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How to Prepare for Teaching the S. S. Lesson.

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The chairman of the S. S. committee for the province has requested me to prepare an article on the above theme. Being an active member of the C. E., one principle of which is never to refuse to perform any reasonable Christian duty, I have acceded to the request.

The above subject is one on which much has been said and written. The question of preparation is vital in its relation to S. S. work. Without a thorough knowledge of the lesson to be taught, it is impossible to interest and instruct the class.

I do not propose to offer any thing new or startling, but rather " would stir up your sincere minds by putting you in remembrance,"there is "no royal road to learning," nor is there any easy way of preparation which would require neither time nor work. Too true it is that many teachers go before their classes Sunday after Sunday, struggling heroically to impart knowledge that they have not, and to impress lessons which they see not. Your pupils soon find you out, and your power to influence them for good is gone. To be pared. careless, thoughtless or indifferent about your preparation is criminal. heard a bright S. S. scholar say the other day that he never knew before that Adam and Eve were blind before they are of the ferbidden fruit. The passage, "And the eyes of them both were opened," was "interpreted as meaning the eyes of sight, instead of the eyes of their understanding, as literal instead of figurative. That scholar has lost faith in the ability of that teacher to instruct properly.

In our preparation we must,

1. Have a clear conception of the great object or mission of the & S., and our relation to it. Instruction in God's word, that the pupil (a) might be led to accept Christ. (b) Building them up in Him through a knowledge of His wisdom and grace, fitting them to be soul winners, and preparing them for the heavenly mansions.

2. Have some books or helps. (a) A good teacher's Bible. (b) A dictionary of the Bible. (c) A concordance, lesson, as Johnson's. The Bible is to S. S. Lessons. The editorials give expe studied; the other works, as helps.

3. Prayer. Pray for your class collectively and individually. Pray for guidance, patience and wisdom (Jas. 1. 5); "Open Thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of Thy law' (Ps. 119, 18). Let the scholars Neglect your Clerical Citizenship. see in you what Tennyson saw in Mary at the feet of Jesus. "Her eyes are homes of silent prayer." We need consecrated teachers, and their teaching will be blessed.

4. Love your pupils. Love is necessary to proper preparation. We must have some conception of the value and importance of the material upon which we are working. Keep your class before your mind in your preparation. Know, if possible, the lesson each pupil requires, and be able to press it

" Delightful work, young souls to win, And turn the rising race From the deceitful paths of sin

To seek redeeming grace." Read the lesson carefully, prayerfully, informed person.

and commit to memory at least the "golden text." (c) Look up the connection between the last lesson and the essays on art and science, hiographical present. (d) Make an analysis of the sketches, bits of travel, etc., etc., it is lesson. (e) Select the leading points and be able to apply them, making the lations in serial form, of works by work practical. (f) Know the time, place and circumstances of the lesson. (g) Find out what relation the lesson bears to the book in which it o curs, and to the Bible as a whole. (h) Choose a few apt illustrations, not for their own midian," by the brilliant German rosake, but for the truth they enlighten. It would be well to have a scrap book and save all the illustrations in your general reading, thus always having a fund from which to draw.

have in mind a number of good, search. matter, which of itself makes a gooding questions to ask. Take nothing sized literary encyclopedia. into the class but your Bible. Above all, be consecrated to your work.

"If thou to me the path would'st show, Thou, first, thyself the path must know. If I would teach thee as I ought, I must myself be truly taught."

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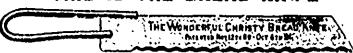
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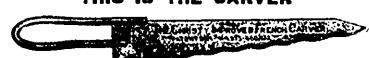
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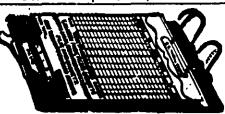


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