

The Tabernacle

represent the Tabernacle. Altar for burnt offerings, Laver (bath), where the priests washed before approaching God's house. Describe the Holy Place, with its Golden Altar of Incense and Seven-Branded Candlestick and Table of Shewbread, and the Holy of Holies with its Ark of the Testimony and the Mercy Seat and the Cherubim, (chs. 36-40; Heb. 9:1-5. Use small models. God told Moses how to build His house (Heb. chs. 9, 10). Tell what God means to teach us by all these ceremonies.

Tabernacle Colors—Show bits of silk :

BLUE—Sky color, meaning peace.

PURPLE—Royal color, meaning grace.

RED—Blood color, meaning mercy.

"As the worshipper approached the gate, these colors in the curtains said, 'Peace, Grace, Mercy unto you from Him whose dwelling this is.'"

Golden Text—Understanding the meaning of "gates" and "courts" we may now repeat the Golden Text. (Draw a bell.) Imagine your church bell pealing out these words. (Make motion of bell-ringing while repeating.)

A Curious Singing School.—Did you hear the birdies singing to-day? They are giving praise and thanks in their bird way. "Birds

acquire the art of singing just as truly as do people. In the Hartz Mountains, at the village of Andreasberg, over 200,000 canaries are raised annually. Their best singers are never sold, but are kept as choir masters. Handsome and promising fledglings are kept close to these best singers, and they soon pick up and practice the notes they hear." God wants His little children to learn to sing His praises and be joyful and thankful.

Reverence—The priests washed before approaching God's House. We should put away thoughts of school, play, of ourselves, and go to God's House with pure, holy thoughts. How quietly we should sit! How we should listen, pray, sing!

Our Church—Show picture. (Why not a "tent church"?) Why do we worship in a new way? (Heb. 10:18-22.) We should offer nothing poor or mean to God.

Home Missions—Send God's House "before" into parts of our own country now being entered upon by "settlers." Let the church be there as soon as they are.

Foreign Missions—In many places there is no "House of God," only temples for idols.

Body Temples—(2 Cor. 6:16.) All stand, stretch up hands and repeat, "We are the temples of God. Please, God, dwell in us!"

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

By The Editor

A simple ground plan of the tabernacle drawn upon the blackboard will immediately attract attention. Let the point be to show how the people, who are outside God's dwelling place, may reach God, who dwells above the ark in the inmost part of all, hidden from sight. It is sin that makes them unfit for His presence, and shuts them out. If they are to be received of God, they must come through a priest chosen and set apart by Him; and come through the blood of a lamb slain in their stead,—for sin deserves death. Follow the high priest, as he enters in, first, into the holy place, where the bowl of incense is sprinkled with the blood, and then into the holy of holies, where the mercy seat is sprinkled with the blood—and God reveals His presence. There are three passages which the school may read together—John 1:29; Heb. 9:11, 12; Heb. 7:25.

[The broken lines in the Ground Plan of the tabernacle here given mark the limits of the various curtained enclosures. The other portions are plainly indicated. A careful study of the plan throws new light on Heb. ch. 9.]

