have had its day. Present-day market demands

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are keenest for the eight-pound lamb and the light ewe and wether. The range in weight sometimes given for choice lamb is 78 to 95 pounds; but lamb marketed weighs 90 to 110 pounds. The light sheep, 110 pounds to 135 pounds, is favored, but most of those of good breeding run heavier. Breeders of good sheep find it difficult to finish lambs and sheep at these weights. Our recognized breeds get heavier before they are done growing. Market demands in sheep and lamb are scarcely compatible with breeding practice. All market lambs and sheep should be compact, blocky, deep, thick animals, with a strong, wide, deeply-tleshed back and loin and with a large leg of mutton. The Canadian hog market is divid-

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ed into five classes, known as "selects," "heavies," "lights." "sows and stags." A select bacon hog, in normal times, weighs from 180 to 210 pounds. Under the first-mentioned weight he is light and over the last he is heavy. Sows and stags require no explanation. At the market tne buyer sets the price on the car of hogs, according to the percentage of selects the car contains, buys them after they are unloaded in his own yards. This is rather unfortunate as we all believe that the only type of hog the Canadian farmer can breed and market successfully in competition is the bacon hog. It requires skill to produce the choice bacon hog with his long smooth side and his neat, trim ham and the breedium when he produces the best. Cattle are classified. So are sheep. And both are bought and sold accordingly, but the farmer sells all his pigs, outside of the sows and stags, at a flat rate, regardless of bacon quality and proper weight and there is little encouragement for him to take extra pains to produce the highest type of bacon under such conditions. There may be difficulties in the way of buying according to a classification, but these should easily be overcome and packers and farmers alike would ultimately benefit from the change. As it is, the man who produces the best is often paid a smaller price than he should get and the feeder who puts out "light" or "thick fate" gets more than he should in order that an average may be struck and all paid alike. Pigs should be bought at the farmer's pen according to classification, and should be sold on the market in the same manner. Until this is accomplished, the bacon hog can never make the strides he should in this country. which, situated as it is, should produce none other.

Remember, in feeding and finishing. that breeding counts, and, starting with an animal of the right type, plan to fatten and finnish to the highest

-Canadian Countryman.

THE DAILY ROUND.

A friend quoted this verse to me the other day, and added, with a half sigh. "Let this suffice us still." Somehow I find it very difficult to reconcile with the restlessness and sense of personal insufficiency that so often come over me. It is so difficult to keep on trusting when things seem to be going wrong. Yes, beyond a doubt that is one of the hardest things that perplex us in our daily round. We are all painfully aware life to-

day and life before the war are two very different propositions. In those peaceful days most of us looked upon the phrase "the battle of life" as little more than a poetic expression. Our lives lay, it seemed to us, in pleasant renience us or turn us away from our ordered methods and daily routine. Even our religion we took in calm ce on God and all our faith in Him to prevent national disaster seemed outside the scheme of our lives. We had not then attempted to learn the lessons that many of us have had to learn with corrow-wrung hearts. It is not an easy thing to be a good coldier of Christ. It means

dure bravely and patiently whatever hardships we have to face. Remember that our Cartain's eyes is ever on us,

and that we are fighting his battle.

To rest in trust does not mean that we are to rust. Even as the soldier finds that he has little time in which thoroughly, so we can find plenty to do to keep ourselves in our proper places in the army of Christians. Take the study of the Bible, for instance. How rarely one meets people in the ordinary course of daily life who appear to have anything more than a very superficial knowledge of that most wonderful of all books. Put a



neople and cowards are not wanted in simple Biblical question to the next the ranks. As Christians we must be two or three men you meet, and see prepared to work and fight, and to and how often you get a correct answer. Sometimes I think that the average man has a sort of shamefaced reluctance to be seen reading the Bible, or to have it known that he studies its pages; others have ignored it, or never accustomed themselves to look upon it as a book to be read except at to be idle if he is to do his work church or chapel or at a funeral. Yet it is the tritest commonplace to say that no man or woman could sit down to the study of its pages without being better for it. There is hardly a phase of human life but one can there learn something about it, while even taken on the lowest estimate it is unequalled is history.

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## People Who Are Too Good.

We have in this world all kinds of organizations for making bad people good and good people better, but ! know of none for making too good people-well, let us say, normal. Wehave all known people who would have been greatly benefited been occasional "spree," with perhaps a night in jail, but whom no one is courageous enough to corrupt. It is not their fault that they are so good; all the forces of their social circle work to make them more respectable.—Robert M. Gay in the Atlantic Monthly.

## Little-Known Philippine Industry

People usually connect the Philippine islands with perfumes and tropical fruits, and very little is heard of the great native industry—the weaving of fabrics from pineapples and bananas. The lining of the skins is used, and the looms not unlike those familiar to us are employed. The finest material is made from pine. apples, and called pina cloth. It is will practically last forever. The heart very soft and close in texture, somewhat resembling mull-muslin, and is the color of champagne. It is not as a rule dyed, and is beautifully em-

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