nam Cha dom.—1 Kings 3: 415.

mentary.—I. Solomon's sacrifice (v. 4). 4. To Gibson Gibson was five er six miles northwest of Jerusalem, and was a sacred place because the macle and brazen altar were there (2 Chron, 1: 3, 5). The great high chose hilltops as places for their religious ceremonies, perhaps from the supposition that such elevations were nearer their sods. Israel had not yet built the house of the Lord, and they were worshiping Jenovah in high places (1 Kings \$: 2, 3). Gibeon was the most sacred place at that time in all Israel. A thousand burnt offerings. This was a great selizious gathering. Multitudes of Issecites went to Gibeon with Solomon to engage in the public worship of the Lord, A small portion only of the staughtered animal was consumed as a burnt-effering to the Lord, and the remaining portions were eaten by the pricets and distributed among the worshippers, Many priests must have been engaged in encrificing the animais, and there can be no doubt that the people entered heartily into the worship there offered to the Lord. "In 2 Chron. 1: 2, 3 we are told a little more about this sacrifice. The king had suited all the people, and the great officers, and went up in a solemn proeccasion with all the people, and the great officers, and went up in a solemn procession with all the congregation. This accounts for the abundance of the offerings. After this occasion we hear so more of sacrifices at Gibeon."-

II. The Lord's offer (v. 5). 5. The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream There are many instances in the scriptures of the Lord's appearing to individuals in dreams to communicate and prosperous people. The dream to them a knowledge of His will. Such dreams are to be carefully distinguished from ordinary dreams, for the ordinary dream has no significance. It can reasonably be supposed that Solomon realized the weight of the responsibility that was upon him as king of Israel, and his prayer had been that the Lord would grant him the needed help to meet that responsibility. Ask what I shall give thee The offer made by the Lord to the youthful king was comprehensive and unlimited. The Lord, in this statement, laid His resources at Solomon's disposal. All that the human heart could rightfully desire is included. It is easy to imagine what multitudes would choose if they were given such a privilege. The Lord knew what was in Solomon's heart when He laid open His resources to

Lumby.

> III. Solemon's choice (vs. 6-9). 6. Solcmon said-He said this in his dream. Hast showed .... great mercy-Solomon prefaced his choice with humble acknowledgments to God for mercies bestowed, and a confession of his own inability to fill the position in which he had placed him. The Lord had shown gree David throughout his eventful career. In uprightness of heart-David's course for the most part was right, and for the sins into which he fell, he had deeply and fully repented. Hast given him a son to sit on his throne -David had several sons in all, but the Lord definitely declared that his son Solomon should be king. 7. I am but a little child-Solomon was probably about twenty years of age at this heartfelt and true. His choice was roalized that in experience in great affairs he was but a child. In this frame of mind he could accept of the wisdom that God would directly or indirectly impart, and his sense of the the Lord that he did not know how to conduct the affairs of the kingdom. 8. Thou hast chosen—God had chosen Abraham, and the people of Israel were his descendants. That cannot be numbered-Israel had come to be a great nation. According to David's numbering there were 1,300,000 men of basis there were possibly 6,000,000 inhabitants of Israel. 9. An understanding heart—This was a noble choice. It was unselfish. He might have chosen popularity, wealth, vast dominion or long life, but he left himself out of the consideration to the extent that he chose for the highest welfare of his subjects. To judge ..... people—The

IV. Gifts bestowed (vs. 10-15). 10. The speech pleased the Lord The Lord was pleased with the nobility, sincerity, unselfishness and devotion to Israel, expressed in Solomon's request. This opened the way for the Lord to bestow the best gift and to supplement it with other desirable gifts. 11. Hast not asked for thyseif, etc. Solomon, in his simplicity, had a clear understanding of values, and this understanding the Lord quickly recognized. The Lord made plain what things human nature prized highly. To discern judgment The ability to hear causes, to weigh evidence and to render just judgment. 12. I have done according to thy words Solomon's request was granted. I have given thee a wise heart— God gave him ability to know and to judge. This wisdom was both supcreatural and natural. We know that Solomon studied and searched, and thus stored up knowledge as others do, but the Lord gave him a breadth of comprehension and an insight that he did not possess before that eventful night. None like thee -Read 1 Kings 4; 29-34 for a statement regarding Solomon's grasp of

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functions of the judge with the mon-

arch, as he is expected to hear and

decide important cases. - Whedon.

