

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON IX. December 2, 1917

Nehemiah rebuilds the walls of Jerusalem.—Nehemiah 4: 1-23. Print 4: 7-21.

COMMENTARY.—I. Enemies deride the builders (vs. 1-6). The enemies of the Jews were promptly on hand to oppose the work of improving conditions in Judah...

II. A conspiracy formed (vs. 7-12). Sanballat—An officer of the Persian government, who had authority in Samaria...

III. Nehemiah's prayer (vs. 13-18). Nehemiah prayed for success in his important undertaking, and he believed the Lord would not fail him at this critical moment...

IV. The Jews in scattered communities (vs. 19-23). Nehemiah placed guards before the workers in the exposed places where the walls were not yet raised high enough for protection...

Officials of Jerusalem separated.—The workmen and the defenders were scattered far as they labored on the whole extent of the wall...

Questions.—Who was Nehemiah? Why did he go to Jerusalem? What did he do first? How did the people receive his plan?

PRACTICAL SURVEY. 1. Tested loyalty and devotion. 2. Tested skill and perseverance. 3. Tested loyalty and devotion.

It was exasperating news to Sanballat that Nehemiah had come from Shushan to Jerusalem with a commission from Artaxerxes to rebuild the walls of the city...

He sought in every way to check the work by abuse of his official leader. He combined open opposition with mockery. As his custom was, Nehemiah betook himself to the divine Comforter...

He first sought divine direction, then employed means upon which he implored the divine blessing. In no other way could the work have progressed and been successfully completed in so short a time...

He was a man of prayer; his prayers had thus far brought success in his important undertaking, and he believed the Lord would not fail him at this critical moment...

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SHOULD GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE PRICE OF HOGS?

With Shorts Selling at \$45 per Ton the Price of Hogs Should be \$16.13—Why Farmers Should Raise More Hogs—By Daniel McKee, B.S.A.

On account of grave food shortage in Europe the government is making an appeal to all Canadian farmers to breed as many sows as they can this fall...

Mr. Hanna's remarks concerning the profits to be made in raising hogs would have carried a good deal more weight with the audience if he had declared that the government would guarantee a minimum price for hogs and safeguard farmers against loss...

The situation is placed before them and it asks them to produce solely for patriotic reasons. But to introduce profits into the appeal, when the price of hogs is not guaranteed, arouses distrust at once...

Unless a definite ratio is fixed between the price of hogs and the price of feed, no one can tell whether hogs will be produced at a profit or a loss during the next few years...

oats this year as there were sown to fall wheat, which is the next most widely grown grain crop. Although oats is excellent feed for horses and cattle, it is not suitable for feeding to pigs...

What the future holds for the hog producer so far as profits are concerned, it is extremely difficult to say with any degree of accuracy unless a definite ratio is fixed between the price of feed and the price of hogs...

MARKET REPORTS

TORONTO MARKETS.

Table with columns for Dairy Produce, Eggs, Cheese, etc. and their respective prices.

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Table with columns for OTHER MARKETS, WINNIPEG GRAIN EXCHANGE, etc., and their prices.

Table with columns for CHICAGO LIVE STOCK, Cattle, receipts, etc., and their prices.

Table with columns for BUFFALO LIVE STOCK, Buffalo, receipts, etc., and their prices.

work in a religious spirit. They not only began well, but they persevered to the end of their work. T. R. A.

SUNDAY AT HOME

A HOME SONG. I read within a poet's book A word that started the page; 'Stone walls do not a prison make, Nor iron bars a cage!'

Every house where love abides, And Friendship is a guest, Is surely home, and home-sweet-home; For there the heart can rest. —Henry Van Dyke.

Brethren, pray for us. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him...

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months...

REAL TIME. A man said, 'Am I actually free, or is my liberty of action only ignorance of conditions that determine my actions?'

What we really mean when we ask, 'Are we free?' is, whether we act, we really create. It has been said that life is a creation, and that the reality of the universe is momentary creation.

Acts of the Apostles. The weight of testimony is in favor of St. Luke as the author of the Acts of the Apostles, though some respectable critics claim that the authorship is quite unknown.

Chats with the Doctor

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What 'Amen' Means. Amen is a Hebrew word signifying yes, truly in Jewish synagogues the amen is pronounced by the congregation at the conclusion of the benediction.

THE FATALITY OF SCARLET FEVER. The records of various outbreaks of scarlet fever in the past show a most curious variation in the fatality of the disease. This variation is due not only in epidemics separated both in time and locality, but in outbreaks which have occurred simultaneously and in the same neighborhood.

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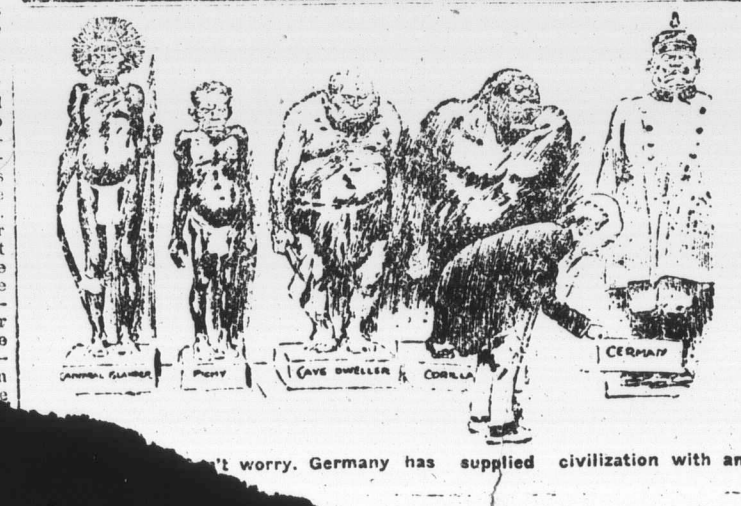
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