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### Doctrinal Teaching.

We commend to all teachers the following weighty utterances on this subject, by the Rev. Dr. Vincent, in the last number of the *Sunday-School Journal*:

"The outcry against doctrine, doctrinal preaching, doctrinal teaching, is sheer nonsense. Doctrine may be abused, and the importance of certain dogmatic statements may be over emphasized, and out of differences may come uncharity, alienations, bitterness. All these several results are not because doctrine is itself unimportant, but because we do not sufficiently exalt it, and because we allow a wrong spirit to control us in the advocacy and defence of it. It does make a difference whether a man is a fatalist or a believer in divine moral government and human freedom; whether he believes God to be just and holy, or whether his God is an indulgent, indifferent sort of being, to whom wrong is as good as right, and error as worthy as truth. It does make a difference whether a man believe the doctrine of moral probation or whether he regards life as the Epicurean—a sphere

for present gratification regardless of moral qualities or consequences. It does make a difference whether the Bible is a human production, the outgrowth of certain intellectual, moral, and religious evolutions through the ages, or the divinely produced word of God for human direction and with divine authority. It does make a difference whether the Christ whom we worship is a man like Socrates, or God manifest in the flesh. It does make a difference whether the Spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, be merely a force in truth, or whether he be a person, the spiritual manifestation to the human spirit of divine personality and companionship. It does make a difference whether the will of man is a mere product of material organization, or a spiritual, individual, immaterial entity and personality which moth cannot corrupt, water dissolve, nor fire consume. Let us stand up for doctrine, for true doctrine. Let us search the word of God for doctrine. Let us bring every doctrine to the word of God as the final test and authority. Let us in our pulpits, in our homes, in our Sunday-schools, teach and illustrate the true doctrines of the true Church, drawn from the true word of the true God."

### Cheap Lesson Helps.

In this connection we heartily endorse the following opinion of an experienced Sunday-school worker about the Berean Series of Lesson Helps of the great M. E. Church of the United States, which are the same as our own:—

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