

God's Workmen

Neh. 3

The Workers were not professional men, nor were they employed in a 'closed shop'. Who were they?

A THE WORKERS

- 1 The *Priests*—
very appropriately at the Sheep Gate, place of sacrifice 3. 1
- 2 The *Goldsmiths*—
successors of the artificers in gold for the temple 3. 8, 32
- 3 The *Apothecaries*—
medicine-makers, entrusted with the preparation of incense for the temple offering 3. 8
- 4 The *Rulers and their Daughters*—
elders who ruled well and their households 3. 9, 12, 14, 15, 16
- 5 The *Levites*—
specially appointed for sanctuary service 3. 17
- 6 The *Nethinims*—
the meanest Labourers in God's house, but there was skilled work for them to do 3. 26
- 7 The *Merchants*—
business men who had the Lord's work at heart 3. 32

B THE SHIRKERS

Their nobles put not their necks to the work of the Lord 3. 5

C THE JERKERS

Worked for a time but became discouraged because of the enemy 4. 10

Principles of Service

Neh. 2. 18-20; 4. 17-18

1 *Principle of Selection*—

Excludes all who have no portion, right or memorial in God's city Neh. 2. 20

2 *Principle of Specialization*—

every man to his work Neh. 4. 15

3 *Principle of Priority*—

Home claims come first Neh. 3. 10, 23, 28, 30

