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Sunday-school Lesson. PREPARED BY REV. CHAS. O. JONES, A. M. SECOND QUARTER, LESSON IX—MAY 31. STUDIES IN THE KINGS AND PROPHETS. THE TEMPLE REPAIRED.—II Chron. 24:14.

"The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

Our new telescope is quite satisfactory, and we are enjoying its wonderful revelations. It has all necessary adjusting apparatus for tracing the ecliptic, sweeping a given meridian, or following a star.

We began observations by examining Sirius (alpha canis majoris). We are now prepared to believe that it is a sun; its brightness soon became painful to our eyes.

If you had passed the college premises at 3:30 o'clock Saturday morning you would have seen twenty girls on the campus, intently looking through the long brass tube.

We studied the sun's disc for several hours, and had the pleasure of seeing many spots, large and small—those gigantic chasms in its photosphere, one of which could hold several worlds like ours.

The transit of Mercury. We enjoyed beholding this interesting phenomenon for fifty minutes, after which clouds intervened until sunset.

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I. Taking the Collection.—Verses 4-10. II. Doing the Work.—Verses 11-14. INTRODUCTION.

Our last lesson told us the mournful story of a lost nation, the captivity of Israel. We now return to the rival kingdom of Judah. Jehoram, the son of the good king Jehoshaphat, married Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab.

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5. Gathered together the priests and the Levites—the natural leaders in such work; yet the king seems to have been more zealous than even the priests; laymen are sometimes more aggressive and zealous than preachers.

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7. The sons of Athaliah—Ahabiah and his brothers had rifled the temple of its furniture and vessels and bestowed them upon the worship of Baal.

8. They made a chest—it was set first by the altar, but afterward, for the convenience of the people, at the entrance of the temple without the gate.

9. Made a proclamation... to bring in... the collection—the poll-tax of half a shekel, which was considered a ransom for their souls.

10. The princes and all the people rejoiced—popular enthusiasm was developed; not many people, however, rejoice at the announcement and taking of a collection.

11. The chest was brought unto the king's office—probably to the royal treasury. The king's scribe and the high priest's officer—the royal and priestly secretaries acted jointly in the matter, since Church and State were together interested in the repairs.

12. The king and Jehoiada gave it—they employed overseers or superintendents of construction, and these hired masons and carpenters and workers in iron and brass to repair the house of the Lord.

13. So the workmen wrought—long delays gave way to enthusiastic activity and the work advanced to complete news until they set the house of God in his state—restored it as nearly as possible to its proportions and glory as in Solomon's time.

14. They brought the rest of the money—what was left after paying for the repairs. Whereof where made vessels—as we learn from I Kings 12 repairs were completed on the temple before the vessels were made.

1. Joash is an interesting biblical

character. He cannot be taken as an example of Solomon's words: Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Other pupils have thus dishonored their instructors. So Alexander did Aristotle and Nero Seneca. So, many children have brought reproach upon their parents.

2. It is to the everlasting credit of King Joash that he was determined to keep at it until the temple was in thorough repair. It is a good sign when men of influence and wealth take an interest in building and repairing churches and parsonages.

3. May we not learn a lesson from the fact that the repairs were not completed until the king took hold of them, and through his officers superintended the work.

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Old and Young.

'Twas a wild vine, all uncultured, That covered a way-side tree; But the fruit was royal purple, And beautiful to see.

A LEAF FROM LIFE.

"Charlie! Charlie! Where's that boy?" These words were spoken by old Peter McEwen, captain and owner of the fishing sloop Hope, of Greenock, at that time (September, 1855) lying at anchor among a fleet of other vessels near the Isle of Martin, on the northwest coast of Scotland.

Turning to Charlie, he said, "Take the boat and get McMinn's boy and go over to the mainland to bring Peter and McMinn back. They promised to be on the beach before dark." Peter was the captain's son.

McMinn was captain of another vessel; both of them were well, hard-drinking men.

Charlie looked blue at the prospect; it was then blowing half a gale; wind; the white-capped breakers could be seen on the sound between the island and the mainland.

The sun was going down behind a thick bank of black clouds. It looked like old Boreas and Neptune were going to hold high carnival that night. But Charlie feared not the winds, or the waves; he was a sailor, and the son of a sailor; he had been almost cradled on the deep; he had been four years buffeting the storms off the coast of Great Britain and Ireland.

They reached the middle of the sound it was all they could do to keep the boat before the wind and sea; but, by careful handling and close steering, they soon reached the beach, and on an inrolling wave ran the boat high and dry on the shore.

About midnight they were aroused from their slumbers by the voices of the two men who had come down on the beach quite drunk, singing and yelling like madmen, telling the boys to stand by to launch the boat; that they were going to cross the sound and go to Davey Jones' locker (viz: the bottom of the sea).

The two boys, drenched through, gave themselves up for lost, but the same Saviour who had rescued the storm-tossed fishermen on the lake of Galilee, was there to save in that hour of peril. It was almost daylight when the vessels were reached, and as Charlie lay down to snatch a few hours' sleep he thanked God for having brought him safely through those four hours of fearful danger.

From that time until 5 p. m. she cared for the two as well as the mother, and the picture she made feeding, soothing, yes, even caressing these babies, clothed in spotless white, made a picture commented on by every passenger on board, and one they can never forget.

Yes, Charlie is honored of God in having a place among the noble men who preach the unsearchable riches of Christ in Northwest Texas. c. w.

ON THE TRAIN.

A correspondent of the Inter Ocean tells the following incident. It took place on one of the Southern roads going to Louisville, Ky.

A number of passengers boarded the train at Nashville, among them a well-dressed young woman of bright appearance without an escort. She asked the porter for a pillow and settled herself for an all-day rest, seemingly an unusual treat. However, she had no more than comfortably reclined when she was aroused by the distressing cry of infants.

Wide awake now, the young woman went to see for herself, and such a sight as met her view! The woman's

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dress was undone at the neck, and displayed an eruption which undoubtedly covered the body. Her hair hung about her face, matted with grease and dirt. The two-year-old was sitting up, munching a piece of bread and butter, crumbling the most of it among the sheets.

All the girl's energies were now aroused to cope with the emergencies of this occasion. Here it was 10 o'clock, the sick woman had been on the train since 4 a. m., and nothing done for her.

So this young Samaritan (as the passenger called her) rolled up her sleeves, pinned a towel on to protect her dress, then called the conductor and told him that he and the porter must help her to change the condition of things, or there would be no comfort for any one on board that day.

She had the seats opposite the woman curtained off, a pail of warm water, a piece of soap, several towels, sheets and pillow-cases brought to her. Search was made in the sleeper and baggage car for the sick woman's baggage, but none could be found.

She took the babe up and found that its clothing consisted almost wholly of a piece of an old shawl wrapped about its little neglected body, which evidently had not been removed for two days. It was cast to the winds in a twinkling, and the water and soap were applied vigorously.

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