

LESSONS.—1. Like Dagon before the ark, every idol will fall before Christ—Is. 2, 18. God will punish those, who, like the Philistines, profane his ordinances. 3. Many wish Christ to depart from them, as did the Philistines the ark—Matt. 8, 34.

**No. 4.—David Anointed.** 1 Sam'l. 16, 1,–13.

*Saul*, the first King of Israel, was rejected for disobedience—chap. 15, 26. *Samuel* was now old. *Jesse* was the grandson of Obed and Ruth—Ruth 4, 21–22. *David* means beloved. Like David Christ was born in Bethlehem and anointed King—Is. 61, 1.

LESSONS.—1. The faith of good men, like that of Samuel, sometimes wavers—verse 2. 2. We should worship God with reverence and godly fear—verse 5. 3. Outward appearances are deceitful—it is the heart to which God looks—verse 7. 4. Let us rejoice that, though despised like David, Christ has been anointed King over his Church—Ps. 2, 6.

**No. 5.—David & Goliath.** 1 Sam. 17, 38–50.

*Goliath*, a giant of immense stature, had challenged the Israelites to single combat, and the youthful David, by permission of Saul, had accepted the challenge. The result was to decide the victory between the two armies. The triumph of David strikingly represents the victory of Christ over Satan.

LESSONS.—1. The man who, like Goliath, trusteth in his own strength, is a fool—Prov. 28, 26. 2. God gives strength to those who, like Da-