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The present issue of THE TEACHERS MONTHLY contains four extra pages, that the four regular lessons of the month and the Review as well may have ample treatment.

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The Beginners' Course, the outline of which has been recently issued by the International Lesson Committee, is intended for little ones under six years of age. It commences with September, and covers one year only, being repeated from year to year. It is simpler than the ordinary lessons, and leads up to them. We shall be ready, when the time comes, with beautifully prepared lesson material to put in the hands of the Little Ones and their parents, and also to provide assistance in THE TEACHERS MONTHLY for teachers of the Beginners' Course. Instead of breaking in upon the course earlier, we wish to begin at the beginning, in September. A full outline of the Course will be given in THE TEACHERS MONTHLY for April.

I do not see the cathedral as yet, when I go into the confused quarry-yard and see there the half-wrought stones, the clumsy blocks that are by and by to be decorated capitals. But when at last they are finished in form and brought together, the mighty building rises in the air, an ever-enduring psalm in rock. I do not see the picture yet, when I look upon the palette, with its blotches and stains and lumps of color. By and by, when the skillful brush of the painter has distributed these colors, I see the radiant beauty of the Madonna, the pathos of the Magdalene; I see the beauty of the landscape spread out upon the canvas, with

meadow, and hill, and winding stream, and the splendors of the sunset crowning the whole. I do not see yet the perfect Kingdom of God upon the earth, but I see the colors which are to blend in it. I see the already half-chiseled rock out of which it shall be wrought; and I am not going to despond now, when so much already has been accomplished.—R. S. Storrs.

FOR OTHERS

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The deepest honor of man for his brother man is reserved for those who serve, and in serving, suffer. And therein our hearts answer to the heart of the Father in heaven, for it was when the divine Son of God had "humbled Himself" and become "obedient to death, even the death of the cross," that God also "highly exalted Him" and gave him "a name that is above every name."

The martyrs are the names that the Church most fondly cherishes, and this not so much because they died bravely, as because they died in the service of their fellowmen. They would not be stopped nor silenced in the task of testifying of the Christ that others might be saved through Him. Paul is never so great, and that great heroic figure never so deeply touches our hearts, as when "in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by his countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren"—and all that he might win those same countrymen and heathen and false brethren to Christ and to holiness.

Is it not true, also, that the pathway of