

rected from their memory: "The mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed, but my kindness shall not depart from thee; neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee."—*Christian at Work.*

Afterwards.

Now, the sowing and the weeping,
Working hard, and waiting long;
Afterward, the golden reaping,
Harvest home, and grateful song.

Now the pruning, sharp, unsparing,
Scattered blossom, bleeding shoot;
Afterward, the plenteous bearing
Of the Master's pleasant fruit.

Now, the plunge, the briny burden,
Blind, faint, groping in the sea;
Afterward, the pearly guerdon
That shall make the diver free.

Now, the long and toilsome duty,
Stone by stone to carve and bring;
Afterward, the perfect beauty
Of the palace of the King.

Now, the tuning and the tension,
Wailing minors, discord strong;
Afterward, the grand ascension
Of the Alleluia song.

Now, the spirit-conflict riven,
Wounded heart, unequal strife;
Afterward, the triumph given,
And the victor's crown of life.

Now, the training, strange and lowly,
Unexplained and tedious now;
Afterward, the service holy,
And the Master's "Enter thou!"

—*F. R. Havergal.*

Method in Working.

ALL God's developments have method. No matter how small a thing he sets himself to do, he does it with a plan. There is not a blade of grass under your feet but he has a perfect method in its development. God would never clothe our fields and woods as he does if he were to work as we work in haphazard dabs and dashes, here and there, persevering nowhere, finishing nothing, fragmentary patch-work.

Converted Teachers.

UNTIL one can say, with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," or, with Paul, "I know whom I have believed," he is in no state to be a teacher of the truth, "as the truth is in Jesus." The apostolic reminder comes to all who, being "without Christ," hence "without God in the world," attempt to teach others: "When for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God." The words of Christ to his disciples, "Without me ye can do nothing," apply with peculiar force to those who would stand as his representatives to proclaim or expound his truth.—*Sunday-School Words.*

Bible-class Helps.

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It is a fact well known to every teacher of adult classes that it is especially hard to create an interest in the lesson, among the members, strong enough to bring out from them much study previous to the session of the class. The object to be aimed at by the teacher is to overcome this and bring to his help their own. For this end, question cards have been prepared, one of which is handed to each member of the class every Sabbath with the question to be studied and answered the next Sabbath. These questions will be so arranged by the teacher as to bring out the main points of the lesson; other questions will grow out of them, and the position which so many hold of "lookers on in Venice," will be vacant for ever after.

A new enthusiasm and interest will be at once excited, and a long experience under this plan has convinced the writer that it is *the best*.

In a session of three quarters of an hours length not over eight questions can be satisfactorily disposed of, but even then should the questions reach an individual member every third Sabbath, more in individual responsibility could be felt, more individual study of the Word brought