

running water, to indicate that their lives are thenceforth to flow on in one stream.

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.—*Wm. Penn.*

The Rev. Robert Newton, when an old man, remarked, "In the course of a short time my wife and I shall celebrate the jubilee of our marriage; and I know not that, during our fifty years of union, an unkind look or an unkind word has ever passed between us."

An equal taken from his side—

And never from his heart removed,
And only less than God beloved.

—*C. Wesley.*

III. HINTS FOR INFANT CLASS TEACHERS.

Whisper-Song.

Come, hear the story,
Come, see the glory
Of Eden!

See in its brightness,
Man in uprightness,
In Eden!

Alas, that sinning
Had its beginning
In Eden!

Review the last lesson...Get before their minds the idea of a beautiful garden. Some of them may be able to describe such a place....Speak of Eden, the most beautiful garden ever seen in the world. No storms to blight; no pain or fatigue in taking care of it; no poisonous plants, or deadly reptiles, or devouring beasts; nothing to hurt, nothing to be afraid of. Lovely flower, delicious fruit.....This the place where the man was put. It was his business to take care of the garden.....Speak of the only tree the fruit of which was forbidden. God had a right to put such a tree there and to forbid the man touching it; and of this the man had no right to complain.....Show how the "dominion" spoken of in the last lesson, was illustrated by the fact that the Lord brought all the beasts and birds to Adam and he gave them names. He was not afraid of any of them. Not one of them would harm him. He was their master, and they knew it.....Represent the man *alone*, although surrounded by living creatures. No one to talk with. Then show how the Lord God provided a woman for his companion.....Get from the class a description of the leading features of the lesson.....Ask, 1. What things in this lesson show that God was good to Adam? 2. Ought he not to have loved God? 3. Can you tell how many good things God has given you? Name

some of them. 4. Then ought you not to love him?.....Repeat Golden Text.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS.

Prayer-Meeting Topic: Obedience the test of love.... *Texts:* John xiv. 21, 23; xv. 14; 1 John ii. 4; iii. 9, 24; v. 3.... *Foster:* 3506, 3508, 3515, 3532, 3837..... *Blackboard:* The four heads of the river were Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, Euphrates. Let their initial letters on the board represent the source of blessedness in Eden: **P**urity, **G**odliness, **H**umility, **E**mployment. Alas, that these rivers should ever have dried up!.....Call out from the school the several characteristics of man in his state of purity, and place them on the board.

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LESSON III.—*The Fall and the Promise.*

Gen. iii. 1-8, 15.

I. GENERAL STATEMENT.

The tempting serpent deceives Eve with lying words. She partakes of the forbidden fruit. So does Adam. Discovering themselves to be shamefully fallen from innocence and purity, they hide themselves in the garden. God finds them, and in infinite mercy gives them the promise of a Saviour.

II. NOTES AND ILLUSTRATIONS.

Topic: "Ruined by sin, redeemed by Christ."

1. SATAN, vers. 1-5. The tempter chose the SERPENT as his agent; for this "beast" was more SUBTLE, more acute in invention than any other. In Rev. xii. 9 Satan is called "that old serpent." HE SAID. Able to converse; the "serpent" was doubtless a far more attractive creature than the reptile now so called. WOMAN SAID. She merely answers a question; but parley with Satan begins. FRUIT. [See Lesson II.] SHALL NOT...DIE. Satan here is "a liar, and the father of it." John viii. 44. GOD DOTH KNOW. Satan insinuates that God was deceiving Eve. Of course God knew, for he is omniscient; but Eve can "know" only by believing the devil rather than God. EYES...OPENED. Satan speaks the truth; but, alas! only a moiety of it. Eve thinks they will be opened into a vision such as