

has a personal interest in each one of them.

Care should be taken to draw out the thoughts of the class, especially of those children who are shy and timid, and they should be commended by judicious words of praise. The teaching should be confined to one central truth, and not confuse the mind of the child by trying to bring up all the points of the lesson, as would be done in an advanced class. One lesson learned understandingly is better than more but partially learned.

The illustrations used in explaining the lesson should be simple, and be taken as far as practicable from every day life—things which the child sees and understands. We have beautiful examples of this in the teachings of Jesus. His parables were all taken from things common in the life of the Jews, with which they were well acquainted, and the lesson taught could scarcely fail to be comprehended. If objects are used to illustrate, care should be exercised that the child does not become more interested in the object used than in the lesson sought to be taught.

The teacher never fully knows what possibilities are lying dormant in the souls of the children under his charge, nor what effect a word may have on the lives of the children for good; the field may be small in which he labors, yet there may be in the class one of those little ones, who in his day may sway thousands and turn them toward the better life.

Let us, then, fellow-teachers, watch prayerfully for the opportunity to lead each of these little ones to Christ.

"With every deed you are sowing a seed,  
Though its harvest you may not see;  
Each kindly word is an acorn dropped,  
In God's productive soil;

Though you may not know, yet the tree  
shall grow,  
And shelter the brows that toil."

Reserve is the truest expression of respect towards those who are its objects.

## PURITY PROVERBS.

Keep thyself pure.

Purity is power.

Purity is strength.

Purity is Christlikeness.

Blessed are the pure in heart.

The pure in heart shall see God.

The words of the Lord are pure.

Wisdom from above is first pure.

Purity is a law binding equally upon all.

The commandment of the Lord is pure.

The words of the pure are pleasant.

Whatsoever things are pure, think on these things.

Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in purity.

## VIA CRUCIS.

I shaped a plan,  
A cherished, fair design,  
It was to charm and glorify  
This life of mine.

God shaped a cross,  
And laid its rugged weight  
Athwart my plan; in ruins it  
Lay desolate!

With stormful soul  
And sullen steps I trod—  
Slighting the hand of love—beneath  
That cross of God.

Crushed by its load,  
Upward I looked at length;  
Through the thick dark reached out, and  
grasped  
His hand of strength!

In contrite shame  
I breathed, "Thy will be done,"  
And, lo!—illumed with gems—my cross  
Became a crown!

—"Waif."

The best rules to form, young man, are to talk little, to hear much, to reflect alone upon what has passed in company, to distrust one's own opinions, and value others that deserve it.