Is. That which thou hast not asked

He had asked for something that
would be of the greatest advantage
to others, and the long gave him
those things that would be desirable
for himself. There is a lesson in What not to prove for as well as in

hat to pray for. The wo The words of riches and honor Solomer's a magnificent reign. 14. If the wilt walk in my ways God gave pro mise of long life to the king, but it was conditional. The sacred historinn had to record the painful fact later, that Solomon was drawn away from the service of the true God to a great extent by the associations he formed. What might Solomon had been, had he followed the Lord all his days! Lengthen thy days —He failed to meet the condition ns and only lived about sixty years. 15. It was a dream Even though it was a dream. it was a divine communication to Solomon. The choice the king expressed in his dream, was the choice of his waking heart. Wisdom was his to rule Israel wisely, and riches and honor were in store for him. Stood before the ark of the coven -David had brought the ark to Jer-

usalem in the early part of his reign. QUESTIONS - At about what age did Solomon begin to reign? Where did he go to sacrifice? How great a sacrifice did he make? Who went with him? What did the Lord tell him to ask? What choice did Solo-mon express? What reasons did he give for making this request? What did the Lord say to Solomon? What promises did the Lord make to Solomon? What is the source of wisdom?

## PRACTICAL SURVEY.

Topic.—A Prayer for Wisdom. I. Based on personal need. II. Made on behalf of others.

I. Based on personal need. The lesson before us is the record of a dream which Solomon had at Gibeon, a celebrated place in Old Testament history. It reveals what then agitated and filled his soul. It affords evidence of the genuine theocratic spirit in which the son of David had been educated. The young king seemed overwhelmed with a sense of responsibility. He was about to succeed a father who had been renowned as a warrior, a statesman and a ruler of men. He was about to reign over a numerous seemed to be according to the measure of his capacity. His great soul took within the ample range of its conception the whole Jewish nation, the eternal Ruler of the universe and the everlasting principles of moral obligation. The divine communication at the beginning of the dream was Solomon's authority to pray according to the strongest desires of his heart. His deminant thought from which spontaneously sprang his prayer, was that of the immensity of his task and his incapacity to perform it. He foresaw that there would be snares not easy to avoid, difficulties hard to surmount. He dared not go forth without answered prayer. He recognized that God had made him king, but so far as wisdom and ability were concerned he was still a child. When God came to him with so great an offer, the first thing that came to Solomon's mind was the image and memory, the life and character of his father. His record was a guide to a right choice. He referred to what God had done for his father as an example and pledge of what he could do for him. It was not presumpto Solomon to take God at his word. It was not his own merit that gave him courage to pray as he did, but the divine mercy and grace which his father had so richly experienced. His reference to former histories in the household and the realm gave evidence that he was alert and thoughtful. Solomon considered his youth and inexperience. His prayer was short, but it expressed living.

II. Made in behalf of others. Solomon felt that, to take the place of his father and direct the destinies of need of assistance was evidence of his God alone can bestow. It was no lit-Israel, he needed that wisdom which fitness to rule. To go out or come in the matter to be called upon to govern so important a nation as Israel. Solomon knew that without God's guiding spirit he could not do it successfully. He therefore chose wisdom and knowledge to qualify himself for the task. Higher wisdom was needed for higher work, for guiding and governing a nation. Solomon had a lofty ideal of kingly rule before him. He wished to war (2 Sam. 24: 9), and upon that rule God's people well for their own good, and the gicry of their supreme ruler. His prayer that he might be just in judgment and equitable in law. His prayer displayed a deep interest in the welfare of his subjects. God was well pleased because Solomon chose what would enable him to be serviceable to others. His choice marked a new epoch. Before his time, all kingly power was marked by standing armies, by riches and pomp. Under his reign was demonstrated for the than if placed upon either pear or prayer of his dream was answered in his actual history. That Solomon "loved the Lord" was the best and greatest thing that could be said about him. When God put the character test upon him he revealed the truth of his own relation to God, and his attitude toward men. His was the reverent prayer of a royal petitioner. It was characterized by gratitude solemnity, hopefulness and humility. Spiritual interests were supreme. Spiritual motives were predominant. The faithfulness of God was his stimulus to prayer . In David's dying charge to

