

in a dream? "Ask what I shall give thee." What did Solomon ask of the Lord? Wisdom to rule the people. What was God's word to him? "I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart."

**Lesson IV.**—When did Solomon commence to build the temple? In the fourth year of his reign. Of what was the temple built? Of stone, made ready before it was brought to Jerusalem. What is the Lord's house? A place of prayer. Why should we love it? Because God is there.

**Lesson V.**—Who gathered together in the temple when Solomon consecrated it to the Lord? The Israelites. To whom did Solomon offer all praise and glory? To the Lord of Israel. What did he acknowledge? The fulfillment of God's promises to David. For what did Solomon pray? That God would dwell with the children of Israel.

**Lesson VI.**—Who came to see Solomon? The queen of Sheba. What did she wish to tell him? All that was in her heart. What did she say to him when she had seen his wisdom and the splendor of his house? "It is true what I heard in mine own land of thy acts and thy wisdom." What did she bring to Solomon? Costly gifts.

**Lesson VII.**—Who turned Solomon's heart away from God in his old age? His many strange wives. What did he do to please them? He worshipped false gods. Who was angry with Solomon? The Lord. How did he punish him? He took away his kingdom.

**Lesson VIII.**—Who wrote the book of Proverbs? Solomon. What is a proverb? A wise saying. What do proverbs teach us? Knowledge and wisdom. Who is the source of all wisdom? God.

**Lesson IX.**—How will God give wisdom? Freely and lovingly. When will we go to God for wisdom? When we find that we have none ourselves. What does God's wisdom show us? The right way to live. Who will surely find God? Those who seek him early.

**Lesson X.**—What is sure to bring us trouble? Wine and strong drink. What is strong drink? A deceitful enemy. What warning is given us in the Bible? "Look not upon the

wine when it is red." What command? "Be not among wine-bibbers."

**Lesson XI.**—What mistakes do we often make? That worldly pleasures will bring us happiness. What only can make us happy? The love of God in the heart. What did Solomon seek? To learn what would bring happiness. What was the result of his experience? Wisdom excelleth folly as far as light excelleth darkness.

**Lesson XII.**—When should we remember God, our Creator? In the days of our youth. What shall come to every one? Death. What shall we need then? To know God. What shall we find in him? Peace and safety. What will be brought into judgment? Every thing, both good and evil.

### Blackboard.

BY J. B. PHIPPS, HQ.



The blackboard is a review of the year. When the hands were at January, how was it with you then? Slowly they have revolved. God has spared your life in great mercy that you might be saved and do his work. Have you wasted the time?

### LESSONS FOR JANUARY, 1885.

- JAN. 4. Paul at Troas. Acts 20. 2-16.  
 JAN. 11. Paul at Miletus. Acts 20. 17-27.  
 JAN. 18. Paul's Farewell. Acts 20. 28-38.  
 JAN. 25. Paul Going to Jerusalem. Acts 21. 1-14.

## REVIEW SERVICE FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER.

BY MISS BERTHA C. MACKEY.

SUBJECT: KING SOLOMON AND HIS BOOKS OF WISDOM.

*Superintendent.* The subject of this quarter's lessons is King Solomon. His reign was the most brilliant in Jewish history. We will now listen to a brief sketch of it.

[To be read by an older scholar.] Solomon, the son and successor of David, was the most prosperous of the Israelite kings. His reign extended from 1015 to 975 B. C. During this time Israel was at peace with all surrounding nations. Solomon was a "man of rest," and for this reason he was commissioned to build the temple. He greatly improved the internal

condition of the kingdom, causing numerous palaces, cities, and fortifications to be erected. Under his wise government the wealth of the nation greatly increased. In his old age, however, he departed from the God of his father David, and encouraged idolatry, through the influence of his heathen wives.

HYMN. C. M.

With joy we hail the sacred day  
 Which God has called his own;  
 With joy, the summons we obey,  
 To worship at his throne.