

the lesson on one day than on another. The best time to begin the study of the lesson for the following week is on the Lord's day, after you have taught the lesson for the day. The lesson should be the week's study. Reading and thought should be given to it. Ample notes should be made of all the information attained. Every one should come prepared to the utmost possible extent, with information on the whole subject, and with the ability to answer any reasonable question, or to expound any natural difficulty which may occur.

I have great reason to believe that there is too little actual study of the appointed lesson, by the most of our teachers. No true teacher should dare appear before his or her class with only a half preparation. In hurried and extemporaneous work in teachers in God's Word, I have no confidence. The complaint is often made by teachers, "We can't get our children to study the lesson." Will some one tell us how to get teachers to study the lesson?

#### ABOUT HELPS.

Presuming that you have the inclination and the industry to prepare yourself for such a meeting, I will more fully express myself in regard to helps. It is not possible for every teacher to have access to a good library. I would advise the purchase of a copy of Peloubert's Select notes on the International Lesson, as one of the best helps outside of our own publications, and a Teacher's Bible Student, a quarterly for advanced classes by the Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo., or any other good teacher's Bible quarterly published. You see I do not confine myself to our own publications. Get the best helps, no matter where they come from. The intelligent worker will try to select those that are the most practical. What we want is the very best method of teaching the Word of God. Never mind those who cry, "crutches." A crutch is a good thing when one is lame. When I am lame I use a crutch. I'd rather do that than to remain inactive. Pay no attention to those croakers. Some people would like to make us believe that they are wonderfully smart in Scriptural knowledge, and need nothing of the kind. You will hear them say, "The Bible is enough for me." Bring your helps to the teachers' meeting, or in other words bring all that you have been able to get out of them during the week. But remember, when you go before your class, leave your helps at home. Study the particular lesson with diligence and care. Go like the boys on the return from their marauding expedition, turn everything out into the common pile, and then divide

up as evenly as possible. I mean by this, let every teacher take all he or she can get from the pile. The infant class teacher will need as much or more than any one else present, don't forget that fact. I consider what I have said indispensable—indispensable to usefulness to others, indispensable for personal satisfaction in the work. When you attend the teachers' meeting, don't be a sponge, or one of those aquatic blood-sucking worms called a leech, but give out something yourself.

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### Children's Work.

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#### Day Dreams of the Future.

THE DREAMER.

#### CHAPTER XI.

An angelic messenger came one day, and bade us be ready at the sound of a trumpet to do his Master's bidding, and we seemed to know instinctively that the waiting time was over, and that the time of our redemption was come. How jubilantly glad we were, I cannot tell; or rather, you would fail to understand; and when the signal came we were ready, and down through the vast firmament of Heaven we descended with the Cloud—outward manifestation of God's presence—on which was seated the Son of God. The cloud had received Him out of the sight of His few favored disciples on Mount Olivet, but now He was coming back in power and glory, though not to earth just at this time. When we had reached a given point, the archangel sounded his trumpet, and down we swept to rejoin our risen and glorified bodies awakened by the sound. At last we were complete, and now, up through the air we swept on wings of joy and love to rejoin our Lord and King. Nor were we, whose bodies had been sleeping in the dust of the earth, the only ones to rise triumphant, for all who were still living believers in our Lord were instantaneously changed, and followed us to make the glorified church complete. Once more we ascended amid the music and rejoicing of an angelic escort sent to bear us company. The wonderful event dimly foretold by prophets of old, and clearly taught by the Lord and His Apostles, had taken place. After ages of patient waiting, He could see of the travail of His soul and be satisfied; and we too were satisfied, for we had been awakened in His likeness. Without spot or wrinkle or any

such thing, He could present us faultless to His father with exceeding joy.

I have no language which a mortal could understand to describe to you the presentation of the redeemed church before the throne of the Father's glory, the welcome given by Him to the Bride of His only and Well-beloved Son, or the wondering joy of the church at the glory and beauty which so far exceeded our most exalted imagination. If there had been joy in Heaven as we had one by one accepted the offers of salvation through Christ, you must imagine, if you can, what it was when we, as one glorious body, found ourselves at home with our Lord.

One incident, however, I can tell you, which you will in a measure understand. We were gathered at that wonderful bridal feast, not one missing from the perfect completeness, and in all the absolute purity of the Bride. Thousands upon thousands of redeemed ones, rejoicing in the union and communion with Him, who had died to give His life a ransom for theirs, were gathered at that wonderful scene. At a given point of the feast, we were supplied with goblets of wine, and, after centuries of abstinence, our Lord drank it, new, with us in His Father's kingdom.

Then we knew what it meant to taste of the fullness of the Divine love, and we seemed to be drinking His life into ourselves. There were those nearest Him now, who were nearest Him when He had pledged Himself to drink no more of the fruit of the vine until He drank it new with them, as He was now doing, while they had been bidden to go on drinking it in remembrance of Him until He came again. Many of those present had lost their lives in obedience to this command, but all the poverty, persecution and death, which had been their lot on earth, seemed as nothing in comparison with the weight of glory which was now ours. The supreme event in the history of Heaven and earth had come, and we realized it in its fullness, and up from that vast throng of glorified beings rose spontaneously, as from one heart and one tongue, a new song of praise and adoration. "Worthy is the Lamb which was slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessings; for Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God, by thy blood, out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, and hast made us, unto our God, kings and priests, and we shall reign on the earth."

Up to this time I had listened with absorbed attention to the wonderful

story, but as it culminated in the recital of that grand triumphal song, I awoke. The speaker, the magnificent ship, the beautiful sunshine and sparkling water had all vanished, and instead, I found myself in my room, cold and chilled in body, but thankful in heart, that the wonderful scenes of my dream were still in the future, and I could still look forward with the hope of one day taking my place among that happy throng, and drinking with them the "Royal wine of Heaven," and adding my voice to the grandest song the world will ever hear, of praise to the Redeemer of us all.

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