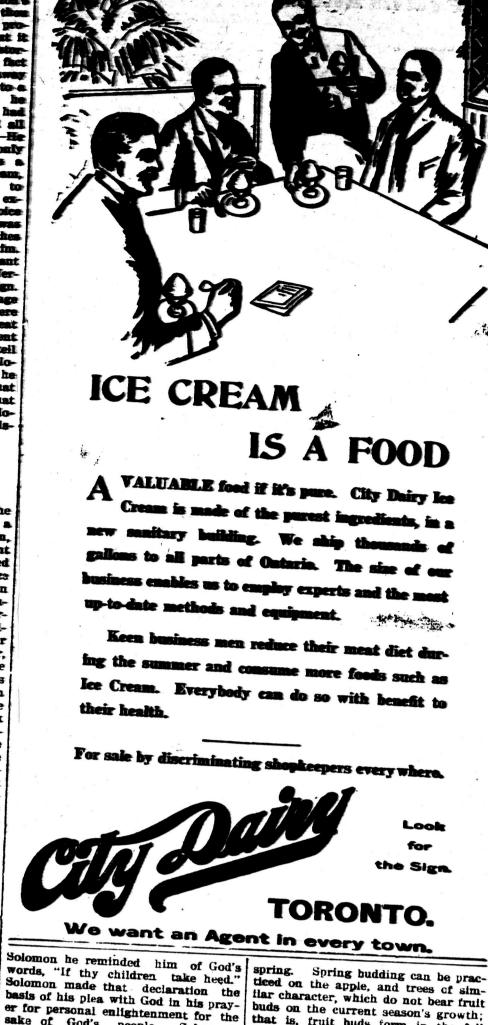
an act of judgment, a decision of his

will.

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er for personal enlightenment for the that is, fruit buds form in the fall sake of God's people. Solomon's on the wood which formed in the choice of the best gifts proved him summer months. For this reason worthy of lesser gifts. God's benefi- budding on fruits of this character is cence exceeded his requests. T. R. A always better in the fall.



BUDDING IN THE ORCHARD.

The most important reason for which budding and grafting are practiced is perhaps the fact that most of have poor root systems and are not adapted to the existing soil and climatic conditions. This can somecharacter. For example, plum trees on peach roots grow better in sandy soil than when on plum rocts, and the peach does better in heavy soil when growing on plum roots. Budding is the operation of remov-

it will continue to grow. No amount of skill will make it grow unless the two plants are more or less closely related. The stone fruits peach, plum, cherry and apricot - may be successfully budded upon each other. This is also true of the pome fruitsapple, pear and quince or any other similar group of plants. A stone fruit cannot be successfully budded upon a pome fruit, or a pome fruit upon a stone fruit. An apple bud on quince stock, and the corresponding relation holds true with all other groups of plants. The more closely related the plants the more successful will be the operation.

The operation can be performed in either the spring or late summer. If one desires to bud in the spring the twigs from which the buds are to be taken should be cut in early winter and stored in moist and in a cool place until growth has started in the trees. They should be of good, healthy growth and from 1-4 to 1-2 in proper condition for spring budding as soon as the buds have started growth and the bark slips readily.

Summer budding is performed only after the new buds and branches have become well developed. Only those buds near the base of the shoot, which have formed in the early part of the season, and which are more fully matured, are used. For spring work buds which have

formed the preceding summer, and for fall work buds which have formed earlier in the same growing season should be used. They will also grow best when placed upon the corresponding season's growth, although they may be placed upon older wood. If an old tree is to be budded it should be heavily pruned in the winter. The following spring a number of new growths will start from the trunk and branches. Of these the desirable ones can be budded that fall, or can with most be left until the following Cleveland Plain Bealer.

