

his father would often uncover the bosom of the sleeping boy and reverently imprint a kiss upon it, saying, "This shall become a temple of the Holy Ghost." This vision of faith ever shining in a pious father's heart inspired every plan and purpose of the child's nurture and gave to the world one of the greatest of its saints. What would not some such vision, felt and seen by every one of our great army of teachers, do for Christ and His church! This is the only remedy for the blight of generality in our teaching. Get well into the mind and heart a vision of all the boy or girl may be. Brood over it until it stands out superlatively beautiful, the only thing worth doing. Then, let it dominate every effort, and, line upon line, work up to it.

This was ever Christ's own method. There were sermons on the mount and beside the lake, there were great public utterances to the multitude, but always something else—personal contact with the individual, for whom He ever cherished the highest ideal, and in whom he invariably awoke a longing to reach it. It was so with the disciples, with Nicodemus, with the dying thief. Not so much by any formal teaching did He influence them, as by the faith that He held concerning each, and the latent powers He stirred in their lives.

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#### THE TEACHER TRAINING COURSE

The outlook for the Teacher Training Course is full of promise. The General Assembly's Sabbath School Committee is arranging for the publication of a series of booklets covering the three Departments of the Course.

Two of these will form the material for study and examination in the Department of the Art of Teaching. These are Professor Walter C. Murray's booklet on Child Study, which will be ready in time for the commencement of the year's work on October 1; and Dr. Frederick Tracy's booklet on the Sabbath School Organization and Teaching which will be ready by January 1, 1905.

In the Department of Scripture the material for this year will be prepared by Prin-

cipal Falconer and Professor Ballantyne, and will be printed in THE TEACHERS MONTHLY from October to April inclusive.

The material in the Department of Doctrine will be prepared this year, as formerly, by Rev. J. M. Duncan, and will be printed in THE TEACHERS MONTHLY under the heading of the Catechism in connection with the Lesson for each Sabbath from October to April.

Now is the time for pastors, Sabbath School superintendents, Bible Class teachers, and leaders in Young People's Societies to interest teachers and those looking forward to the work of teaching in our Sabbath Schools in this Course.

The Course is adapted to persons of ordinary education; the material for study is easily obtained; it is inexpensive. Experts in Sabbath School work have given high praise to the Course.

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#### DOES IT COUNT?

By Rev. J. M. Millar, B.A.

Nothing can hearten us more than to realize that "the beauty of the Lord" rests on the faithful labor of our hands, and that it is indestructible. It was this confidence which steadied the prophets when the hard facts of the world pressed on their hearts. It was no guess work with them. They had reached the secret of the Lord, and they knew that "the day" would declare the reality of their work for Israel, and the abiding power of their message. Yet the faith of even these great spokesmen and toilers for God suffered an occasional eclipse. Their idealism halted, and a cry of bewilderment broke from their lips. At such times their splendid achievements faded into insignificance. They doubted the value of their own work—the work into which they had poured their highest faith. Elijah under the juniper tree felt that Baal was too much for him. "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life."

We have to face this old temptation to be skeptical about the value of the work which God has assigned to us.

We must cultivate the faith which trans-