

TEACHING HINTS

Set down on the blackboard or writing-pad the word **PARACLETE** (Margin of Rev. Ver.). Get the meaning from the scholars if you can. Before you tell them, write below it, **ADVOCATE**. This is a more familiar word, "One summoned to the side of another," as counsel in a court of justice. The Greek word is substantially the same. What a necessary thing to have an advocate when accused, or threatened, or puzzled! Show how much and how often needed in the spiritual life; and show how Jesus was all this and more to His disciples.

Now that He is to leave them, what will they do? He comes to the rescue and makes a promise of such Paraclete, Advocate, "Comforter." (Literally "a Strengtheners"; so in Wicliff's version of Phil. 4:13, "I may all things in Him that comforteth me")

This is the promise. As to details, the divisions given in the "Lesson Plan" mark out a

pathway through this somewhat intricate passage of Scripture.

Lay much stress under Division I. on the necessity of keeping God's commandments, loyal obedience in thought, word, and action, if we are to receive God's blessings.

Under Division II. make sure that the scholars have grasped the meaning of the word "Comforter," and show how He takes Christ's place and carries on the work which Christ began. ("Another Comforter.")

Division III. goes into deep things, but it may be readily made plain to the youngest that, where the Holy Spirit comes, the Father and His Son Jesus Christ come; that They can come only to loving hearts; and that They bring love with Them.

The office of the Holy Spirit as a teacher is the chief point under Division III.; and under Division IV. the peace that Christ bestows through the Spirit.

TOPICS FOR BRIEF PAPERS

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous. Only one topic should be given to each scholar. Sometimes all may be asked to take the same topic. The papers to be read out in the class.)

1. The connection between love and obedience.
2. What the Comforter does.
3. The legacy of peace.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

A THREEFOLD PROMISE

ANOTHER COMFORTER
DIVINE INDWELLING /
HIS OWN PEACE