A sharp, thin-bladed knife of good

metal should be used. Special knives with a curved cutting edge at the end can be obtained from the seedman or supply houses. In seedlings the bud should be placed about six inches from the surface to remove it somewhat from the excessive beat near the surface caused by the reflection of the sun's rays. It is often set on the north side of the trees, as this side is least exposed to the sunlight and drying. The wound to reour fruits do not come true to type in the form of a T. The first cut is from seed, and wan not grow readily made with the grain of the wood, from cuttings. Also many trees about one and a half inches in length. The second is made across the grain of the wood, at the top of the first one, with a rocking motion of the times be remedied by grafting onto knife. The corners of the bark are other stock which is of more hardy then loosened with the blade of the knife and the stock is ready for the bud. The bud is cut from a twig with a shield shaped piece of bark about an inch in length and one-quarter of an inch in width. Hold the twig with ing a bud from one plant and placing half an inch below the bud, cut toward you. The cut will be from one-sixteenth to one-sighth of an inch at its deepest point, which is directly weeks old. Keep the young males yardbeneath the bud. A portion of the wood is removed with the bud. Now insert the buil, pushing it well down into the cut. No portion of the piece to which the bud is attached should be left projecting beyond the cleft, and the lips of the bark should be litted snugly around the bud itself. Buds always occur just above a leaf. if, however, the leaf is cut off with the knife, leaving a portion of the leaf staik, the stub will serve as a handle to the bud and aid materially in placing it. Be sure that the bud points up as it may not grow if not placed correctly.

The bud should not be wrapped firmly in place. No wax is needed. A piece of raffia about twelve inches in length is the best material for wrapping. This protects the bud as well as holds it firmly in place. Do not of an inch in diameter. The tree is used. In from two to three weeks tieing material should then be removed, as if left longer it will constrict the stem and perhaps strangle the bud. If the operation has been successful the branch should be cut off one-half inch or so above the bud to force the growth of the bud.

On large trees budding is seldom practised for commercial purposes. Such short-lived and early-bearing trees as the peach are generally replaced if undesirable. Trees on which top-working is advantageous are as a

rule grafted instead of budded. A teacher in a Woodland avenue chilled to death. school asked the other day: "How many kinds of flowers are there?" Three pupils held up their hands. She chose one to reply. "Well, Isidore, how

MASHES FOR THE CHICKS.

Chicks grow rapidly when fed on moist mashes, but the digestive system does not develop proportionately and with too much soft food they often break down. The tendency of poultry keepers generally is to take one or other extreme in cases like this, and because of that many who find certain unfavorable results with the use of moist mash do away with it entirely, either substituting dry mash or using no ground grain, says Farm-Poultry. When this is done, special attention should be given to providing succulent food The best feeding practice is to atler-

nate mash and grain, and it is a good plan even when a moist mash is used to have a little dry mash where chicks car get it when they want it. They will eat more when the food provided them is in a variety of forms, and the more you can get them to eat of suitable rations, the better they will grow. Up to the limit of its capacity the digestive power increases with use and suitable food. One of the best ways to feed eggs to chicks is to take raw infertile eggs and mix up, shell and all, with as much cornmeal or cornmeal and shorts as can be mixed with the egg with a stiff spoon. Don't feed this heavily, but give what they will clean up quick once a day. Stale bread, soaked in warm water, just enough to saturate it, and then stirred thick with comment and a little fine beef scrap, is another mash much relished by chicks.

Such things can be prepared in a mement. No one need worry about such irregular dishes disturbing the "balance" of the ration. They give the variety that it acceptable to all creatures. It is a hard matter to seriously "unbalance" a ration by the use of any occasional meal, even of an article far from the general ratio, and the articles mentioned and others that people may prepare from waste foods they happen to have are not very far from the common ratio.

FEED CHICKS LIGHTLY.

