

I fear his toil will shorten his useful life. Will you let him have the berth?" The captain, pleased with his generosity, sent for Tregony and gave him the berth, which he is now enjoying. Thomas was gratified, and added, "I can work a little longer yet."—*Sunday Magazine*.

There is a story of an earl that was much given to anger; and the means he used to cure it was by studying Christ, his patience under the injuries and affronts offered him: and he never suffered the meditation to pass before he found his heart transformed to the similitude of Christ Jesus.—*Spencer*.

3. THE LIGHT OF THE LORD. THIS DREAM. God's Spirit can affect the thoughts of one sleeping as readily as of one awake. Dreams were one of God's modes of communicating his will. Gen. xx. 3; xxviii. 12; xxxi. 10, 24; Judges vii. 13; 1 Kings iii. 5; Matt. i. 20; ii. 12; Acis xvi. 9, etc. Anciently dreams were usually considered important; hence, though Joseph was but a lad, he found his brethren and father willing listeners. This dream was prophetic of Joseph's power. SHEAVES. Bundles of grain. Showing the kind of work performed in that early age. AROSE. By its own power. OBESANCE. Bowed, showed reverence. HIS BRETHREN, readily comprehending the dream, SAID...SHALL THOU...HAVE DOMINION OVER US? And whether fearing or doubting it, they HATED HIM...THE MORE. HIS WORDS. Concerning his dream, and probably also of the "report" in verse 2. ANOTHER DREAM. God loves him, though his brothers hate him. Psa. xxxv. 19, 22, 25. Heaven comforts him with prophecies of future exaltation. The second dream confirms the hints of the first; and both mutually explain each other. Gen. xli. 32. THE SUN. His father. THE MOON. His mother. Rachel was dead, Gen. xxxv. 18, 19; but the term is sufficiently clear if applied to Leah, (who perhaps also died before the fulfilment of the prophecy, Gen. xlix. 31;) or it may be properly used as an abstract term. STARS. His brethren. FATHER REBUKED HIM. Perhaps to quiet Joseph's envious brothers, or to curb any spirit of vain-glory that might be in the mind of Joseph. Still his wicked BRETHREN ENVIED HIM. Acts vii. 9. His father OBLISHED THE SAYING. He remembered the

divinely sent vision of Bethel, Mahanaim, and Peniel. Gen. xxviii. 12; xxxii. 1, 2, 24-30.

A French writer has said that to dream gloriously you must act gloriously while awake; and to bring angels down to converse with you in your sleep, you must labor in the cause of virtue during the day.

It is said that St. Cyprian, in a dream, heard the proconsul give orders that he should be beheaded, and that the clerk of the court made this known to Cyprian, when he desired a delay of the execution that he might set his house in order, which was granted. The dream was fulfilled in all its particulars. Twelve months after it his head was struck off.

The badge of a Christian is not one that the world can see. One has for his badge a crossier, another has a crucifix, another has a tonsure, another has a robe of some color or shape; but a Christian's badge is not a tonsure, nor a crucifix, nor a crossier, nor a shibboleth, nor a robe, nor a phylactery; but it is, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye love one another." This is the badge of the Christian: and in proportion as it shows itself, the evidence of our true brotherhood comes out.—*Cumming*.

Col. Gardiner was won from a life of worldly pleasure by a dream, in which he saw the Saviour hanging on the cross, and saying, "I have suffered this for thee, and is this thy return?" The deep conviction of his ingratitude led him to repentance and a life of piety.

III. HINTS FOR INFANT CLASS TEACHERS.

Whisper-Song.

O sheaves of gold,
O stars of old,
O moon of night,
O sun so bright,
Bring all your light,
And wealth and might,
To Him who hath all glory won,
To Christ, God's well-beloved Son!

There is hardly any subject of Bible story more interesting to children than the narrative of

Joseph, and it is an easy task to get their attention when it is introduced. The beginning of this lesson may be made a brief review of the lesson preceding. The name *Israel* occurs. Who was he? Have you heard his name before? When? Had he another name? What