

Despise not chastening. When God built this world he did not build a palace complete with appointments. Men were not dropped down upon it like manna, fit to be gathered and used as it fell; but like seeds, to which the plow is father, the furrow, mother, and on which iron and stone, sickle, flail, and mill must act before they come to the loaf.

I pass along the city street and I say, "Who are these children who are being sent to the unpleasant discipline of school life? It cannot be that their parents love them." "O yes," you answer; "they are the children who are best loved and cared for in this city." "And what about that little lawless fellow down the lane who never goes to school, but follows his own sweet will all day?" "He is without love and care, or he would be disciplined too."

"Length of days." "Riches and honor." "Ways of pleasantness." "Paths are peace." These words might be taken as they stand for a description of that noble man of our own race, the greatest statesman, if not the greatest man, of the century—W. E. Gladstone. Is it not a sublime illustration of this Scripture that the man to whom the whole world pays grateful homage, in whose mention even the cable which girdles the earth is every day vibrating, should be a man who has laid deep and broad the foundations of mind and character on incorruptible integrity and a humble faith in God?—*C. L. Noyes.*

The Teachers' Meeting.

This lesson is not easy to treat as a unit, for each proverb has a light of its own and stands without very close logical connection with its neighbors. Nevertheless it is not hard to suggest working outlines.... I. The worth of wisdom; II. The worth of chastisement. All the texts can be grouped around these two headings.... Or treat the lesson as showing that wisdom is conducive to (1) Prolong life, "Length of days is in her hand," verse 16. (2) Prosperity, "Thy barns shall be filled," verse 10. (3) Peace, "Her ways are peace," verse 17. (4) Health, "It shall be health," verse 8. (5) Honor, "Her left hand honor," verse 16. (6) Happiness, "Happy the man that findeth," verse 13; "Every one that retaineth," verse 18.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

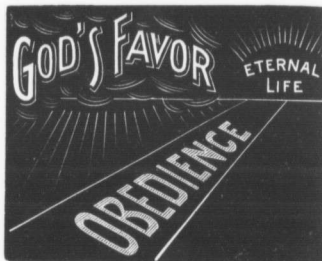
No. 1.

Heavenly Father, we adore thee.
There's a wideness in God's mercy.
O for a heart to praise my God.
Take my life.
Keep thou my way.

No. 2.

The praying spirit breathe.
Hear thou my prayer.
Thou, who earnest from above,
Help the erring.
All the way.

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OBEDIENCE

GOD'S LAW OBEYED
RESULTS IN

LONG LIFE WITH GOD'S FAVOR *and* PEACE WITH SUCCESS

TRUST IN GOD'S
WISDOM. GUIDANCE. PROVIDENCE.
HONOR GOD

WITH
FIRST FRUITS | INCREASE OF SUBSTANCE

WISDOM'S WAYS

PLEASANT
PEACEFUL

FIND
FOLLOW THIS WAY

"I AM THE WAY."

"This is the way, walk ye in it."