

future of Sanballat meant to some extent the resurrection of the national spirit of independence, which had been slumbering during their long vassalage. For the first time since the Exile, they tasted the sweets and felt the strength of victory.—Fairweather, *From the Exile to the Advent*.

Prove from Scripture

That our trust should be in God.

Lesson Questions

[From the HOME STUDY QUARTERLY]

Juniors—Whither did Nehemiah go? Wherefore? Who gave him permission?

7-9 Who were the leaders of Nehemiah's foes? What plan did they make? What two things did Nehemiah do?

10-12 Why had the workers become weak? What was the enemies' plan? What people were afraid? What did they ask?

13, 14 Where did Nehemiah place his soldiers? Who did he say was on their side?

15-20 What part of the people now worked on the walls? What did the others do? What is said of the work? Who would protect the workers?

Seniors and the Home Department—When did Nehemiah obtain permission to go to Jerusalem? When were the walls completed?

7-12 Name Nehemiah's enemies. What

causes of discouragement in vs. 10-12? What prophet was greatly discouraged? (1 Kgs. 19:4.) What Helper is greater than our foes? (Rom. 8:31.)

13, 14 Who is our great Leader? (Heb. 2:10.) How do we gain the victory? (1 John 5:4.)

15-18 What great work lies before the church to-day? Our duty in view of this work? (Matt. 9:37, 38.)

The Catechism

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Ques. 105. *The Lord's Prayer*—its *first petition*. There are two points in the Question: (1) God's forgiveness of us; (2) Our forgiveness of others. We all need God's forgiveness, for we have all sinned, Ps. 14:4; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:23. It is "for Christ's sake" we are forgiven. He has endured the penalty due by us, and thus set us free, 1 Pet. 2:23. We can do nothing to merit forgiveness, but must receive it as a free gift, Rom. 3:24. God's forgiveness is complete. It covers "all our sins," Isa. 1:18. There is constant occasion for our forgiving one another, because we are constantly giving and receiving offense. And we are bound to forgive others their smaller offences against us, because God has forgiven our greater offence against Him, Matt. 18:27-35.

FOR TEACHERS OF THE LITTLE ONES

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Lesson Subject—God redeeming His people by making them brave.

Introduction—Use building blocks or blackboard outlines while you again describe Jeru-

salem as Nehemiah found it (ch. 2), with its broken down walls and rubbish filled gateways. Let the children tell you how the stone masons and bricklayers build.

Teasers—But the builders had some troublesome, quarrelsome neighbors, who did not want to see the walls rebuilt. They "made fun" of the builders. "If a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall," they said. Nehemiah did not heed their taunts. He just prayed, and kept on with the work. (If

