

4. Let us have Divine plans and specifications for our work.

5. Wisdom and understanding are from the Lord.

6. We shall succeed in work only while in harmony with God.

7. When doing God's command we ought to be strong and of good courage.

8. When there is work to be done let there be no delay. "Arise, and the Lord be with thee."

## THE BLACKBOARD.

### TEMPLE BUILDING.

QUALITIES NEEDED FOR THE WORK.

**T**rust in God.

**E**arrestness in work.

**M**indful of God's plan.

**P**eaceful disposition.

**L**iberality in gifts.

**E**ntire consecration.

## LESSON XI—September 13th, 1296.

David's Gratitude to God. 2 SAM. 22: 40-51.

(Commit to memory verses 47-50).

GOLDEN TEXT: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer." 2 Sam. 22: 2.

PROVE THAT—All our blessings come from God. Jas. 1: 17.

SHORTER CATECHISM. Quest. 79. Which is the tenth commandment? A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

LESSON HYMNS. *Children's Hymnal*—Nos. 71, 168, 104, 29.

DAILY PORTIONS. Monday. A strong deliverer. 2 Sam. 22: 1-18. Tuesday. Safe trusting. 2 Sam. 22: 26-39. Wednesday. David's gratitude to God. 2 Sam. 22: 40-51. Thursday. Joyful trust. Ps. 71: 15-24. Friday. Confidence in God. Ps. 23. Saturday. Heartfelt thankfulness. Ps. 116. (*The I. B. R. A. Selections*).

## EXPOSITORY NOTES.

INTRODUCTORY. This song of thanksgiving is almost identical with the 18th Psalm. Its position in the book of Samuel is 'not so much because of its historical value as because it is a national thanksgiving for the founding of that empire by which Israel became verily a theocratic people and the type upon earth of the kingdom of the Messiah.' Read chapters 22 and 23; also Psalm 18. Time about 1040 B. C.

LESSON PLAN. I. Enemies Subdued. vs. 40-43. II. Honored and Exalted of the Lord. vs. 44-49. III. Gratitude Expressed. vs. 50, 51.

I. ENEMIES SUBDUED. 40. Hast girded me—The thought is retrospective. The idea is that of David as a warrior, having his armour girded on. With strength—Made strong and courageous. Subdued—Respecting his great victories David takes no credit to himself but ascribes the glory and honor to God. 41. Given me the necks of mine enemies—"Made mine enemies turn their backs unto me" (R. V.) It was of the Lord's doing, that the enemy was put to flight, just as the host of the Midianites was put to flight before Gideon's noble band of three hundred (Judges 7: 21). 42. They looked—Not as children of faith, but as impenitents with cherished feelings of hatred and despair. They trusted in an arm of flesh. None to save—There is no deliverance, no salvation to those that openly and defiantly oppose themselves to God's children and his cause. Unto the Lord—It was "the prayer of the flesh for ease and not of the spirit for grace." (Trapp). The allusion is proba-