

"fruit" and "fruitfulness" mean. Gal. 5 : 22, 23 will give light ; 2 Cor. 7 : 11, a less familiar passage.

Children will understand what "abiding in" Christ means. His abiding in us. It is an affair of the heart ; and the child lives so in those he loves and they in him that he needs no explanations. Press home the lesson of the severed branch, *seré*, dead, fruitless, because broken away,—*"Apart from Me ye can do nothing."* Bring out the converse as stated in the earlier part of v. 5; also in Phil. 4 : 13.

4. *Fruitlessness*, 6. A dark verse., Compare it with v. 11. Have the scholars pick out the six verbs which describe the fate of the fruitless branch. How swift and terrible—"cast forth," "withered," "gathered together," "cast into the fire," "burned." Such verses are like the "pillar of salt" on the outskirts of what was once Sodom, Gen. 19 : 26 ; Luke 17 : 32.

5. *Privilege and duty*, 7 11. Perhaps the arrangement in the Lesson Plan may be a sufficient guide through these verses. The privilege : (1) Of unhindered prayer, v. 7. Get the scholars to repeat the promises—they are many and marvellous—made to the prayer of faith. (2) Of a share in their Master's love (vs. 9, 10), even as He shares in His Father's love. (3) The privilege of joy, v. 10 ; His joy, the joy He has because the Father loves Him and He loves the Father. Show how it is to us fulness of joy. It is like the tide filling the river ; like a cup filled by a flowing fountain of water.

Now turn to the duties : (1) The duty of glorifying the Father, v. 8. What a thought ! Shorter Catechism, Question 1 ; and how simply we may glorify God by "bearing fruit", "*much* fruit." (2) The duty of obedience and through obedience, continuing in Christ's love, vs. 9, 10. Christian duty and privilege are summed up in words few and simple—love, serve, rejoice.

TOPICS FOR BRIEF PAPERS

(To be assigned the Sabbath previous. Only one topic should be given to each scholar. Sometimes all may be asked to write on the same topic. The papers to be read out in the class.)

1. The treatment of vines so as to secure a large yield.
2. Some ways in which Christian boys and girls should be fruitful.
3. The secret of the highest joy.

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

A rough sketch of a vine with heavily-laden and fruitless branches, the latter torn from the stalk, hanging withered and dead ; or,

THE VINEDRESSER

THE VINE

THE BRANCHES

FRUITLESS
FRUITFUL

THE JOY