

## QUESTIONS FOR INTERMEDIATE SCHOLARS.

## 1. The High Places, v. 1-3.

- Who succeeded Jehu as king?
- What was the character of his reign?
- What sin did the people still retain?

## 2. The Neglected Temple, 4-8.

Of what did Jehovah command the people to take account?

- To whom were the offerings to be returned?
- For what purpose were they to be used?
- How long was this command neglected?
- Whom did the king rebuke?
- What command did he give the priests?
- How was the command received?

## 3. The Wise Priest, v. 9.

What preparation did Jehoiada make for receiving the gifts?

- Where did he place the treasure chest?
- What was put into the chest?

## 4. The Abundant Treasure, v. 10-15.

- Who took account of the treasure?
- To whom was it paid out?
- For what purpose?
- What exception was made?
- How was trust in the workman's honor shown?
- What reason is given for this confidence?

## Teachings of the Lesson.

Where in this lesson are we taught—1. A regard for the Lord's house? 2. The duty of laying by something for his service? 3. The confidence which faithfulness inspires?

## QUESTIONS FOR YOUNGER SCHOLARS.

Who was crowned king in Judah? A boy only eight years old, named Jehoash. Try and find out where he had been the six years before.

Who taught the boy-king the way of God, and helped him to rule? A good and wise priest named Jehoiada. How long did King Jehoash do right in God's sight? As long as the faithful priest lived.

How did the beautiful temple that Solomon built now look? It was almost in ruins.

What did King Jehoash tell the priests to do? "Collect money from the people to build it up again."

Did the people willingly give their money? Yes; but it was not used for the temple.

What did Jehoiada the priest do? He set a chest with a hole in the top of it at the gate of the temple. As the people came to worship, what did he ask them? To put money in the box for repairing the temple.

What did they do? Gave until the chest was full. How did they spend it? They bought wood and stone, and paid all the workmen.

By and by what did the people see on Mount Moriah? Their temple grand and beautiful once more. [Repeat the GOLDEN TEXT.]

## Words with Little People.

God has given each one who studies this lesson a home in a land where every Sunday morning you may hear—

"Sweetly sounding through the street,

And wafted on the balmy air,

The dear familiar greeting

Calling you to prayer."

How you would miss the sound of those Sunday bells if you were in a land where there were no churches, or if your own church was in ruins! Do you go to church? Do you go every Sunday, or only once in a while? Does it seem home to you? If some one should tell you how much more beautiful the woods were this October Sunday, what should you answer? God help you to say, *God's house shall be my Sabbath home.*

## THE LESSON CATECHISM.

[For this entire school.]

1. What did Jehoash order should be done with the money that was brought into the Lord's house? That it should be used for repairs.

2. Did Jehoash do at once as Jehoash had commanded? He did not.

3. When Jehoash received the command a second time, what did he put beside the altar to receive the money? A chest.

4. To whom was the money given when it was told? To those having oversight.

5. Why did they not reckon with those to whom they delivered the money? "For they dealt faithfully."

## CATECHISM QUESTION.

36. How many sacraments has Christ ordained in his church?

Two only: Baptism and the Supper of the Lord.

37. Were these sacraments to abide always?

Yes; until the Lord's coming at the end of the world.

## ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.

## The Temple Builder's Spirit.

## I. THE SPIRIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

*Did that which was right.* v. 2.

"Fear God, and keep his commandments." Eccl. 12. 13.

"What doth the Lord require?" Deut. 10. 12.

## II. THE SPIRIT OF CONSERVATION.

*All the money of the dedicated things.* v. 4.

"First gave their own selves to the Lord." 2 Cor. 8. 5.

"Your bodies a living sacrifice." Rom. 12. 1.

## III. THE SPIRIT OF VOLUNTARY GIVING.

*Any man's heart to bring.* v. 4.

"God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9. 7.

"As a matter of bounty." 2 Cor. 9. 5.

## IV. THE SPIRIT OF LIBERALITY.

*There was much money in the chest.* v. 10.

"The riches of their liberality." 2 Cor. 8. 2.

"He that giveth....with simplicity." Rom. 12. 8.

## V. THE SPIRIT OF HONESTY.

*They dealt faithfully.* v. 15.

"To do justly." Micah 6. 8.

"Integrity of the upright shall guide them." Prov. 11. 3.

## THOUGHTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

## The Repairing of the Temple.

1. It was a needed work; for God's house on earth is built of earthly materials, and needs constant repair and renewal.

2. It was a work of gratitude; for Josiah owed much more to the temple than he gave to it, and so do we.

3. It was a work for all classes, priests and laymen, princes and people. So there is work for every body in God's Church now.

4. It was a work requiring self-denial and devotion, in which some were found wanting, so that the work was delayed; just as God's cause is delayed still by selfishness and lack of interest.

5. It was a work requiring liberal gifts. So now there is need of much money in the administration of the Church.

6. It was a work demanding honesty; just as all who deal with public trusts should fulfill them.

## English Teacher's Notes.

Every householder knows what expensive things repairs are. It is easy to pull down and destroy. It requires pains and costs to recover and build up. One of the sights of London this year, the "Japanese village," has recently been destroyed by fire; and a portion of the Inventions Exhibition nearly suffered in like manner. Considerable outlay would be involved in the restoration of places like these. The burden, however, would fall on the proprietors, and not on the public at large. But when a church has suffered in any way, it is the business of the congregation to repair it. It is their concern, and they are responsible for its condition.

In the passage for to-day we are shown two