THE WORK DELAYED.—Vers. 5-7.

year of his reign. It is strange

that the high priest should be negli-

gent; but he was a very old man,

He had become used to the dilapi-

dated state of the temple. Collec-

tion.... of Moses. As mentioned

under ver. 5. And of the congrega-

tion. The free-will offerings not

required by the law of Moses. For

the tabernacle of witness. Which

bore witness to Jehovah and his

covenant with Israel. Had broken

up, etc. They had injured the

Temp'e. And the natural decay in

the 140 or 150 years since it was

THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED .-

Vers. 8-14. A change was made

tions, They made a chest. The

made liberal givers. Until they had

the work of God should be universal.

the Lord's treasury. It is a great

advantage to give in connection

with worship. Giving should be

an act of worship. Co-operation

aids enthusiastic giving. While

the money had been given by indi

viduals at their homes, and with no

united action, the preparations had

anguished. The new arrangement

put life into the work. The king's

cribe and the high priest's officer.

The secretary of the state and the

representative of the aged high

priest. The money was placed in

the charge of two responsible per-

sons, who put the money in sealed

bags after the Oriental custom, all

counted and marked, ready for pay-

ment. Gave it to such as did the

work. The money went directly

from the treasury to the workmen.

The rest of the money . . . whereof

were made vessels for the house. The

writer of the Kings seems at first

to contradict this. But the contra-

diction is only apparent, not real.

The compiler of Kings makes men-

tion of certain vessels and imple-

ments which were not made at this

time and from these contributions.

Such were cups of silver, snuffers,

basins, trumpets, and vessels of gold

or vessels of silver, etc., as here

recited. The Chronicler, on the

withal, and spoons, and vessels of

gold and silver." They do not nec-

essarily contradict each other. Keil

regular Mosaic temple ritual was

kept up so long as Jehoiada lived.

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The influence of childhood's im-

in saving the young child Joash.

moral malaria.

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INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

Second Quarter-Lesson IX. – May 31 THE TEMPLE REPAIRED. 2 Chron. 24:4-14. GOLDEN TEXT.—God loveth of

cheerful giver.—2 Cor. 9:7. THE STATE OF THE KINGDOM .-We turn back to a period 150 years before the time of our last lesson, and from the northern to the southern kingdom. While Ahab was doing his utmost to demoralize the kingdom of Israel, and, with Jezebel, was persecuting the worshippers of Jehovah, and encouraging idolworship, till Elijah thought that he was the only true worshipper, there was a great religious and intellect uil revival under the King Jehoshaphat in Judah. Probably many of built would amount to considerable. the best people in Israel went over to Judah to escape persecution. But toward the last of his long in the whole matter of contribureign, either the good king became infected with worldliness, and mar- king constructed the first "moneythe daughter of Jezebel, or the young man was himself attracted to The result was disastrous to Judah, and Baal worship was introduced into Judah and Jerusalem. Jehoram was weak as well as wicked, and wholly under the influence of his | heathen queen. They established the licentious worship in high places over the country. Large numbers of the Jews were attracted by this worship, with its wild gayety, and its licentious orgies; the worship of Jehovah was discredited and almost discontinued. Jehoram was avaricious, cruel and bloodthirsty. It was to him that Elijah wrote a the throne, slew her grandchildren, and ruled for Baal with a high hand. For six years she held complete dominion over the land. The temple of Solomon was left to decay

was the state of things when Joash, a boy of seven years, was made king. When a little babe he had been saved from the murder us designs of his grandmother by his aunt, Jehosheba, the step-daughter to church to give as well as to get. of Athaliah. When Joash was seven years old there was a sudden revolution. Athaliah was deposed and slain, and Joash was crowned in the temple. The story in Kings is very dramatic. Jehoiada, the high priest, for several years must have been the real ruler, and Joash was under his good influence for at least 23 years. But Joash lacked strength of character. He was of fine impulses, but easily led by his advisers, and lacking mcral courage. The life of Joash divides itself into two marked periods. So long as he was under the influence of the wise, and upright high priest and his excellent wife, he had a fair character, and was interested in religious reforms. He was earnest in repairing the temple. At the death of Jehoiada, Joash put himself under an entirely different influence, and went astray. He even stoned to death Zechariah, the priest, the son of Jehoiada and Jehosheba, in the temple by the altar, a murder that is referred to by Christ 800 years later as one of the great sins of the Jewish people. But swift and terrible came the retribution. Enemies came, riches fled, disease

racked his body, and murder ended

and ruin; that of Baal constantly

increased in size and magnificence.

JOASH, THE REFORMER. Such

his career. REPAIRING THE HOUSE OF GOD. THE WORK BEGUN.-Vers. 4, 5. The first work of reformation in Joash's reign was at the time of his coronation. Jehoiada took the op portunity of the great gathering in the temple to bind the people afresh to God by a solemn league and covenant. The second work was a popular outburst on the same day against Baalism. The people went into the house of Baal, and brake it down. Baal worship was for a time completely rooted out of Judah. The third work was the reorganiza-Cures BAD BLOOD. tion of the priests and Levites for vessels of worship so long as the renumber is, 3,004. What a sacrifice the temple services. After this. After he was settled in life. Joash was minded to repair. To restore. The house of the Lord. Solomon's temple, which had been neglected LESSONS FROM THE LIFE AND WORK and injured. It is a sure sign of religious declension when the house of God is neglected and out of repair. The religious spirit is feeble when private houses are beautiful and expensive, and the house of life. God poor and dilapidated. And he A child may be trained up under gathered together (in a public meet- those influences, and yet may fail in ing) the priests and the Levites, who the end, because the goodness was A marvel of healing in pulmonary comhad charge of the temple and its an outer influence, not a principle plaints. services and the religious and moral of the soul. education of the people. Go out | Children should be trained to be unto the cities of Judah. The strong and independent in their whole people were to have their good character. They should have Pills. If you try them they will cer- Reed's Point, Price William part in the work. And gather of a new heart, not merely an outward tainly please you. SAINT JOHN, N. B. all Israel. Each one was to go to life. his own acquaintance. Money to It is foolish and dangerous to put repair the house. The offerings are ourselves under bad influences. He said in Chronicles to be such as had that does it is already more than been prescribed by Moses and by half fallen. Few can keep their

tabernacle of witness.

