

ANALYTICAL AND BIBLICAL OUTLINE.**The Needs of God's Workers.****I. PEACE.**

I will give peace... unto Israel. v. 9.
 "Thou wilt keep perfect peace."
 Isa. 26. 3.

II. FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

Shall be my son... his father. v. 10.
 "Now are we the sons of God." 1 John
 3. 2.

III. WISDOM.

The Lord give thee wisdom. v. 12.
 "In knowledge and in all judgment."
 Phil. 1. 9.

IV. OBEDIENCE.

Fulfil the statutes and judgments. v. 13.
 "Turn not to the right hand." Josh. 1. 7.

V. ENERGY.

Be strong, and of good courage. v. 13.
 "Be strong in the Lord." Eph. 6. 10.

VI. FORETHOUGHT.

In my trouble I have prepared. v. 14.
 "Redeeming the time." Eph. 5. 16.

VII. LIBERALITY.

Thou mayest add thereto. v. 14.
 "God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor.
 9. 7.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICAL LESSONS.**How God prepares for His Work.**

1. God prepares for the work of building his house by giving power to his people, in paving the way to peace through war. v. 6-8.
2. God prepares for his house by giving to his people rest and quiet in which to build it. v. 9, 10.
3. God prepares for his house by raising up the man to build it, and endowing him with the wisdom, the ability, and the spirit requisite for his work. v. 10-13.
4. God prepares for his house by bestowing upon his people the means for the building, laying at the feet of his Church vast stores of wealth. v. 14-16.
5. God prepares for his work by giving the spirit of unity among the leaders of his people, the princes of his Israel, inspiring them with love for the work, and willingness to join in it. v. 17, 18.

CATECHISM QUESTION.

12. *What is meant by saying that God is gracious and merciful?*

That he is full of compassion, slow to punish sin, and ready to forgive.

The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.—Exodus 34. 6.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.—Psalm 86. 5.

God is love.—1 John 4. 8.

Psalms 86. 15; 103. 8; 145. 9; James 5. 11.

ENGLISH TEACHER'S NOTES.

I HAVE just been reading a pretty poem, called "Will the Children Save the Land?" It pictures an old Indian chieftain dying, and lamenting that he could no longer fight for or guard his country. None can comfort him until the children rise up and gather round his side, promising to take up his work when he is gone, and he dies content, for he sees them in the coming future—

"Rising up to save the land."

But if a boy is to take his father's place, and do the work his father did, there must be a good preparation made beforehand. The children of the Indian warrior must learn to endure hardness, must exercise the eye till it can discern and discriminate between objects in the far distance, and notice even an extra blade of grass in the ground before them; must practise the ear until it can distinguish every shade and turn of sound; must know how to manage the steed and handle the weapon. The boy who is to succeed to his father's farm or his father's workshop must make good acquaintance with them beforehand, that the day of promotion may not find him unready to step forward.

And whose is the preparation? Who is to see that things are in readiness for the work which the young will have to take up? First of all the parents. They have the knowledge, they have the foresight, they best know what is required. And so we see careful parents making every provision for the successful career of their children, sparing no pains or cost in their training and education, and laying up, when it is possible, wealth to start them on their way.

Thus King David prepared the way for his son Solomon. However his elder sons, Absalom and Adonijah, may have been indulged, it is plain that Solomon was carefully trained. But Solomon had more to do than simply to step into his father's place and carry on the work his father laid down. He was destined to do something his father had not done, and could not do. There was to be a house built for the Lord, "exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries." Ver. 5. And this house Solomon was to build. In his case preparation beforehand was more than ever needed.

And it was amply made. David had set the "strangers" in Israel (ver. 2) to hew stones for the building. He had had beams of cedar brought by the Zidonians. He had amassed an immense quantity of gold and