

Catechism for the Juniors. For the Beginners' memory work, the passages, "For Those Who Cannot Read" in our list of Scripture Memory Passages, are given verse by verse, the memorizing of these leading to the reward of the General Assembly's illuminated Certificate for memorization.

It will thus be seen that, in the preparation of our new course of Lessons, we have striven, not only to present all the features which distinguish a Graded, from the Uniform, Course, but made provision for the retaining of valuable and valued features, which, from the necessities of the case, cannot be embodied in any course not specially arranged for the requirements of a particular denomination.

### Two Values

One way of reckoning the value of the Atlantic cable which, lying deep down in the ocean, links together the eastern and western hemispheres, is to set down in figures its length, its weight, its structure and its cost. But it would not be possible, by such a method, to represent the value of the cable to human society. To do that, it would be necessary to stand by the operator in his room on shore and translate the ticking of the key under his fingers into the messages of success or disaster, of hope or disappointment, of joy or sorrow, which flash from land to land across the wide sea which divides continent from continent.

There are two sorts of value in every Lesson taught in the Sunday School. There is the value arising from the facts which the Lesson makes known and the principles which it contains. But it has another, and an infinitely more precious value as the means of transmitting a message of infinite importance from God to the soul of the learner. And the true teacher is he who has learned to give to this second value the supreme place, and who strives, with all his earnestness and skill to bring the divine message home to the heart of the scholars.

### The Benefits of Vision

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Spiritual vision is a pearl of great price to the Christian. Its benefits are manifold. In the first place, it is a great inspiration to effort.

"It takes an ideal to blow an inch aside  
The dust of the actual."

It may not be always true that "we needs

must love the highest when we see it," but, at any rate, it ought to be easier to do so than to love that which we never see.

If,

"the true God-function

Is to furnish a motive and injunction

For practising what we know already,"  
spiritual vision is a condition of its exercise. Where there is no vision, there will be no aspiration after better things. Life will fail of achievement because of the lack of motive power.

Another benefit conferred by vision is its gift of guidance. It shows us the way as well as the goal. The lamp in the cottage window guides the wanderer home. The radiance that flashes from the light-house enables the mariner to steer the course that brings him safe to port. When the eye is on the mark the arrow flies true. So it is also in the realm of the spiritual life.

"In a season of calm weather,

Though inland far we be,

Our souls have sight of that immortal sea  
Which brought us hither,

Can in a moment travel thither,

And see the children sport upon the  
shore,

And hear the mighty waters rolling ever-  
more."

Insight into God's purpose in life shows the way to the performance of our part in its realization.

Effectiveness in Christian service is a third result of spiritual vision. Many lives are what the world appeared to Hamlet—"an unweeded garden that runs to seed." They fail because they attempt too many things. The best life and work like the best pictures are wonderfully simple. They are