

conscious knowledge of the fundamental laws that govern the development of mind. Without ample knowledge of the subject teaching tact is impossible. An explanation that pupils cannot understand on account of the teacher's scanty knowledge of the subject, and the verbose and slovenly language used discourages pupils. To teach effectively the teacher must know his subject, and must use clear and concise language in explanation and illustrations. Conscious ignorance of the subject dampens the teacher's enthusiasm and weakens the pupil's confidence in the teacher. Without some knowledge of "How the mind grows," the teacher must follow traditional methods or guess at how to present the subject as well as how to approach the pupil. The teacher that is deficient in either of the foregoing essential particulars is a mere recitation hearer. The teacher, who feels that he knows the subject as well as "How the mind grows," stands before his pupils confident, aggressive, persuasive, inspiring. An incompetent teacher is usually conscious of his incompetency, hence he is timid and hesitating in his work. He is a discouraging presence.—*J. N. Patrick, A.M., St. Louis, Mo.*

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The following extracts are some specimens of the Scripture lessons embodied in the report :

SUPPLEMENTARY LESSONS.

THE CRUEL SIN AND CRIME OF COVETOUSNESS AND PERJURY.

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man servant, nor his maid

servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything which is thy neighbour's."—Exodus xx. 16, 17.

And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel hard by the palace of Ahab, king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying—"Give me thy vineyard that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house, and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it ; or, if it seems good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money." And Naboth said to Ahab—"The Lord forbid it me that I should give thee the inheritance of my fathers unto thee." And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased, because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him, for he had said—"I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers." And he laid him down upon his bed and turned away his face, and would eat no bread. But Jezebel, his wife, came to him and said unto him—"Why is thy spirit so sad that thou eatest no bread?" And he said unto her—"Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, 'Give me thy vineyard for money ; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it.' And he answered—'I will not give thee my vineyard.'" And Jezebel, his wife, said unto him—"Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry. I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite." So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people And set