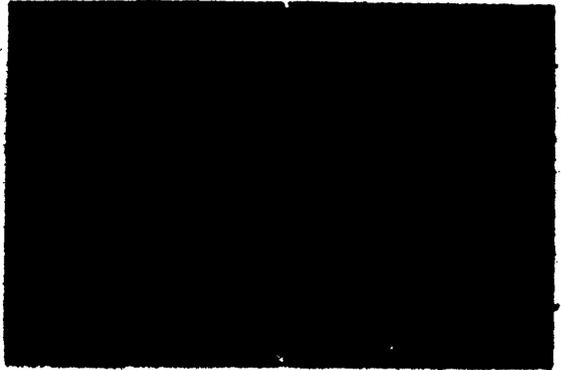


all at once, over it fell. Willie tried again and again, but over it tumbled every time. Willie was almost ready to cry and to give up trying, but just then father came along and saw the trouble. "Come along, Willie," he said, "Cheer up; get to work again and I'll help you." In this way his father encouraged him and he built away, and soon the block house was built and Willie was happy.

Tell of the discouragement of the children of Israel. They said: "It's no use trying, our enemies will not let us build a house for the Lord, we'll give up trying and we'll build houses and make gardens for ourselves." So they did. Fifteen years went by, things did not go well with them, crops were bad, cows and horses died. Then God sent the people a MESSAGE (explain) by the prophet HAGGAI. Describe the glory of the former Temple (v. 3). Tell the message as given in the lesson. God said, "Get to work again and cheer up." God ENCOURAGED them

(Repeat Golden Text). They needed money —God said (Repeat verse 8). They must give back to God some of the gold and silver He had lent them (The message is for us too).



Practical Thoughts—Our money, and everything, is given us by God. It is His; use it for His glory and the good of others. God wants churches built in the new parts of our own country and all over the world where the heathen live. God will accept every little thing we do for love to Him. Remember the Golden Text.

LESSON XII.—Sept. 17, 1899

POWER THROUGH THE SPIRIT—Zechariah 4 : 1-14

PREVIEW THOUGHT—**The Lord Blesses and Helps**

Golden Text—"Not by might nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts."—Zechariah 4 : 6.

To-day's Lesson Thought—The Lord is my helper.

Connection—Shew a piece of coral. Talk about the little builders quietly, patiently, working away all their time, not knowing what God would let their building become. Do you remember the builders we were talking about last Sunday, who started to build a beautiful building? But some people stopped them and they had to give it up. They felt very sad and discouraged, but soon they got a message from a friend telling them to go on and work and be cheerful and

happy for he would help them. Recall lesson and Golden Text. Who was it told this message from God? (Haggai.)

The Lesson—The children of Israel had had so much trouble. They "gave up trying" very easily. Although God had helped them often before, He wanted the people to be sure that He was going to help them, so He soon sent them another message, by the good prophet, Zechariah. You know no living person can see God, so God sends His messages to us in many different ways. This time He shewed Zechariah a dream picture. One night Zechariah slept and an angel came and wakened him and said, "What do you