

God's presence? . . . ILLUSTRATION. It is said that in the building of the temple one workman who had been set to hew out a stone into a certain form said, "This is of no worth," and threw it aside. Afterward, they sought for the stone which was to crown the roof, and it was missing; for that was the one cast aside. So in the building of God's spiritual house, the soul of least apparent value may be the most precious of the living stones in the edifice.

Primary and Intermediate.

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LESSON THOUGHT. *Building for God.*

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.

A list of the materials used may be printed on the board, and then the teacher may tell how each was used. The white marble was used to make the temple walls. The fragrant cedar-wood, upon which was carved flowers and angels, was all covered with gold, and this was used inside the temple. Many things were entirely made of gold, as lamps, candlesticks, basins, spoons, etc. The brass was used to make two great pillars for the porch, and a basin of brass, to stand outside the temple, so large that it was held up by twelve oxen all made of brass. Then there were lovely curtains made of fine white linen, beautifully embroidered with blue, purple, and scarlet. This curtain hung between the Holy Place, and the Holy of Holies. (Use blackboard illustration.) Tell that it took seven years to build the temple. Work for the Lord must not be carelessly or hastily done. Tell how quietly it was done.

GOD'S TEMPLE.

The temple that we have been hearing about was called Solomon's temple, because he built it. But it was a temple for God, and so the heart-temple which each one is called to build is for him. What is this little temple which we are each building to be used for? Call for Golden Text, and teach that if God comes to live in our hearts they will need to be very clean places, and that we will need the help of God every day to make and keep them clean. Ask how many think that God really wants to come and live in us? Read 1 Cor. 3. 16. He wants not only our hearts, but our bodies, and so we must be careful of our bodies for His sake. Who is building for God now? Who will make this his work, to build for the great King a temple for Him to dwell in?

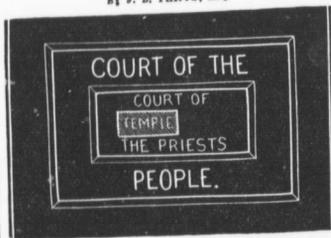
Lesson Word-Pictures.

Look down into this quarry echoing with shouts and hammer-strokes and the crash of rocks. Watch the men at their work. Samson and Goliath, Hercules and Achilles, seem

to have come back, and their muscles are straining on the heavy hammers that swing above these buried ledges. How their strong, heavy blocks ring out louder and louder! They are shaping the stones for the temple. "I give these massive blocks," says the quarry, "for Solomon's temple." Stand on this rock by the sea. Do you not make out that black blotch on the face of the bright sea? It is a mass of timber that has been floated a long way down the coast. Watch the men as they spring across the back of this huge creature of wood lazily floating in the sea, and watch the waves that give its outlines a fringe of snow. "I give these fragrant cedars for Solomon's temple," says the Lebanon-raft. Go into the shops where the smiths are melting and moulding and shaping and polishing the gold. Stand by the carvers who are graving mystic cherubim and stately palms and fair flowers on the olive wood. Bend over the weavers who are braiding together blue and purple and crimson. See the molten brass hissing along with a dazzling glitter, on its way to be wrought by cunning artificers into the great altar of shapely pillars of brass. "All these we give for Solomon's temple," cry goldsmith and carver and weaver and worker in brass.

Blackboard.

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These outlines represent the temple and its courts. The reviewer can describe the temple, or have some scholar tell all that can briefly be told. The first court is the Court of Priests, the second is the Court of the People. It will be of interest to describe these, and by chalk marks locate the brazen altar, brazen lavers, gates, etc.

LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER, 1884.

- Nov. 2. The Temple Dedicated. 1 Kings 8. 22-36.
- Nov. 9. The Wisdom of Solomon. 1 Kings 10. 1-13.
- Nov. 16. Solomon's Sin. 1 Kings 11 4-13.
- Nov. 23. Proverbs of Solomon. Prov. 1. 1-16.
- Nov. 30. True Wisdom. Prov. 8. 1-17.