

Then He promised that the new Temple would be much greater than the first, and that all the nations who were now making trouble would some day learn to obey His voice.

In this way God allowed His people to see a little of His plans, so that they might be happier and stronger in doing the hard work He wanted them to do.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Why were the builders discouraged? Ans.—Because their enemies made so much trouble. 2. What did they do? Ans.—They began to build fine houses for themselves and forgot to build God's house. 3. Whom did God send to speak to them? Ans.—The prophet Haggai. 4. What question did God tell him to ask? Ans.—“How many of you remember what the first Temple was like”? 5. Why did God want them to remember? Ans.—Because He had a promise to give them. 6. What was it? Ans.—That,

when the new one was finished, it would be even more glorious than the first. 7. What was the rest of God's message? Ans.—“Be strong and work, for I AM WITH YOU.” 8. What did He say about money? Ans.—“The silver and the gold are Mine.” 9. What did God say about their enemies? Ans.—That some day they would learn to obey Him. 10. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—“Be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work, for I AM WITH YOU.”

What's Encouragement

Clifford McLeod was getting over the whooping-cough and was visiting at Aunt Helen's down at the lake, where he was getting well rapidly.

His mother had made him a bathing-suit of pretty red flannel with some little silk anchors worked on the collar.

Aunt Helen's two boys, Henry and Max, were older than Clifford. Henry was fourteen and Max twelve.

Said Max, “Oh! you'll soon learn to swim. I'll just drop you off the end of the boat and then you'll have to, that's all.”

Clifford's eyes filled with tears.

“Never mind what Max says,” said Henry, “I know a better way than that.” So when Max had gone fishing with the Smith boys, Henry and Clifford put on their bathing suits.

As soon as Clifford stepped into the water,

a great wave ran at him. “Don't be frightened,” said Henry, “it's only playing tag. Give me your hand.” That made Clifford feel better. So holding Henry very tight and trying to be brave, they walked together into the water until Clifford was wet to the knees. Then a little further, then a little further until only his head was dry.

“That's enough for to-day,” said Henry. “I'll give you another lesson to-morrow. You only need a little encouragement.”

Aunt Helen was sitting on the shore knitting. “Auntie, what's encouragement?” said Clifford, the water running off him in little pools and his eyes shining like the little sand diamonds. “It's a friend who helps little boys to learn to swim and to do other hard things,” said Aunt Helen.

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

God is with Me

Golden Text—Be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work : for I am with you.—Hag. 2 : 4.

Catechism—47. What was done with the body of Jesus after his death on the cross? The body of Jesus was taken by his friends and laid in a tomb or grave.

Lesson Hymn

THOUGH small is all that we can do
To please the King of Heaven ;
When hearts and hands and lips unite
To serve the Saviour with delight,
They are most precious in His sight :
Such grace to mine be given. Amen.

—Hymn 532, Book of Praise.