

saloons in town, is generally the one who will first fall.

Verse 35. Travelers take with them letters of credit, good all over the world. Such letters are for a specific amount, and the banker is secured by prepayment. Sometimes an unlimited letter is issued and made good by a responsible indorser. Such is God's provision for every pilgrim. "All your need," — *Bishop Foss.*

Verses 36, 37. Self-defense is right, among Christians, though it is not right to spread Christianity with the sword. Dr. Butler, in India, at the time of the Sepoy rebellion, tells us that when driven with a few helpless women and children to the mountains he guarded the narrow pass with his loaded musket for many days, determined to put to death any cruel Sepoy who came up hither. When armed for service his wife said to him, "I thought I married a Methodist preacher. I did not know that he could be such a warlike looking soldier." To which the doctor replied that he felt like offering that good old Bible prayer, "Lord, teach my hands to war, and my fingers to fight."

Verse 38. "Lord, behold, here are two swords!" This was the last instance of that solid literalness with which Christ so often had to deal. As though two miserable swords would be of any use against a world in arms! — *Canon Farrar.*

Teachers' Meeting.

Environments: The supper-table; forebodings of disciples; their conception of the coming kingdom; Christ's conduct (in washing feet, etc.) from their point of view. *The spirit of true service:* (1) A humble spirit, ver. 24; (2) An unworldly spirit, ver. 25, 26; (3) A helpful spirit, vers. 26, 27; (4) A steadfast spirit, vers. 28-30; (5) A loyal spirit, vers. 31-34; (6) A truthful spirit, vers. 35-37. *Difficulties of lesson:* Purse, scrip, and sword. "You will need all your resources." The figure and type of a sword could not far mislead men who were learning the strange lesson of the spirituality of the kingdom of God. *How to be great:* Show that no real greatness has ever been secured, even in the estimation of the world, except by means of service to others. Look at Columbus, Gutenberg, Washington, Livingston, Stevenson, Goodyear, Edison, etc.

OPTIONAL HYMNS.

No. 1.

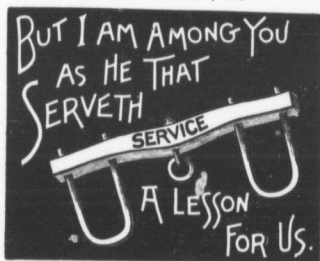
Art thou saddened.
Come, thou Fount of every blessing.
Blessed assurance.
Saviour, teach me, day by day.
I love thy will, O God.

No. 2.

Father, to thee my soul.
Thou, who camest from above.
My body, soul, and spirit.
Jesus all my grief is sharing.
Be with me every moment.

Blackboard.

BY J. T. HARTNAGEL, ESQ.



BY GEORGE W. PEASE, ESQ.

CHRIST'S LAW OF GREATNESS.

JESUS WAS | IF I WOULD BE
GREAT
HE CAME TO | I MUST
SERVE ALL.

GLORIOUS GREATNESS COMES FROM SERVING THE SUFFERING.

LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU.
"I am among you as he that serveth."

Before the Class.

BY REV. E. M. FERGUSON.

The internal perils that beset the Church's life arise from the selfishness of the human heart; and they are more dangerous than heresy, persecution, or poverty. Let us think of our scholars as Church workers, present and future, and make them feel the force and timeliness of the Saviour's warning.

In studying about the terrible siege of Jerusalem last week we learned that the city suffered more from the wicked men within the walls than from the Romans without. Which are worse, inside