Many chicks die from being overfed. The little chick is a fairly hardy creature when normally healthy, but if it is not fed carefully its digestive system is upset readily and death often results. Do not feed the chick until it is thirty-six hours old, for it cannot digest the grain which you give it in addition to the yolk sac which is usually not completely absorbed at the time of hatching. A good practice is to feed a little at a time, but feed frequently. The more often chicks are fed each day the less danger there is of overfeeding. When the chicks are quite young they should be fed five times every day. When they get to be about six weeks old then they could be fed three or four times every day. Wet, sloppy food should be fed three food should be fed three or four times every day. Wet, sloppy food should be fed three or four times every day. Wet, sloppy food should be fed three or four times every day. Wet, sloppy food should be fed three or four times every day. day. Wet, sloppy food should be avoided always. Give the chicks dry cracked grain or dry mashes. The mashes, which are usually made of wheat, bran, commeal, crushed oats,

Do not feed too much hard boiled eggs at the start, as the chicks cannot

ligest it readily. If you have sour skim milk available give it to the chicks all of the time, as it is one of the best chick

Feed in such a way that the chicks will take plenty of exercise all of the time, as it is one of our best chick feeds. Feed often, and feed other feeds.-M. A. Jull, in Prairie, Farm and Home.

feeds.

SEPARATE THE SEXES.

Cockerels and pullets should be separated as soon as they can be distinguished, which in most cases will be when the chicks are five to eight ed together, so that they may be speedily fattened for market, but give the pullets as much range as possible. This will give them the constitutional vigor necessary for heavy egg production next fall and winter. Males which it is desired to keep for breeding purposes may be separated from the others a little later, when their characteristics and quality may be better judged.

POULTRY TALK.

A wild hen in a flock is always a disturbing element. A turkey hen desires to be let severely alone during the laying season; she is very apt to change her nest when being watched. For each day there is some timely

work in the poultry yard, which will give better returns than at any other

to be most feared by the poultry rais- active and unchanged. er. Get after these torments with a spray pump and some good lice-killer, for the sake of profit if not for humane reasons. When the mother hens and their

chicks must be shut up on a cool damp day, give them chaff from the barn floor to scratch in. The small tim-

that pay, the eternal vigilance is required to keep many of them living. Be on the watch. Many a chick is caught in a storm at this season, and

Always remember that a warm sunny morning is the best time to apply the grease remedy to a lot of lousy



TO MARKET

PARMERS MARKET. Cam, Il-qt. bkt. new, bbl. a. lb. a. Can., bushel a. Can., bkt.

SUGAR MARKET. There is a good trade locally in sugars which are quoted as follows:

Extra granulated, Redpath's

Do., 39-lb, bags

Do., 31-lb, bags

Lantic granulated, 190's Do. 50 2-ib. cartons
Do. 50 2-ib. cartons
Do. 10 1472 gunnies
Do. 5 273, gunnies
Do. brilliant yellow
St. Lawrenca, No. 1 yellow Acadia.

Dominion crystals, 100 lbs. MEATS-WHOLESALE.

LIVE STOCK Butcher cattle, choice .. do. do. medium
do. do. common

Butcher cows, choice
do. do. medium
do. do. canners
do. buils do. buils Feeding steers Stockers, choice do. light Bucks and culls ... Lambs
Hogs off cars
Hogs, f. o. b.

HIDES, SKINS, WOOL. WOOL-Washed WOOL—Washed combing fleece (coarse) 38 to 49c. Washed combing fleece (medium) 39 to 41c. Washed clothign fleece (fine) 49 to 42c. Tubwashed, as to quality (coarse) 38 to 49c. Tubwashed as to quality (fine) 49 to 41c. Washed rejections, (burry, cotton, chaffy, etc.) 28 to 30c. Unwashed fleece combing (coarse) 28 to 25c. Unwashed fleece combing (medium) 30 to 31c. Unwashed fleece clothing (fine) 31 to 32c. combing Washed 31. Unwashed fleece clothing (line)
31 to 32c.
BEEFHIDES—City Butcher Hides,
green flat 15c per lb. Country Hides,
flat, cured, 17 to 19c per lb. Part cured.

Calves

16 to 17c per lb.

