

FOR INFANT CLASS.

EVERY  
ONE  
IS  
A  
PROPHET

TURNUED BACK.  
TAKEN.  
PEOPLE DEFEATED.  
DEAD.

## The Primary Class.

A FEW HINTS TO THE TEACHER BY J. H. VINCENT.

1. The scene of the lesson is full of pictorial power. Get it well into your thought and feelings. Read it over. Shut your eyes. Think it over. Let your imagination see it. The vivid picture in your mind will be a vivid picture in the minds of your pupils.

2. Truths you wish to leave with your pupils in connection with the picture of the old man's sad death:—

(1) Eli's bitter sufferings caused by his own sons. 1 Sam. 2. 12; 2. 22-25.

(2) The sins of Eli's sons caused by his own neglect. 1 Sam. 3. 13.

(3) The love of Eli for the ark of God. He died when he heard that it had been taken. 1 Sam. 4. 18.

3. The ONE GREAT LESSON you wish to teach is, that little children should be restrained and "chastened" in childhood for their own good. You cannot reach the parents. You can reach the children. Do your best to show them the important lesson of the GOLDEN TEXT: "Chasten thy son," etc. Prov. 19. 18.

4. Different lines of approach to the lesson:—

(1) Did you ever see a very old man?... A blind old man?... An old man in trouble?... Ever in a blind asylum?... Well, our lesson is about an old blind man in trouble. Tell who he was... where... cause of trouble... give full story... and trace it to his sons... and finally to himself. 1 Sam. 3. 13. Or, (2) Who likes to be whipped or otherwise punished?... Who likes to take bitter medicine?... Yet both are sometimes necessary... A parent dislikes to punish a child... So much so sometimes as to fail in his duty as a parent... Child does not like medicine... cries... mother excuses him... child grows worse... dies. Apply to "chastisement." Apply to Eli's case... Tell whole story. Teach Golden Text. Or, (3) A

mother lets her little daughter wear or carry a very costly or precious ring for her. O if she should lose it! Does lose it! Cries out in terror, or faints... God gave Eli a precious treasure to keep—THE ARK OF GOD. His two sons took it to aid them in battle. [Explain that it was a symbol and medium of God's presence, just as a lantern contains and carries the light.] It was captured by the enemy. The news comes to Eli, He falls dead... Cause of all this: Eli's sons not properly trained. Connect with Golden Text.

5. Always use the LEAF CLUSTER. Always sing the WHISPER SONG. Always call the ROLL. Always put into your PRAYER the great truth of the lesson. Always distribute the PICTURE LESSON PAPER, and urge the children to read all about the lesson at home.

## WHISPER-SONG.

Stricken Eli falls and dies;  
All the city mourns and cries.  
How much pain and suffering  
Disobedient children bring.

## LESSONS FOR JUNE.

JUNE 6. Samuel the Judge. 1 Sam. 7. 5-12.

JUNE 13. A King Desired. 1 Sam. 8. 4-9.

JUNE 20. Saul Chosen. 1 Sam. 10. 17-24.

JUNE 27. Samuel's Parting Words. 1 Sam. 12. 20-25.

"FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH" in the early days of Christianity.—Blandina, a delicate female slave, was torn with the scourge, then placed on a red-hot chair, then tossed in a net by wild beast, and died crying with her latest breath, "I am a Christian, and there are no evil practices among us." Ponticus, a boy of fifteen, suffered the same torments, and with the same heroic declaration. Symphorinus, a youth of noble family, near Lyons, refused to fall down before the image of the goddess Cybele, and was ordered to be beheaded. On the way to execution he was met by his mother. "My son," said the Christian mother, "be firm, and fear not that death which so surely leads to life. Look to him who reigns in heaven. To-day thy earthly life is not taken from thee, but transferred by a blessed exchange into the life of heaven."—Burn's "History of the Church."