

dah, praying God to heal the king's hand, stretched out to injure him; or turn to Numbers xii and see Moses praying for Miriam and Aaron who had raised sedition against him, and they see the act caused by meekness of spirit, and are able fully to understand. But perhaps a previous lesson will explain the word, then question and see what the children themselves can tell you; remember, what they tell you is more firmly fixed in their minds than anything you can tell them, for they see it and make it their own; therefore question and often carefully. Here I would like to say; so much depends on the questioning that it is well to write out the questions at home, not for use in class, but to impress them on your own mind.

Try and make your questions as simple as possible; if no one answers, don't tell the answer yourself; change the question. Try to so word your questions that only the right answer is possible. If the first two or three questions are very easy and can be answered yes, or no, the children gain confidence, nothing prevents a child answering like making a mistake. Never tell a child its answer is stupid, perhaps your question may be the stupid thing, so ambiguously worded that the answer is in a certain sense right. Repeat each right answer clearly, that every child may hear; thus you retain the interest of the class; if you get two or three correct, yet different answers, repeat all, showing where each is correct.

Sometimes you will find it an advantage, if you receive decidedly contradictory answers, to repeat first one clearly and ask for all hands up who think this answer right; then repeat the other and all hands up who agree with this; then ask the who children hold each opinion to tell you why they hold it; after which state your own opinion, and your reasons for holding it; thus you make the little ones think, and reason for themselves, which is an immense advantage to both you and them.

And now to turn to our last subject, Preparations and Helps, and in this connection I would say, read your lesson over carefully and prayerfully on Sunday night; you will have the whole week to think it over—various everyday occurrences will illustrate it and enable you to make it practical and definite. See what is the special teaching of the lesson. Try always to teach three things: the sinfulness of each child personally in God's sight; that God loves the sinner, while hating the sin; God's loving kindness in sending Jesus to die for our sins. Try to make each child feel that their naughty acts deserve death, but Jesus bore that death in their stead; don't be afraid to repeat these things over and over again—God's way is line upon line, line upon line, precept upon precept, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. If I should ask a carpenter how many blows would send a nail home, he would say a great deal depends on the size of both hammer and nail; a big nail will take a great many blows, especially if the hammer is small. Now this is a tremendous nail; the child's soul's salvation must hang on it; your hammer is small, one hour out of 168. Oh, hit often and hit hard. Seek God's help by prayer. He knows the children, and He knows you too. Without Him we can do nothing. Don't use commentaries till the very last. Your own ideas are the clearest, and the most interesting. And, I think, the greatest help we have is in the fact, that the work is not ours; it is God's work; we are not responsible for the success. We are only responsible for the faithful use of the means and opportunities God gives. "Who goeth to warfare of his own cost?" No Sunday-school teacher working for Jesus; for our King, will meet expenses. Our Captain will guide and direct us, and we have only a vanquished enemy to fight.

Our King will meet expenses, for it is God who worketh in you; what are these expenses? time, strength, willing time. Well, as far as Sunday-school work is concerned, Sunday time

is not our own; we have no right to it, it is God's own day, therefore, that must be left out of the question. The week days God gives to man; but Christians are bought with a price that they may glorify God, and God offers those who will work for Him the glorious privilege of being workers together with Him. Now if we are working with God, and God is working in us, where is the difficulty about time; one day is in His sight as 1,000 years, and 1,000 years as one day.

Strength our King provides, for He says, "They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength as the eagle," "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness," and this means not only spiritual strength, but physical strength, as all those who work for and with God can testify, His strength is Almighty, and "as thy day so shall thy strength be."

Wisdom—if any man lack wisdom let him ask, for Jesus Christ is of God made into us wisdom and righteousness. In Him we have all and abound; He seems to have provided against every difficulty. If we don't know how to suit ourselves to the capacity of children, Jesus says, "Settle it in your own minds, not to meditate before hand what ye shall say, and what ye shall speak, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." Get everything you can to bear upon the lesson, let your mind be full of the subject, go in faith and you will succeed. But perhaps you say, my memory is so bad; turn to John xiv, 26, Jesus says, "when He the Spirit of truth is come He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatever I have said unto you." Are you a Christian, then this indwelling Spirit is for you; oh claim Christ's promise, live as those who know that they are the children of God, and go forward to the work, knowing that if God is on our side, we have an overwhelming majority, though the devil and all his angels, combine with the world to fight against us.

