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## PART FOUR.

Call on several to state in their own language the truth that has impressed them most during the quarter. Follow this with a short, earnest prayer that these truths may be blessed to the spiritual good of all in the school.

## Heart Talks on the Lesson.

How much wiser and better are we for the studies of the past three months? Recall each lesson, and ask, Have I profited by this?

1. To be self-respectful and contented in our providential allotment; not restless to do and to be "like other people;" especially to remember that as Christians we are chosen of God to be unlike the world in spirit and in the ordering of the affairs of our life.

2. A true change of heart reaches the inmost springs of character. It is not a transient emotion. It includes a surrendered will which no longer seeks to please self, but to please God.

3. The love of God; his readiness to forgive; "consider how great things he has done for us." The blessing of having a friend to pray for us who, like Samuel, is accustomed to talk with God. Are we more thoughtful and tender in spirit because we have been reminded that father, mother, friend, pastor, teacher, pray for us?

4. Heart obedience, only, please God. "Moral conduct is more than ceremonial form." God cares for what we are rather than for what we do.

5. The sinful heart can be made right in the all-searching sight of God only by praying David's prayer: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."

6. Quiet, self-possession, the use of such means as we have at hand, with firm reliance upon God, will conquer every giant of trial or difficulty. What is anything, or who is anybody, that he should defy the living God, or harm his chosen people who are dear to him as the apple of his eye?

7. God polishes his spiritual diamonds by the friction of trial. Take life's discipline hope-

fully. David was a better king because he bore the persecution of Saul in a right spirit.

8. True friendship is unselfish. That one who inspires you to noble thoughts and right conduct is truly a friend. Beware of other intimacies. School-day friendships may plant sweet virtues in the character, or evil to cause sorrow in later years.

9. Patient waiting for God's time and God's way is always best. If you have a quarrel with anyone hold tight the reins of your temper. Take it to God. Follow his mind, not your own. This will save you from rash words and conduct which might bring shame and regret.

10. A life out of harmony with the will of God is always a failure.

11. From twelve to thirty years of age the seeds of character are sown. Precious years! David "went on going and growing." You are obliged to go on going; life does not turn backward. But to "go on going and growing" you must have the Lord God with you as did the young king of Israel.

12. "Be sober, and watch unto prayer." The chains of sinful appetite are broken only by the power of God.

## Blackboard.



The lessons of the quarter bring before us the royal life of olden days. Samuel, Saul, and David are conspicuous figures, and through them we have studied the history of the chosen people. The beginning of the monarchy reminds us of its end—the time when a king should reign in righteousness, and his subjects should love his rule and prepare themselves for the royal service of heaven. That king has come and has set up his kingdom, not in outward show of power or splendor, but in the hearts of those who own allegiance to his name.

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