

in human life. You know this world is thought to revolve, like all the worlds, in a diffusive ether that no man ever saw, but every color on every flower is the reflection of that ether as its waves strike upon the earth. No man hath seen God at any time, but every note of purity and goodness and love, every color of love—and how many its colors are!—is the reflection of the universal God.—*Lyman Abbott.*

Captain Barends, of the steamship *Normannia*, on a recent trip from New York to Southampton rescued with great difficulty all the crew and passengers of a sinking ship. When the captain reached Hamburg he found the following dispatch awaiting him from the German emperor: "I express to you my full appreciation of the rescue of the crew of the English vessel *Arno*, so happily accomplished with persevering courage under arduous circumstances." If the German emperor, a man, is pleased with service for humanity, shall not God, who is the author of all loving-kindness, be pleased?

The Teachers' Meeting.

The lesson may be taught under two divisions:

1. David's obligation; and 2. How he met it; (1) Show what Jonathan did and sacrificed for his friend. Explain the covenant made between them; (2) Account for David's delay in keeping it: Division of the kingdom; wars with neighboring nations; internal organization; ignorance that Jonathan had a surviving son; (3) Point out how Mephibosheth was discovered; (4) Make clear David's nobility of treatment: Suffering from house of Saul since covenant was made; kindly greeting to Mephibosheth; special mark of honor; provision for household. . . . Another plan would be to trace a parallel between David's treatment of Mephibosheth and God's treatment of the sinner—(1) Mephibosheth was sought out in his indifference. We try to forget God, but he seeks us that he may welcome us to a seat at the king's table; (2) He was sought out in his deformity. We are less fit to come into the presence of a holy God; (3) He was received for the sake of another. By Christ's merits we find favor; (4) He received a rich inheritance. When God forgives he makes rich indeed; (5) He was favored in being accorded daily audience with the king. So we can walk with God. "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him."

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
I sing of his mercy.
What a friend we have in Jesus,
O scatter seeds of loving deeds.

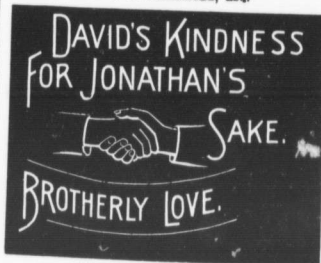
No. 2.

O sing the pow'r of love divine.
God loved the world of sinners

O my heart is thrill'd.
Kind words can never die.
Have you had a kindness shown.

Blackboard.

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KINDNESS.

DAVID		GOD
FOR		
JONATHAN'S		JESUS'S
SAKE		
SHOWS KINDNESS TO		
JONATHAN'S		REPENTANT
SON		SINNERS.
DAVID'S GOD'S		
PROMISE:		
"I will surely show thee kindness."		

FULFILLING THE LAW.

FREELY YE
HAVE RECEIVED | SHALL GIVE.

THE LAW OF LOVE
EXEMPLIFIED
BY
DEEDS OF KINDNESS.

"Be kindly affectioned one to another."