CALFSKINS—City skins green, f
14c per lb. Country, cured, 17 to
per lb. Part cured, 16 to 17c per per lb. Part cured, 16 to 17c per lb.
according to condition and take off.
Deacons or Bob Calf 75c to \$1.10 each.
HORSEHIDES—City take off \$4.00 to
\$4.50. Country take of No. 1. \$3.75 to
\$4.25. No. 2 \$2.25 to \$3.00.
SHEEPSKINS—City Sheepskins \$1.75 to
\$2.50 each. Country Sheepskins 75c to \$2.
Spring lambs and Shearlings 30c to 60c.
TALLOW—City rendered solid in barrels, No. 1 6 to 61-c. No. 2 51-4
to 6c. Cake No. 1 6 1-2 to 7c. No. 2 per lb.

per lb.—Hallam's Weekly Mar-

## OTHER MARKETS

WINNIPEG GRAIN OPTIONS 

MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET. MINNEAPOLIS GRAIN MARKET.

Minneapolis—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.41
3-4; No. 1 Northern, \$1.31 1-4 to \$1.41 1-4;
No. 3 Northear, \$1.28 1-4 to \$1.38 1-4; July, \$1.28 1-4; September, \$1.04 1-4. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 74 3-4 to 75c. Oats—No. 3 white, 48 3-4 to 49c. Flour—Fancy patents, \$6.90; first clears, \$5.60; second clears, \$4.00. Bran, \$21.50. DULUTH GRAIN MARKET. .

DULUTH GRAIN MARKET.

Duluth—Wheat—No. 1 hard, \$1.38 3-4;
No. 1 Northern, \$1.36 3-4 to \$1.37 3-4; No. 2 Northern, \$1.31 3-4 to \$1.33 3-4; July, \$1.36 3-4; September, \$1.06 1-4. Linseed—Cash \$1.75; July, \$1.75 3-4; September, \$1.77 3-4.

THE CHEESE MARKETS.

Kingston, Ont.,—At Frontenac cheese board to-day 140 boxes white, and 530 boxes colored offered. All sold. White at 15c; colored, 14 15-16c.

Brockville—At to-day's cheese board meeting the opperings were 2.205 white and 2.067 colored. The sales we.o 159 with and 150 colored at 15 cents. On the curb. 1.000 boxes sold at 15 cents.

LONDON WOOL SALES LONDON WOOL SALES.

London—The wool sales were continued to-day, with a brisk demand for good wools at steady prices. Lowest sorts were irregular and frequently withdrawn. were irregular and frequently withdrawn. Russia and the home trade competed spiritedly for scoured combings. New Zealand wools touched 2s 8 1-2d. The offerings numbered 8,400.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK Cattle, receipts 4,000. Steers, native Western steers 

 Western steers
 7 00

 Cows and helfers
 7 30

 Calves
 3 35

 Hogs receipts 21,000
 7 50

 Market stow
 1 100

 Light
 1 100

 Bulk of sales . . . . . 6 50 Sheep, receipts 8,000.
Market strong.

BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo, Despatca-Cattle receipts 300 head; slow.
Veals, receipts 25 head active; 450 to wrap over the bud itself, but above and below it. It raffia is not available, any soft cord or cioth may be used. In from two to three weeks borts, for the red mites, the parasites to be most feared by the poultry rais-MONTREAL MARKETS

Cattle. receipts 700, cows and springers 50, calves 700, sheep and lambs 500, hoge Prime beeves 8 to 8 1-4, medium 6 to 8 common 5 1-2 to 6, cows \$40 to \$80 each, calves 5 to 8 cents, sheep 5 to 6, lambs \$4.50 to \$6.00, hogs 9 1-2 to 9 3-4.

othy seed they get out of the chaff seems to agree with them; they don't need much other food.

The chicks that live are the chicks that live are

GAVE UP TEETH TO ENLIST. London Ont., Report.—After ten unsuccessful attempts to enlist for overseas service, Charles H. Fletcher, a young Englishman from Stratford, has been finally accepted. Turned chose one in reply. Well, measure, now many kinds of flowers are there?" chicks, it is used for the chicks, it is used for the chicks of flowers are there?" "Indeed? And what But if too liberal with grease at any and 14 artificial ones put in, thereby coming up to requirements. He has

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