Our Captain will guide and direct us. On this point I will only quote three texts, first, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." We have only to go where Christ has already passed on before; we have only to do what He, the meek and lowly one, has done, and He will make us fishers of men wise to win souls. "Second, I will guide thee with mine eye, here we have closeness to our great Captain, who says, "Lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world." Third, "He will guide us for ever, for God is our God for ever and ever, He will be our guide even unto death."

We have only a vanquished enemy to fight. The promise made to Eve long ago was: He (Christ), shall bruise the serpent's head, and this He did when having died for our sins. He rose again for our justification, blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, He took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross, and spoiling principalities and powers. He triumphed over them in Himself, for through death He destroyed Him that had the power of death, that is the devil, and now seated on God's right hand, He says to His people, greater work than mine shall ye do, because I go to my Father.

Dear Sunday school teachers shall we not go forward? God has done all for us, and He alone will work all in us, but He says to each one. Be strong and of a good courage, only be strong and very courageous, be strong, and every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon that have I given unto you. Oh, let us occupy the hearts of the little ones for the dear Lord who says, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven.

At a late Nonconformist meeting in England, one of the speakers said: "If many of us were as determined to disestablish the devil as we are to disestablish the Church our spiritual condition would be better than at present."

NEWS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA.

THE BISHOPRIC OF NOVA SCOTIA.—Archdeacon Gilpin has received a despatch from the Archbishop of Canterbury, requesting that documents be forwarded under the head and seal of the registrar of the Diocese, showing that the meetings of the Synod to elect a Bishop have been legally called, and all proceedings in connection therewith regular, and also requiring a guarantee that the gentleman whom the Bishops may select for the vacant Bishopric will be accepted by the Synod, as competent candidates refuse to have their names considered unless this guarantee is given. The Archdeacon sent a telegram stating that it would be illegal to give such a guarantee, but that it was generally understood at the last meeting of the Synod that the nominee of the Bishops would be accepted. The Archdeacon also referred to the fact that the Synod had adjourned to the first day of February, and it would be a great disappointment if a nomination was not made on that day.—Recorder.

SHELburne.—At the tea and sale recently held in Shelburne the sum of \$137.00 was taken. After sundry small appropriations the balance was deposited in the Bank, where now a goodly sum lies towards the erection of a Sunday-school House. The Misses White have given most generously an eligible site. The tea at Birch Town, on Dec. 13th, was also a pronounced success. The gross receipts were \$117. The former meeting house is now entirely free from debt, and some \$40 are in hand for repairs and extension. Great praise is again due to the same energetic committee of last year, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Acker and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Acker.

A handsome East window has been ordered for the new Sandy Point Church, where at the beginning of the New Year, it is proposed to hold Divine service. It has just been secured with pews of superior workmanship.

ORDINATION SERVICE.—An ordination held on Sunday, 18th inst., in St. Luke's Cathedral, by his Lordship the Coadjutor Bishop of Fredericton, when the following were admitted to the order of deacons: Arthur T. Tucker, M.A., of King's College, Windsor; J. Mellor, and T. Slipper, of the Colonial and Continental Church School Society; and the undermentioned were advanced to the order of the priesthood: Rev. T. C. Mellor and F. Woolcott. The Bishop preached the ordination sermon, and the Litany was sung by Rev. W. B. King, The Venerable the Archdeacon officiated as Epistoler, whilst the newly made Deacon Tucker officiated as Gospeller; Rev. C. W. McCully acted as Bishop's Chaplain. The Venerable the Archdeacon, the Rector, curate and the acting Chaplain assisted in the imposition of hands.

HALIFAX—St. Luke's.—At a meeting of St. Luke's vestry last week, a suggestion was made that the Rector spend the winter months in Bermuda, but Rev. F. R. Murray did not favor the idea. At a subsequent meeting of the parishioners there was an unanimous expression of regret on the part of those present for the loss that the parish will sustain by the resignation—but as they were left no alternative they accepted it, with the proviso that it take effect from the first of March next, and that the Rector be granted leave of absence until that date. A committee, consisting of the wardens and vestry, was appointed to draw up a resolution expressing the feelings of the congregation towards the reverend gentlemen on his leaving the parish. The consideration of the nomination of a successor was, by resolution left over until the next regular Easter meeting, in order that ample time may be had in which to consider so important a matter. Several sugges-