

wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house:

11 Even to the artificers and builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Ju'dah had destroyed.

12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Ja'hath and O-ba-di'ah, the Le'vites, of the sons of Me-ra'ri; and Zech-a-ri'ah and Me-shul'lam, of the sons of the Ko'hath-ites, to set it forward; and other of the Le'vites, all that could skill of instruments of music.

13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and were overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Le'vites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

Home Readings

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M. Josiah's Good Reign. 2 Chron. 34. 1-13.

Tu. Prophecy of Josiah. 1 Kings 13. 1-6.

W. Moses destroying the idol. Deut. 9. 13-21.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 391.

Near to the Saviour, O come very near,
Pray for a blessing on all that are here;
Pray that his Spirit may come at this hour.
Filling each heart with the life-giving power.

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 439.

Take time to be holy
Speak oft with thy Lord;
Abide in him always,
And feed on his word.

Questions for Senior Scholars

1. A Good Man (v. 1, 2).—What events placed Josiah on the throne while a child? What influences were around him during his minority? How long did he reign?

2. Antagonizing Evil (v. 3-7).—What did he begin to do when he was sixteen years of age? What did he begin to do when he was twenty years of age? Why did he begin his reform in Judah and Jerusalem? How far north did his reform extend? How far south? Why was it necessary to break down the altars and images? What was the purpose of scattering dust on the graves of the priests? What was the purpose of burning the priests' bones

of Jehovah gave it to mend and repair the house: 11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. 12 And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward; and others of the Levites, all that were skillful with instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

Th. Young Samuel's call. 1 Sam. 3. 1-10.

F. "Come, ye children." Psa. 34. 1-11.

S. Christ's call. Mark 10. 13-21.

5. In the days of youth. Eccl. 12. 1-7.

Time.—Josiah reigned from B. C. 639 to 608. Places.—Jerusalem and all Palestine.

The Lesson Hymns

New Canadian Hymnal, No. 463.

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

on their altars? What did Josiah do before he returned to Jerusalem?

3. *Fostering Goodness* (v. 8-13).—What was the next great work Josiah set about? To whom did he intrust it? To whom did they deliver money? How had this money come into their hands? For what was this money expended? What kind of workmen were employed? (Verse 12.) How many overseers are named? Why was the work given to the Levites? Can God's work be properly done without direct antagonism of evil? Can reformation of evil be made permanent without spiritual power?

Questions for Intermediate Scholars

1. *Idolatry Destroyed* (v. 1-7).—How old was Josiah when he came to the throne of Judah? Whom did he choose as his model? How old was he when he began to seek the Lord's direction in the affairs of the kingdom? What did he believe was his first duty as king?

What shows his great earnestness in this reform? Why did he burn the bones of the priests of idol worship? To what districts beyond his kingdom did he go in his work of destruction?

2. *The Temple Rebuilt* (v. 8-13).—What

was the condi-
What was J-
temple? Who

Who began
How long did
was he? Who
How old was
When did he
did he begin t
worship? In
Did he send h

I. *Beginning*
verse 3.

(a) In child-
throned; bound
childish restrain-
was divided bet-
Indulgence (idol-
Restraint (worsh-
tween these part-
chose "that which
Jehovah." (d)
model from among
some had been go-
in the ways" of
was consistent,
ward. (f) Scrup-
been in childhood
him when he was
Thenceforth he no-
of David, but com-
tiousness with Je-
became one of the

II. *Breaking Do-*
verse 3 to verse 7

(a) For more t-
the reigns of Man-
dom of Judah had
ship and vicious l-
Personified Vices wa-
country, and their v-
respectable and pop-
seh's tardy reform,
not gone deep, the p-
had been withdrawn
worship; but mass-
idolatrous and imm-
twenty (according t-
passage) Josiah set
growth of superstiti-
He destroyed idolat-
tunities for indulgen-
tion of religion. (f)
thoroughness of this
it, and (g) persona-
destruction of all "