

We think he will be a good, kind, wise king.

Lesson—Do you remember about the king who was so kind to Joseph and his brothers? This kind Pharaoh died a few years after Joseph died, and then there was a new king in Egypt. The new king did not know Joseph, and his brothers, and took no interest in the children of Israel. They had become a very large family. The king saw that they were strangers in the land of Egypt. He called his wise men about him and said, "We must look out for these strangers. They may some time fight against us. They are becoming very many. Let us make them work very hard so they will be afraid of us and will not dare ever to fight against us."

The King's Cruelty—Did you ever watch men building? What hard work it is lifting the big stones, carrying the bricks and mortar! Picture the children of Israel at work building the treasure cities for the king, the task-masters going about amongst them, whip in hand, ready to strike any who stopped working. And they had to do their own work at home, too. How sad the poor children of Israel felt! Perhaps they re-

membered the cruelty of their fathers to Joseph! Perhaps they thought God was punishing them in this way!

Golden Text—Had God forgotten them? Had He forgotten His promise to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? (Explain.) Our Golden Text tells us that God heard their groanings and remembered His promise. God will help them out of their troubles, as we shall see.

Our Comfort—When Bessie, or John, or Willie are in trouble and crying, perhaps because a bigger boy or girl teased them, or struck them, or someone is cross to them, or lessons are hard, etc., is it not a comfort to know that God hears our crying, knows all our troubles and will remember His promises to bless and help all who are in trouble? (Ps. 91 : 15; 50 : 15; 42 : 1; Heb. 13 : 6; Ps. 46 : 1.)

God Never Tires Blessing—"Come unto Me, all ye that labour, and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11 : 28). "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." (Heb. 13 : 5). "The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him." (Ps. 103 : 17.) Let us look up to God and say, (Repeat the 23rd Psalm).

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

A BLESSING in the SUMMER WINTER

The blackboard review may be made memorable by the season. In the major portion of the constituency of THE TEACHERS MONTHLY, November brings frost and snow. Winter is at least well in sight. Dwell upon what the "summer" has done, with its sunshine and its refreshing showers, how it made all the earth beautiful and has filled storehouses and barns with plenty. Then call out from the scholars some of the benefits of winter, the season that seems to have in it nothing of bounty, how its tempests clear the air, and its frosts mellow the ground, and its biting cold, which withers every green thing, gives opportunity for the quiet, unseen processes underground which are essential to another summer's growth. The parallel with Israel's experiences in Egypt is easily drawn. God gave them a long summer of prosperity (over 200 years); and then a long and dreary winter of adversity (200 years more) as a preparation for the spring time of a new nationhood that was to follow. Show how God deals with individuals in a similar way.