

And in our classes it is not enough to *proclaim* publicly for this revealing power, but we should be living witnesses of its influence, with our minds ever open to fuller convictions and new truths coming directly from God.

As regards the Lesson Leaves, I think them a great help in *preparing* the lesson. I believe in gaining knowledge from every available source possible. Yet I acknowledge that the best and greatest source, greater than all others together, is directly from God, the origin of all truth and of all knowledge, with Himself as the Teacher of every heart.

But in the class I use the leaves sparingly. Let nothing of an outward nature check the flow when the flood-gates of the Spirit World are opened. Do not let the mind become perplexed, or the eyes grow weary, with looking text after text that should have been done before, but let them look away as it were into the spirit land, and drink in the flood of fresh inspirations of truth and knowledge as it flows down into our souls from the eternal, inexhaustible, life-giving fountain.

For the REVIEW.

### GOD'S SUNFLOWER.

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." Acts 5, 13th.

Now choose thee a flower from the bloom-spangled earth,

Thy emblem to be,

In whose beauty or graces, or virtue or worth,  
Men thy likeness may see.

Wilt thou gather the rose in her freshness of bloom,

From the blush of the morn,

Which in life or in death spread a tender perfume

By the breezes upborne?

Or a bell of the lily flower, fragrant and fair,  
Which is purity's crown,

Or sweet Eglantine filling with odours the air,  
From on high drooping down?

Or the violet retiring and modest and sweet.

Either purple or white,

Only found by its fragrance to blow at your feet,

Almost hidden from sight?

Wilt thou choose the white Jessamine wet with the dew,

Or the blossom of May,

Or Hyacinth with ringlets of crimson or blue

Or the flower of a day?

Not these quoth my friend, my emblem shall be  
The flower of the sun,

I would turn toward the glory that beameth on me

Till the day shall be done.

I would show forth the glory, with countenance bright,

Firm, upright and free,

That men's hearts may rejoice and be glad at the sight

When they gaze upon me.

God's sunflower, receiving all light from His love,

All strength from His power

Absorbing the rays from His spirit above,

While on me He doth pour.

I would boldly reflect all the beams of His grace.

That the world might believe,

There is joy for the souls, who seeking His face

His full blessing receive.

Then think not my choice without wisdom, nor deem,

That irreverent and gay

I would flaunt in God's sunshine and throw back its gleam

Like a trifler at play.

With a heart fully purposed to God would I turn

With joy and delight,

That all who may see me one lesson may learn

To live in the light.

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No one can estimate the value of forming right methods. Z.