

pointment. Such a test came to Jesus. "Knowing that He must depart out of this world," and knowing how terrible that departure would be, He yet did not allow His private sorrow to disturb the affection for the twelve. He loved them to the end. Never was death like unto the dissolution upon Calvary, where He tasted death for us all; but never did braver heart face the struggle. When the steel was going through His own soul, He said to the disciples, "Let not your hearts be troubled."

And God asks us at times to go out of our world. He breaks up long-cherished plans. Happy homes are visited with sorrow. Ill health, poverty, loss, come and ruin the fairest prosperity. God sends people out into the night where no stars shine. But there He keeps asking us if we can love Him still, in spite of that sorrow. The grandeur of life becomes evident in the stern courage that is ready to compound with failure; that is willing to pick up the fragments and make the most of them. Thus failure strengthens us.

THE TEST OF SUCCESS

The other test is success, which has had its thousands of victims; for many a promising faith has fallen before its ravages. People start out with fixed religious convictions, only to have them dwindle away before the material prosperity of life. This also Jesus had to endure. Knowing that He "must depart out of this world unto the Father," that is, to a glory beyond compare, He yet "loved to the end." He did not suffer the prospect of heavenly joy to overshadow His earthly attachments. While hearing the angels sing, He was not deaf to the cry of the poor and needy. On the Transfiguration mount He communed with the inmates of Paradise, yet He passed down to heal the demoniac boy. In the garden of Gethsemane He was circled about with legions of angels, yet He passed alone to die upon the fatal cross. While preparing to pass to the glory of the Father, to reign forever as the King's Son, He takes a basin of water to wash the feet of twelve poor fishermen. Such is constancy indeed, which could be broken neither by the excess of sorrow nor the ecstasy of joy.

That constancy is still over us. Amid all our changing scenes and moods, hopes and failures, Christ is ever watching by our side with the banner of love. Having loved us He will love us to the end. With the last words of the oldest and most famous of Christian hymns as our assurance we may boldly face every labor of the day and night, "In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted: let me never be confounded."

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THE NEW HANDBOOKS

Professor Murray's Teacher Training Handbook has received a hearty welcome. It could not well have been otherwise; for it is wise and witty, and altogether charming; a good book for students, so terse and instructive is it, but equally attractive to the general reader for its ease and grace of style. Next month Dr. Tracy's Handbook, Sabbath School Methods: Studies in Teaching and Organization, will be ready. It is worthy of being put side by side with Dr. Murray's, which is saying a good deal. Teacher Training in Canada enters on a new phase with two such Handbooks as these (and they cost but 10c. each) available for its classes, and three more to come next year.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEACHER TRAINING

Our Teacher Training Course has been issued at the psychological moment; indeed, if one may so say, has helped to bring that moment on. There is no more living question, and no more vital one before the schools and churches; and every suggestion is to be welcomed that will aid in making the Teacher Training Class, whether on Sunday or weekday, a reality.

The two articles that follow reached us by the same mail. Dr. Woodbury is a veteran in Supplemental and Teacher Training work in Nova Scotia. Mr. Hardy has just resigned the headmastership of a large and flourishing Collegiate Institute, to take charge of Teacher Training in Ontario, under the Provincial Sabbath School Association. It is interesting to notice on how closely similar lines these