

king of Assyria sent us to live in this land."

But the men of Judah answered the Samaritans, "You have nothing to do with the building of the Lord's house; we will build it ourselves, as Cyrus king of Persia commanded us."

The Samaritans were very angry at this, and tried in every way to stop the work of the Jews on the temple; and this they did all the years that Cyrus lived. When Cyrus died, and another king, Artaxerxes, reigned in his place, the Samaritans again stirred up trouble by writing letters to the king, until at last he made a decree that the building of the temple should cease altogether.

Questions on the Lesson

1. What preparations did the people of Judah make for the building of the temple?
2. What sort of a service had they on the day when the foundation was laid.
3. How did the people show their joy?
4. Who were glad?
5. Who wept?
6. Who were the Samaritans?
7. What did they worship?
8. To whom did they come with an offer?
9. What was the offer?
10. What did the men of Judah answer?
11. How did the Samaritans feel at this?
12. What did they do to annoy the Jews?
13. What did they do when Cyrus died?
14. Golden Text?

Lesson Story

It was the first service in the new little frame church on the prairie, and every one was happy and glad that at last they had a church of their own in which to worship. When the offering was taken up, there wasn't a happier little girl in the church than Molly Evans. Mother looked in surprise at the crisp dollar bill her little girl placed reverently on the plate; but it wasn't till they were driving home that Molly explained all about it. "I wanted to help too, mother, and I've been keeping every cent of my 'chicken money' for ten months." Mother's face was shining as well as Molly's. "Now my little girl will feel that she, too, has had a share in helping to build God's house", she said.

Lesson Hymn

Jesus, we love to meet
On this Thy holy day,

We worship round Thy seat

On this Thy holy day. Amen.

—Hymn 573, Book of Praise

The Catechism

PRIMARY CATECHISM—53. Who is the Comforter or Helper whom Jesus promised to send to His disciples? The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to send.

SHORTER CATECHISM—104. What do we pray for in the fourth petition? A. In the fourth petition (which is, *Give us this day our daily bread*) we pray, That of God's free gift we may receive a competent portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

The Question on Missions

4. What has been done thus far? More than 100,000 seven-day-in-the-week toilers have been set free to rest on the Lord's Day. The distribution and sale of American Sunday newspapers has been greatly reduced, and hundreds of instances of law violation have been stopped.

SOMETHING TO DO AT HOME

The Lesson tells of men beating cymbals, like those in the drawing (*color*), and playing other musical instruments for joy at the



foundation-laying of the temple. So we should be very joyful when we go to God's house to worship Him.

I Have Learned To-day

THAT I SHOULD BE THANKFUL