

Thy chosen temple, Lord, how fair !
As here thy servants throng
To breathe the humble, fervent prayer,
And pour the grateful song.

1. *Supt.* The subject of the first lesson is "Solomon Succeeding David." Give the advice of David to Solomon, as stated in the Golden Text.

School. "And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart, and with a willing mind."

Supt. What was David's oath to Bathsheba?

Boys. "Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead."

2. *Supt.* In the second lesson, what was David's charge to Solomon?

Girls. That he should build an house for the Lord God of Israel.

Supt. Why was not David permitted to build the temple?

School. The Lord said: "Thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight."

3. *Supt.* "In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee." What was Solomon's choice, as given in Lesson III.?

School. "Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad."

HYMN. L. M.

Wisdom divine ! who tells the price
Of wisdom's costly merchandise ?
Wisdom to silver we prefer,
And gold is dross compared to her.

Happy the man who wisdom gains ;
Thrice happy, who his guest retains ;
He owns, and shall forever own,
Wisdom and Christ and heaven are one.

4. *Supt.* The title of Lesson IV. is "The Temple Built." Boys may give the Golden Text.

Boys. "Mine house shall be called a house of prayer."

Girls. [Selected class.] The temple stood on Mount Moriah. It was surrounded by an open court, paved with marble, around which were columned walls. The ground plot upon which the temple was built was a square of six hundred cubits, or twenty-five thousand royal feet. This space was encompassed with a wall of the height of six cubits, and of the same breadth. Beyond this wall was the court of the Gentiles, being fifty cubits wide. After this was seen a great wall, which encompassed the whole court of the children of Israel. The court of Israel was surrounded with magnificent galleries supported by two or three rows of pillars. It had four gates or entrances, each having an ascent of seven steps. The galleries were designed to lodge the priests, and to lay up such things as were necessary for the use of

the temple. Within the court of the priests was the altar of burnt-offerings, which was reached by stairs on the eastern side. Beyond this was the temple, properly so called, that is to say, the sanctuary, the sanctum, and the porch of entrance. In the sanctum stood the golden candlestick, the table of shew-bread, and the golden altar upon which the incense was offered. There was nothing in the sanctuary but the ark of the covenant, which included the tables of the law. The high-priest entered here but once a year, and none but himself was allowed to enter.

5. *Supt.* When was the temple dedicated?

Boys. About 1005 B. C.

Girls. The Golden Text is, "Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain thee."

6. *Supt.* When the queen of Sheba heard of the great wisdom of Solomon, she came to visit him, bringing rich gifts. After she had communed with him, and had seen all his wonderful surroundings, she acknowledged that the half had not been told her, and gave the glory to the Lord God of Israel. What is the Golden Text of Lesson VI.?

School. "Behold, a greater than Solomon is here !"

HYMN. C. M.

The dearest idol I have known,
Whate'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne,
And worship only thee.

7. *Supt.* In Lesson VII. where do we see the danger of wicked associations?

School. "For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods."

Supt. Where do we see the righteous anger of God with sin?

School. "And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel."

Supt. Where do we see the blessings of godly parentage?

School. "Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake."

8, 9. *Supt.* Will the school give the Titles and Golden Texts of the next two lessons?

School. Titles: "Proverbs of Solomon," and "True Wisdom." Golden Texts: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge," and "I love them that love me, and those that seek me early shall find me."

Supt. We find the object of the Proverbs of Solomon stated in the former of these lessons, namely, to know wisdom, and to receive instruction. In the latter, Wisdom, which means here religion, is represented as a person calling upon men to receive her and the benefits she brings.

HYMN. 8, 7, 4.

Early let us seek thy favor,
Early let us do thy will ;
Blessed Lord, and only Saviour,
With thy love our bosoms fill ;