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Things That Cannot Fail.

WASHINGTON GLADDEN.

When the anchors that faith has cast
Are dragging in the gale,
I am quietly holding fast
To the things that cannot fail.

I know that right is right;
That it is not good to lie;
That love is better than spite,
And a neighbour than a spy.

I know that passion needs
The leash of sober mind;
I know that generous deeds
Some sure reward will find;

That the rulers must obey;
That the givers shall increase;
That duty lights the way
For the beautiful feet of Peace;

In the darkest night of the year,
When the stars have all gone out,
That courage is better than fear,
That faith is trueer than doubt.

And fierce tho' the fiends may fight,
And long tho' the angels hide,
I know that truth and right
Have the universe on their side.
—Bible Teacher.

Suggestions for the Primary Class.

BY MRS. G. T. FOOKE.

Many years' experience in Junior League, Intermediate, and Primary teaching have shown me the fact that as soon as the class realizes the pres-

ence of God, perfect order is attained. My first request on entering our classroom is for "attention," "every hand clasped," "every head bowed," and "every eye closed." This is quickly done. Then a few words of prayer, asking God's presence, when all unite in saying, "Amen." This form of opening I find very helpful and impressive, and even the "tinies" can understand and feel that they are in God's house. Then, instead of cutting card-board or joining blocks to illustrate the lesson, I use the blackboard as much as possible, assisted by the class, often choosing the most retired or seemingly uninterested, to write a word or make a mark suitable to the lesson, and am often rewarded by a pleasant smile and look of surprise, as if to say, "Am I really going to help?" Regarding a suitable name for the "little" ones, I have usually (in Junior League and infant class) called them the "little tots," but "the tinies" is just as suitable. In order to encourage home preparation of the lesson and good conduct, I sometimes give a card to the boy or girl who has been the most diligent and attentive. Suggestions from other teachers would be very helpful, as their methods could be adopted in place of the usual form, and children enjoy a change.

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Thirty-seven members of the Dartmouth Sunday-school took the pledge on Temperance Sunday, joining the White Ribbon Army of the school. These included members from all classes, from the Young Men's Bible Class to the Junior Department.