There are times of declension when God's spiritual temple needs Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. Although the king had demanded repair, on account of unbelief, negdiligence, the delay must have ex- lect, worldly life and behavior, and tended over quite a number of immorality.

years, for the work was not finished | When there is such decay, we in the 23rd year of Joash. Called should haste and make diligent effor Jehoiada the chief. In the 23rd | fort to repair it.

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Dominion Convention

Mrs. L. M. N. Stevens, president W. C. T. U. of Maine, and Mrs. J. R. Nichols, commissioner for the World's and National W. C. T. unions at world's fair, have been O appointed fraternal delegates from the national to the annual convention of the Dominion W. C. T. U. to be held in St. John from June 19th to the 23rd. Mrs. Nichols is highly recommended as a lecturer, and will give an address one evening during convention. Miss Phelps, ried his son Jehoram, to Athaliah, box" in the well-known form of a dominion lecturer, will also give an chest with a hole in the top. It address and Miss Willard will give appears that the chest was locked, two public addresses besides assistthe beautiful but wicked woman. and had a hole bored in its lid only ing in the general work of convenjust large enough to admit pieces of | tion. This will be the most notable silver. The contents therefore convention of women ever held in could not be touched, except by the the maritime provinces, and all royal officers who kept the key. white ribboners are looking forward And set it without (the Temple to it with bright anticipation. The proper, but) at the gate of the house. pastor and trustees of Centenary (The door that led from the court | church have most kindly placed | of the priests into the Temple their fine Sunday school rooms at proper. It was beside the great the disposal of the W. C. T. union brezen altar, and in front of the for this convention, and given the gate that led from the outer courts use of their beautiful church for into the court of the priests, and | Miss Willard's address. The pastor thus in sight of the contributors. and trustees of St. Andrew's church And they made a proclamation. An | have been equally generous, and invitation all over the country for Miss Willard will probably speak in letter of warning (2 Chron. 21:12 the people to come to Jerusalem, St. Andrew's church on the evening 15). He died after a short reign. and present their offerings. The of the nineteenth. The W. C. T. His son reigned but one year; and collection that Moses laid upon U. of St. John has met with every then Athaliah, his widow, usurped Israel. The various offerings re- encouragement from ladies not conferred to under ver. 5 (2 Kings nected with the union who have 12:4), the free-will offerings and kindly consented to entertain delethe tithes (Deut. 12:5-18). And gates and to aid in making our all the people rejoiced, and brought guests visit to the city memorable in. Joy and delight in the object in every way.—Sun.

Temperance Items.

made an end. Till enough was given for the purpose. Giving for The Prince of Wales (says an exchange) has again been solicited to All the people should have part in allow the erection of a public-house t. A contribution-box should on his estate at Sandringham, and always be one of the attractions of has again refused the request. His the Lord's house. We ought to go Royal Highness is not a teetotaler, but he is a prohibitionist to the ex-Praying and singing in a church tent that no drink-shop is allowed mean but little from a person who at Sandringham. is unwilling to give anything into

According to the Philadelphia Times, what it calls the "ginger habit" is becoming a serious addition to the ordinary alcoholic intemperance in that city. It appears that Jamaica ginger, which contains 7 a large percentage of alcohol, during the past few months has been extensively sold by many druggists

for drinking purposes. Lady MacDonald has long been an abstainer. Another lady of high position met her at dinner one day, and was surprised to see that she ook no wine, and at length asked, 'Did you not set out wine when you entertained the Marquis ef Lorne? 'Never," was the prompt reply. But did you not feel that you must apologize?" "Certainly not; wine is not a natural beverage, and so should rather come in than go out with apology." This answer, and 26 that example, led the other high lady to become an abstainer also.

The Rev. A. J. Mowatt, in a Montreal meeting, gave his experience of prohibition as enjoyed by Fredericton, N. B., for years, where the liquor sellers had made three unsuccessful attempts to secure a repeal of the Scott Act. He pointed out that as a result of prohibition there was practically no crime in other hand, dwells on such things as Fredericton. Mr. Mowatt declared were made; and his list comprises that the voice of the Provinces of vessels to minister and to offer Nova Scotia and New Brunswick was "Give us prohibition for the whole country."

says that according to the Hebrew Mrs. Helen Gougar says she has (in 2 Kings 12:13, 14) the writer kept a record of the accounts of wife of Kings affirms nothing more than murder by drunken husbands, pubthat none of the money that came lished in the daily papers since in was applied to the making of January 1st, 1889. The aggregate pairing of the building went on. for rum! Offered burnt offerings, etc. The

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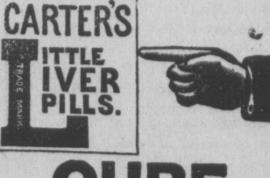
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