

THE REVIEW

"The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting."

The view of the Canadian Rockies, as seen by the travellers from the wide stretch of the prairie, is memorable—a row of snow-capped peaks, too solid for cloud, and too ethereal for common earth, reflecting the brightness and glory of the rising sun. So, from the levels of our daily life, we look away to the distant mountain tops of revelation, and lo, the "mercy of the Lord" gilds them into a golden glow. The review of the Quarter's lesson may take the form of a rehearsal of the great facts which its Sabbaths have brought before our eyes—and with the thought of "the mercy of the Lord" always in the foreground. For is not "the mercy of the Lord" the key-note of all revelation, even as it is that mercy which is embodied and forever established in the blessed Redeemer of mankind, promised in Eden, hoped for by the patriarchs, and the eternal refuge of all who put their trust in Him?

Let the blackboard be put in use, and drill the scholars on the Lesson Titles, Golden Texts and Lesson Plans. In some schools these are written on the board from Sabbath to Sabbath, and a constant review—which becomes a pleasurable as well as a profitable exercise—is kept up. The following are points which may be dwelt upon as showing forth "the mercy of the Lord" in those day-dawn hours of revelation:

I. In the Creation story. (Review it day by day.) "And God saw everything he had made and behold it was very good," Gen. 1: 31.

II. The beginning of redemption, which followed hard upon the beginning of sin:—God's purpose of grace and His promise of the "Great Son of God" who should bruise Satan's head, Gen. 3: 15.

III. The rescue of Noah and his family from the flood which swept away a sinful race, and the promise, with the rainbow sign, that no like disaster should again befall, Gen. 8: 21, 22; 9: 12-17.

IV. God's grace in calling Abram to a fuller knowledge of Himself and the promise of blessing to all nations through him, Gen. 12: 1-3.

V. The goodness and graciousness of God mirrored forth by Abram in his generous treatment of greedy Lot, Gen. 13: 8, 9. The sunshine of God's favor has ripened the fruit of unselfishness and loving kindness in Abram's heart.

VI. God's compassion for the difficulties of Abram's faith by giving him a battle cry, Gen. 15: 1, and confirming by a solemn covenant His marvellous promises, vs. 8, etc.

VII. God's willingness to hear Abraham's intercession for wicked Sodom, Gen. 18: 26, etc.

VIII. Three-fold mercy, under harsh guise—Abraham's faith tried and proven, Isaac given back to his father, who had freely surrendered him to God, Isaac's own trust in God awakened, Gen. 22: 1-14—the whole story of the sacrifice on the mountain of Moriah.

IX. Again, as in Abraham's dealings with Lot, God-like merciful kindness manifested by Isaac the peacemaker, Gen. 26: 18-22.

X. A vision of angels and a word from Jehovah Himself to a wayward and sinful man, Gen. 28: 12, 13.

XI. That same wayward and sinful man conquered of the Almighty and given power with God and with men, Gen. 32: 28.

XII. A special temperance lesson: God's mercy here, too, in such vivid warnings of the path of danger.

"From everlasting," as the Golden Text for the Quarter says, is God's mercy; and "to everlasting." So shall we find it, as we pass down the centuries in the study of His dealings with men and His revelations to them. So have we found it for ourselves when we have sought Him, and so shall those ever find it who "fear Him and call upon His name."