

Wayland, in his "Life of Judson," relates that, while engaged in his missionary work in India, that eminent servant of God became intensely interested in behalf of the Jews, and desirous of establishing a mission to Palestine. But this plan met with no favour, his prayers seemed of no avail, and his efforts appeared to be at an end.

Long afterwards, however, and only two or three days before he embarked on his last voyage, and not a fortnight before his death, Mrs. Judson read to him a paragraph from Dr. Hague's Journal, relating an interesting fact that a tract had been published in Germany, giving some account of Dr. Judson's labours at Ava, which had fallen into the hands of some Jews, and had been the means of their conversion, and that he had awakened a spirit of inquiry among the Jews at Trebizond, where a request had been made for a missionary to be sent to them from Constantinople.

At the relation of these facts Mr. Judson's eyes filled with tears. "A look of almost unearthly solemnity came over him, and," says Mrs. Judson, "clinging fast to my hand, he said, 'Love, this frightens me; I do not know what to make of it.' 'What?' 'Why what you have just been reading. I never was interested deeply in any object—I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for anything—but it came, at some time—no matter how distant a day—somehow, in some shape—probably the last I should have devised—it came. And yet I have so little faith! 'If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'"

#### Something Besides Teaching.

No doubt, the great business of the Sunday-school teacher is to teach; and never was such splendid equipment all carefully made ready for the teacher's use. Never did learning shed so clear and benignant a light; never was there so much of sanctified scholarship in the world; and all that wealth of scholarship has been made subservient to a better understanding of the Word of God.

We have not only ponderous and costly volumes of Biblical exegesis, but almost innumerable cheap, compact, and beautiful Sunday-school helps all intended to illuminate the lessons as we come to them; while our great religious weeklies, and even our secular daily papers, vie with each in furnishing material that may be helpful in the study of the sacred page.

Never were teachers so well provided for, and never was there less excuse for teachers that appear before their classes without proper preparation. We have every reason to believe that the number of this latter class is "growing small by degrees and beautifully less;" and we hope, ere long, to see it reach "the vanishing point."

But, in the midst of the intellectual and spiritual activity incident to the preparation and inculcation of the lesson, we do well to remember that there is something besides the lesson for the teacher to consider; and if that something, or, rather, if those somethings be neglected; if the teacher content himself with filling himself with the lesson, and then just pouring out what he has thus poured in, it requires no prophet's vision to predict an early and ignominious failure. "Is the sermon done?" asked some one of an old man, who was wending his way homeward from the meeting-house. "No, no," said the old man; "it is preached, but not done."

And so, our work is not done, when we have simply taught the lesson. To drop deftly into the water handsome hocks, daintily baited; or to lower costly nets down into the depths of the sea, and leave them there, is not enough. We must haul in, and draw out, and see what we've got, and make sure of it.

The teaching of the lesson must be reinforced by an earnest life, and followed up by earnest work—walking with the scholars, talking with the scholars, outside of the school-room, alone or at home—a week-day interest in them, that will make them feel that the Sabbath work is not all professional and perfunctory; and if something does not come of it—something beautiful and beneficent, something that will fill the teacher's heart with joy—then all experience is at fault, and all observation goes for nothing.—*Baptist Teacher.*



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