

peat whatever he hears. Parents will listen, and I know of many cases where both father and mother have been led to become not only total abstainers, but also members of the Church of Christ, as a direct result of teaching temperance to the little ones.

But some one may ask, Where can I prepare myself? I think it would be well to have the subject taken up in the Primary Unions. Study *The Man Wonderful in the House Beautiful*, by Dr. Mary Allen; *A Mouthful of Bread*, by Jean Mace; Dalton's and Draper's physiologies, Hoskin's *Child's Book of Nature*, etc. Above all, study diligently God's word with prayer. It will require some time, but you yourself will be better paid than if you were reading *Ships that Pass in the Night*, or anything in that line.

As far as pledging the children is concerned, I believe in having them sign the pledge when they understand it without regard to age. Many a person thinks more of his word than anything else, but do not urge the matter too strongly.

Then, too, there should be some temperance paper given regularly, say, once a month or once in three months, such as *Onward*, or *Pleasant Hours*.

Impressions made in childhood are more lasting than those made in later years. If, then, we can wisely train the rising generations in this one line, we may be doing a noble work for our country, for God, and for humanity.

"So little done, so much to do,
Each morning breaks on conflicts new:
But eager, brave, we'll join the fray,
And fight the battles of to-day."

Chains of Gold.

It is a beautiful thought of the poet which he has put into words in the familiar lines:

"More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore let
Thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day;
For what are men better than sheep or goats
That nourish a blind life within the brain,
If, knowing God, they lift not hands of prayer
Both for themselves and those who call them
friends?
For so the whole round world is every way
Bound by gold chains about the feet of God."

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE LESSONS. THIRD QUARTER.

LESSON X. (September 6.)

DAVID'S LOVE FOR GOD'S HOUSE. 1 Chron. 22. 6-16.

GOLDEN TEXT. "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee" (Psalm 84. 4).

Primary Notes.

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[Have a church drawn on the board and covered.] In what do you live? How do you feel toward your home? Why do you love it? If we have the right kind of homes we learn to love even the house where the home is; it seems better and dearer

than any other house. I think, too, we like to do all we can to make the house we live in look pretty; we like to give our time or our money to make it as lovely as possible. And then I think we like to stay in such a house as much as we can; when we are away we think about it and are very glad to go back to the house that is our home.

We don't all love the same house, but can you think of any house we can all unite in loving? [Uncover the picture.] Whose house do we call the church? [Print "God's House" on the outside of the church.] All of God's true children love his house, because there they meet to sing his praise, to speak to him in prayer, and to learn more about him from the Bible.

There have been many people who have loved God's house, but there is one man about whom we have learned a great deal, and to-day we are to learn how he loved God's house and how he showed his love. What was this man's name? [Print "David" over the tower of the church.] You remember after Absalom died David went back to Jerusalem and was again king over the land. When he was first made king over all Israel what was it he wanted to build for God? God had sent him word by Nathan that he should not build him a house, but told him who should. Who was it? (2 Sam. 7. 12, 13). David was disappointed, but was there anything you can think of that he could do that would help that son, whose name was Solomon, to build God's house? He could be getting ready the things that would be needed. Why would he like to do this? Because he loved God's house dearly. [Print "Loved" at the left of the church and "dearly" at the right.]

Now let us see what and how David prepared for the building. The first house the Israelites built was made with curtains, but this one was to last

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