

dren listen, in fancy, to the great chorus of praise and the sound of many instruments. The song was all about the goodness and mercy of God. He brought them back to their land, and for him they would build a house, and sing while they did it.

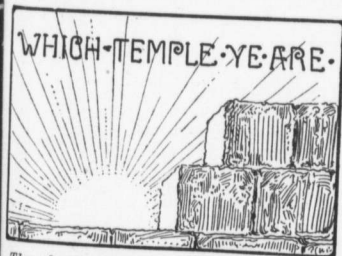
**The Work Stopped.** When the heathen who lived in the land saw what was going on they were displeased to be left out, and came and said they would help. But how could they serve God when they did not know or believe in him? The chief man, the prince, told them that it could not be. Here is another of the principal persons in the quarter's lessons. The man who had charge of the precious vessels and of building the temple was Zerubbabel, also called Shesh-bazzar. He was born in Babylon, but was a prince, and when the chance came to go back to Jerusalem, God moved his heart to go, and he put himself at the head of the company to lead them. It is well to remember this long name, because this second temple, coming after Solomon's, is often called after Zerubbabel's name, since he had so much to do with building it.

It is sad to know that when the enemies of the Jews found they could do nothing else, they made the people weak, and troubled them in building, and hired men to talk against them and hinder them, so that the work of building stopped, through all the rest of the rule of Cyrus. Many years afterward, when Darius was king of Persia, he gave it another start, and the house of God was finished.

This lesson should make us think of God's holy house. There must always be a church where God's people can meet to worship him. It may be only a little sod church on the prairie, or one built of mud and grass in Africa, but wherever God meets his people, there is a holy place.

Most of all, our Father wants a holy place in our hearts. Keep always for him, clean and sweet. Have we such a place in the heart?

**Jewel-Thought: Holiness.** Explain that to be holy is to be right, to be pure, loving, clean inside, and like Jesus. To be like the holy Jesus is better than anything else.



**Thought for Teachers.** If "Holiness to the Lord" was "written upon the bells of the

horses" long ago, and even upon the pots and pans in temple service, surely our lowliest services should bear the inscription.

## LESSON V—October 29

### POWER THROUGH GOD'S SPIRIT. Zech. 4. 1-10

**GOLDEN TEXT:** "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." Zech. 4. 6.

#### Primary Notes



**Approach.** Seek to explain and emphasize the thought of power that cannot be seen and yet is strong. John stood near a big locomotive, which was on the track. "How big and strong it is!" he said to father. "Why

doesn't it just start and go?" "It hasn't power," father answered. "Strong as it is, there must be steam inside to start it. A man builds a fire, makes the water boil, and then the steam makes the wheels go. You can't see how the wheels are turned, but you can see them go, and then you know the power must be there."

Earl was playing with a pile of stones. He was up on a bridge, and dropped the stones down into the water to hear them splash. "What makes the stones fall down?" he asked father. "There is a strange power in the earth that draws everything down," was the answer. "Unless you hold it up in some way, everything goes straight to the ground, which draws it by this power. We call it gravitation. Nobody ever saw it, but it is one of the strongest things in the world. Nothing would come down, and nothing would stay down where it is put if it were not for this power."

There is another power that can't be seen, and yet is strong. It is electricity, that makes the cars move. Some of the strongest things in the world cannot be seen. We know them by what they do.

**Zechariah's Message.** Another new person. Tell of his birth in Babylon, his being a minister (or priest) and prophet, or teacher, too. God gave the prophets in those days long ago messages straight from himself, and they were afterward put in the Bible. We have the whole Bible now, and do not need such prophets. Recall close of last lesson, the hindering of temple-building. Tell how for sixteen years the work stopped. Now came a message from God to Zechariah. He had an angel-visitor from God who showed and told him many things. Among others, the sight of a golden lampstand, and the words that explained it. There were seven lamps, and seven pipes for oil to keep them burning. Close by stood two olive trees. Oil