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**LESSON I.**—Jacob's vision and God's promise (Gen. xxviii, 1-5, 10-22; Golden Text, Gen. xxviii, 15, "Behold, I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.") How gloriously the love of God is revealed in this marvelous record of an opened heaven to a penitent sinner, with such promises as should have comforted him in all his future life! Then think of the far reach of this vision, in the future fulfillment of which we as believers shall have a part (John 1, 51).

**LESSON II.**—God gives Jacob a new name (Gen. xxxii, 9-12, 22-30; Golden Text, Luke x, 20, "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.") In the first part of this lesson Jacob humbly confesses his unworthiness and pleads the promises of God. In the second part God deals specially with him and breaks him down in such a way that he would be always conscious of it in order that He might bless him, and finally Jacob becomes Prince Israel, having power with God and man.

**LESSON III.**—Joseph sold by his brothers (Gen. xxxvii, 2-28; Golden Text, Jas. ii, 16, "For where envying and strife is there is confusion and every evil work.") For a tale of heartless cruelty this has rarely been surpassed, and yet the time came when the sufferer, looking back, could say, "God meant it unto good" (I, 20). Hated and envied and so cruelly treated, Joseph is wonderfully typical of Christ, and as truly as all his dreams were fulfilled so shall it be with all the predictions concerning our Lord Jesus.

**LESSON IV.**—Joseph faithful in prison (Gen. xxxix, 20 to xl, 17; Golden Text, Rev. ii, 10, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.") Chapter xxxix describes a man sold into slavery and afterward wrongfully accused and unjustly imprisoned as a prosperous man because the Lord was with him. Note the five times "all that he had" of Potiphar in Joseph's hand.

**LESSON V.**—Joseph the wise ruler in Egypt (Gen. xli, 38-49; Golden Text, Jas. i, 5, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God.") Joseph as a prisoner, interpreting the dreams of his fellow prisoners, was preparing the way for his exaltation, and, though forgotten by the chief butler for two years, he was not forgotten by God for a moment.

**LESSON VI.**—Joseph forgives his brothers (Gen. xlv, 1-15; 15-21; Golden Text, Eph. iv, 32, "Be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.") The literal fulfillment of Joseph's dreams, the brothers' remembrance of their guilt and conviction of their sin, their full forgiveness by Joseph and his kind care of them, all point to Israel's penitence and forgiveness as a nation in the future. "God will surely visit you" is still true of them (I, 24).

**LESSON VII.**—Israel enslaved to Egypt (Ex. i, 1-14; Golden Text, Ps. cvii, 13, "Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them out of their distresses.") It is written in Amos iii, 7, that what the Lord intends to do He always tells His servants the prophets, and in Gen. xv He told Abraham about this bondage into which his posterity should come, but He also told him of their deliverance in due time.

**LESSON VIII.**—Childhood and education of Moses (Ex. ii, 1-15; Golden Text, Acts vii, 22, "Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and in deeds.") In all the Scriptures we see God working out His eternal purpose, and here He is preparing His deliverer for Israel. Trace the hand of God in all the events of this chapter and believe that the same God is fashioning your life if you are His redeemed one (Eph. ii, 10).

**LESSON IX.**—Moses called to deliver Israel (Ex. iii, 1-14; Golden Text, Ex. iii, 12, "And He said, Certainly I will be with thee.") Moses, finding a wife by a well, like Isaac and Jacob, is one of the most suggestive studies for anointed eyes and ears. The forty years at God's school in the desert following the forty years' studies in the schools of Egypt suggest how much the man of God must unlearn if he has been filled with the wisdom of this world.

**LESSON X.**—The Passover (Ex. xii, 21-30; Golden Text, Ex. xii, 13, "When I see the blood I will pass over you.") During the plagues upon Egypt Israel had been protected, and now in this last plague of death the deliverance is a remarkable illustration of our deliverance from eternal death by the blood of the Lamb of God. The blood having been shed does not avail unless we are under its protection, but when we truly receive Christ it is no longer a question of what we are, but of what He is.

**LESSON XI.**—Israel's escape from Egypt (Ex. xiv, 13-27; Golden Text, Ex. xiv, 30, "Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore.") Egypt repented having let Israel go and sought again to capture them, but whom the Lord redeems He cares for, and so He fought for Israel and slew their enemies.

# Some Democratic Thoughts.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

The friends of Senator Daniel of Virginia, are pushing his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for president with a zeal that led to a curious complication at Norfolk, Va. Congressman Lassiter in introducing Mr. Bryan as the speaker of the day caused a sensation by suggesting Senator Daniel for the Presidency and called on Mr. Bryan to second his nomination. In reply Mr. Bryan said:

"I don't know whether my good friend expected me to use this occasion to join in the nomination of the candidate for President or not; I will say this—that I join with him in the admiration he has expressed for Virginia's great son and statesman. And I have said time and time again that section should not control the selection of our candidates."

Comment in the Southern newspapers taken a very sensible view of the conditions necessary for the nomination of such candidates for president as Senator Daniel of Virginia, Governor Hoke Smith, of Georgia and several others who have been urged for nomination by the Democrats. "When it is certainly desirable," says the Augusta Chronicle, "that a Southern man be made President, that object must be accomplished alone upon a mere geographical accident of birth. For the voters of the country to cast their ballots for a candidate merely because he is a Southerner would be as insane as Southern people casting theirs against the candidate simply because he hails from New York or

any other Northern State. What Democrats want is a candidate that can win, and the best display of Americanism they can make, will be to unite in supporting such a man."

The papers North and South are teeming with comment favorable on Senator Daniel as an available candidate for President. Personal opinion has also been very generally quoted on the same subject of which the statement of Forrest W. Brown, a prominent lawyer of Charleston, W. Va., is a fair sample: "The Senator can have the delegation from West Virginia any time he wants it, for West Virginia is in the South again, as far as its realization that Senator Daniel would make an admirable candidate is concerned. If nominated, he would run very strong in the State, for he is regarded as a clean and able man and a representative of both the old and new South. He would run strong in my part of the State. We should like to see Senator Daniel nominated for the Presidency and the tariff revised."

Those who expect the Republicans really intend to reform the tariff should take heed of the declaration of Speaker Cannon that the coming Congress was elected on the platform of "let well enough alone." As Uncle Joe will probably be re-elected speaker and thus again boss the representatives, the standpatners will have the inside track and reform will be postponed until—Well, when the Democrats control Congress.

The question whether Tom Lawson has made peace with the "Frenzied Financiers" is not so much in doubt since he has declared "that

Mr. Roosevelt is absolutely sure," of being "the next President of the United States." That is the position of nearly all the frenzied financiers for they have taken the President at his own word to Mr. Harriman as being a "practical" politician. Practical politics makes all Republicans look alike to most of us.

The first test of the power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to control railroad rates under the new law has been decided in favor of the commission by the U. S. Supreme Court. The case involved an advance in rates on lumber from the South to Ohio river points, and the Commission issued orders forbidding the enforcements of the advanced rates, which the Court has now decided were unreasonable.

How can the tariff which protects the trusts be "revised down by its friends?" The principal friends of the tariff are the trusts and the Republican politicians, who participate in the plunder through fat fried from the trusts and protected interests.

The New York Journal of Commerce asks "who pays the railroad penalties?" Well, we should guess that everyone pays his share, from Teddy to a tramp, who eats, drinks, or wears, anything that is carried by rail.

The Millers Convention just held at St. Louis declared for reciprocity, but as the Millers have been demanding reciprocity for ten years of the Republican Congresses, one would think they would soon get tired of it and help the Democrats out with their tariff reform program.

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