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BIBLE KNOWLEDGE IN EARLY LIFE.

In looking over the broad field of Christian labour, that ever widens as we view the necessity for energetic and persevering action, the subject of Scripture schools and of faithful Bible teaching seems to me of great weight ; and I have queried much as to how a higher degree of success in this work can be attained ; what is most needed to secure a more earnest and holy zeal for the promotion of this cause—that would secure to us, and especially to the *lumps* of the fold, a groundwork of principle and a true foundation of faith in the seed-time of life.

To all these queries the answer of inspiration comes most forcibly—"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not, and it shall be given him." Then follow in the mind the explanatory words, "Behold the fear of the Lord, *that is wisdom* ; and to depart from evil is understanding."

We may safely conclude, if we feel any lack, that should we ask of God, and so often as we feel a lack we should continue to ask ; and in so doing I do believe we will dwell more continually in His Spirit ; and if so dwelling, have we not the promise of *that* which alone *can* lead us to find the best and right way to make our Bible instructions lively, practical, and effectual, securing encouraging appreciation ! That this is a work from which we cannot be excused, let us hear the Divine command concerning the teachings of Scripture : "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with a^l thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee, this day shall be in thine heart ; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."—Deut. vi. 5-10. By the study of the Bible, the mind of man is brought into contact with the mind of God.