

Barnabas is singled out in the New Testament as "a good man." Not the least proof of his goodness was his quick insight into the good in others. It was he who was ready to receive Saul as a brother, when other Christians were suspicious of the one who had so lately been a persecutor. He it was, too, who was willing to give John Mark a second chance in opposition to Paul's judgment. How much these and many others owed to the ready trust of this best of comrades we cannot tell.

No one ever placed such generous confidence in His friends as Jesus Christ. To the best of them have come moments in which they have been as unsteadfast as Peter in the hour of his great denial; as ambitious as the sons of Zebedee when they came to the Master on his way to the Cross with their request for thrones; as unbelieving as Thomas before he saw the nail-pierced hand and wounded side. And yet to them He has committed the interests of His kingdom on earth, venturing its fortunes on their devotion and loyalty.

Our Lord's belief in us kindles belief in ourselves. It nerves us to undertake difficult tasks without fear of failure. It sends us to our work for Him with a cheerful courage born of the conviction that success is certain. Our hearts throb with the resolve that, come what will, we will never disappoint One who has honored us with so great a trust.

S. S. EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION

The Sunday School Editorial Association is made up of representatives from almost every Sunday School publishing house in Canada and the United States. It is in close touch with the International Lesson Committee. One of its recent recommendations which the Lesson Committee heartily accepted and acted upon, was: "That each course of Lessons should continue throughout one calendar year, and be so constructed that they will not be broken off abruptly in mid-summer"; and so we shall have for 1906, *The Words and Works of Jesus, one year*; for 1907, *Stories of the Patriarchs and Judges, Genesis to Samuel*. The Association has expressed itself strongly as in favor of

"An Optional Advanced Course, which shall be continuous, and whenever practicable, shall be co-ordinated with the Uniform Lessons." The Lesson Committee will recommend to the next International Committee, which is to meet in Toronto in 1905, the preparation of an Advanced Course. The newly-elected President of the Editorial Association is the senior editor of our own publications.

TWO BOOKLETS

Professor Walter C. Murray and Dr. Tracy are becoming household names through the columns of the *TEACHERS MONTHLY*. We are to have something better still from them. A booklet on Child Study by Professor Murray is in the printer's hands just now, and one on Sabbath School Organization and Teaching by Dr. Tracy will be ready before the end of the year. These booklets will form part of the Teacher Training Course, but are written in popular style and will have a wide general circulation.

THE VISION OF FAITH

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Our visions always determine the quality of our work. The architect's plan controls and regulates the workman, from the turning of the first sod to the last stroke of completion. Where there is no vision of the finished edifice there can be no intelligent building of the structure.

How do you go to your class? Towards what pattern are you working? What sort of man or woman do you see in your scholar? Be sure of this that your ideals will effect the scholars for good or evil forever. Michael Angelo's most beautiful statue was moulded out of snow, but the snow melted and with it every line of symmetry and graceful feature. Not so the plastic but enduring material laid to the hands of every Sabbath School teacher. If, however, the teacher is unable or unwilling to see the possibilities wrapped up in every scholar, if one simply go before the class in blind and good-humored chance, then small, indeed, will be the influence to make them what they might be.

It is said that when Origen was a child