

asked if they might help with the work. But the builders said, "No, it would never do to have the worship of God and of heathen idols mixed up together."

Then these people were angry and did

something that showed they were not the servants of God at all. They made a plan to hinder the builders, and they gave so much trouble that the work had to be stopped for fifteen years.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Who wrote the story of the journey back to Jerusalem? Ans.—Ezra. 2. How did they find their old homes? Ans.—Tumbled to pieces. 3. What was the temple like? Ans.—Only a heap of stones. 4. What was the first thing to be done? Ans.—To clear away the rubbish. 5. How did they work? Ans.—Gladly and heartily. 6. What building did they do first? Ans.—They laid the foundation of the temple. 7. How did they feel then? Ans.—Very glad and thankful. 8. How did they show it? Ans.—By holding a great thanksgiving. 9. Who were there? Ans.—The priests and

the singers and all the people. 10. Who were crying while the others shouted and sang? Ans.—The old men. 11. Why did they cry? Ans.—They had seen the first temple and felt sad that it had been destroyed. 12. Who heard about the building? Ans.—The Samaritans. 13. Why were they not allowed to help? Ans.—Because they were not true worshippers of God. 14. How did they show it? Ans.—By stopping the builders in their work. 15. What is the Golden Text? Ans.—"The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

Rob's Building

Lilian and Rob were making sand houses on the shore. Rob took a sharp stone and drew a mark to show which was "his ground." "You can have the rest, Lilian."

When Lilian's house was made, it reached just the least bit over the mark.

"Didn't I tell you this part was mine?" said Rob, angrily. "There!" And he knocked his sister's work to pieces. "It's your own fault, too," said Rob.

"What have my little people been building?" said mother, happening along.

Rob felt ashamed to have had mother see

what he had done. "Oh, nothing," he answered sullenly.

"But you have both made something that I can see," said she. "What's that?" asked Lilian. "You've made a bit of character." "How, mother?" "Well, every time you speak, you make a bit. Whenever you do anything, you make another bit. When all the bits are put together, that makes something called Yourself."

"Mother," said Rob after a minute, "I'll let Lilian have as much room as she likes, now."

I HAVE LEARNED
TO-DAY THAT

We are temples of God

Golden Text—The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.—1 Cor. 3:17.



Catechism—46. How did Jesus die for us? Jesus was nailed on the cross by wicked men.

Lesson Hymn

JESUS, Saviour, hear me call,
Sinful though my heart may be,
Thou my life, my hope, my all,
Lord, abide with me.

Fill me with Thy love divine,
Consecrate my life to Thee,
Bend my stubborn will to Thine.
Lord, abide with me. Amen.
—Hymn 579, Book of Praise.