

the vegetable and mineral kingdoms were defined. He asked the class, "To what kingdom do I belong?" A little girl answered, "To the kingdom of God."... (Ver. 6.) An old woman who had led a pinched life among the mountains, and had suffered much from poverty, stood for the first time by the ocean. As she looked out upon the rolling billows a light came upon her weather-beaten cheek, and she said, "Well, I'm glad to see something that there is enough of!" There is one sea from which we can drink our fill. We can have all the righteousness for which we aspire.... (Vers. 10, 11.) Dr. Taylor, going toward his death by burning, and coming within a mile or two of Hadley (where he was to suffer), "he leaped and fetched a frisk or twain, as men commonly do in dancing. 'Why, master doctor,' quoth the sheriff, 'how do you now?' He answered, 'Well, God be praised, good master sheriff, never better, for now I know I am almost at home. I lack not past two stiles to go over, and I am even at my Father's house.'"—*Trapp*.

References. FREEMAN. Ver. 1: Posture of teachers, 757. Ver. 13: Savorless salt, 637. Ver. 15: Lamp; bushel; lamp-stand, 638.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

8. Did the Redeemer give His life for all men?

1 Timothy ii. 6. Who gave Himself a ransom for all?

9. What was the course of our Saviour's history as Mediator?

First He humbled Himself, and then He was exalted to glory.

Primary and Intermediate.

LESSON THOUGHT. *The Way into God's House.*

Introductory. Recall the kind of work Jesus did. Tell that for more than a year he had been doing this work in Galilee. One day he went and sat on the side of a mountain. His disciples came close to him, and a great crowd of people listened while he preached a wonderful sermon. This sermon tells the way to go to God and heaven. Ask who would like to get close to Jesus to-day, as his disciples did that day, so as to hear and understand all that he says?

THE HOLY HOUSE.



Draw, or have drawn, an outline, it may be very faint, of a great house, upon which rays of light are falling. Recall the teaching of the last lesson, that Jesus is a great light. Make eight steps leading up to this house, and tell that you will call the beatitudes, or blessed, each, a step. Whoever will go up these steps will surely come into God's holy house.

First step. Teach that the poor in spirit are those who know that their hearts are sinful, and that they cannot make them good. Show that the children who think themselves good have not yet taken the first step which leads up to God's house.

Second step. To mourn is to be sorry enough, for something that is wrong, to try to make it right. Those who are so sorry to have sinful hearts that they will take them to Jesus will be comforted.

Third step. The meek are those who know that all good things belong to God, and who trust him enough to take all his goodness from him.

Fourth step. The child who knows he is not good, and wants to be, is hungry and thirsty for goodness. God will give such a one all he wants. "Righteousness" is right-ness. God is right, and he only can make us right.

Fifth step. The merciful child is kind to every body and to every thing. It will not hurt a worm or a fly. Such a child is "blessed," or truly happy, for God will show mercy to such a one.

Sixth step. The "pure in heart" are not looking to see bad things. They are looking to see God, and he lets them see him. How sweet it must be to stand on this step!

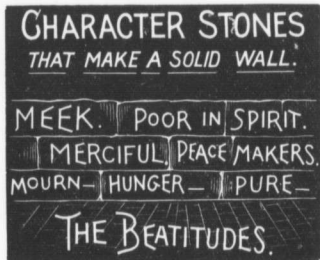
Seventh step. The peacemaker is just the opposite of the quarrel-maker. This is one of the high steps, and those who stand here are God's own children.

Eighth step. This seems a strange "blessed," does it not? And yet it is the highest of all. Those who do right and suffer for it are very dear to God.

Print some word, or words, from each of the beatitudes on the successive steps, and spend a little time in drilling the class upon them. If they are not well known, let this exercise find a place in the programme each Sunday. Print, "Let your light shine." Teach that each Christian is a little light to show others the way into God's house. What if the light-house keeper does not light his lamp? What if a Christian does not keep his light burning? Show ways in which a child can let his light shine, and ask each Christian child in a silent moment to ask, "Has my light led any body to God's house?"

Blackboard.

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EXPLANATION. The beatitudes are a unity of Christian virtues. They are the white stones of a solid wall of Christian character that are cemented together with love for all that is right. The inward manifestation of these virtues are the "poor in spirit," those that mourn, those that hunger after righteousness, and those that are pure in heart. The outward manifestations are shown by those lives that illustrate meekness, mercy, and peace. In the review speak particularly in regard to Christian character; it is more to be desired than riches or worldly honor. The names can be written on the stones as the review progresses.

Lesson Word-Pictures.

A great multitude has gathered. They have come from town and village, the lonely country and the crowded city, and Jesus is the attracting center. He has gone up yonder mountain. As beneath the Eastern sun he slowly toils along, you can see what a curious, eager throng rustles and presses about him. On that