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Hands that ope but to receive
 Empty close; they only live
 Richly who can richly give.

He who, giving, does not crave
 Likest is to Him who gave
 Life itself the loved to save.

—Whittier.

GENERAL ARTICLES.

KEEP OUT OF SIGHT.

One summer evening I stood in the topmost gallery of Royal Albert Hall, the finest concert hall in England, and looked down upon the many thousands that filled every seat in the vast auditorium. What rare attraction had so filled the great hall that late comers found only standing room? I will tell you.

Madame Adalina Patti, the most noted living singer, and in some respects the most wonderful singer of modern times, is singing here to-night. She has sung before all the royal families of Europe, and after nearly half a century of public singing, still draws as no other singer in the world. What can be the secret of her marvelous success in her chosen life work—it is a simple yet wonderful secret.

The singers are so far from me I cannot without a glass distinguish the features of Madame Patti from the other singers in her concert company. Now she sings difficult Italian music and her voice is wonderfully flexible and birdlike, clear and marvelously penetrating. But this is not the secret. I have heard other voices greater and equally good in many respects—but wait a minute.

I hear the opening bars of "Home, Sweet Home"—the piano is faint, so far is it away, but a death-like silence has fallen upon the vast throng. I fear I shall not hear the singer; I strain my ears, intently listening. Ah yes, I can hear, so slow and soft, like a spirit voice—

"Mid pleasures and palaces, tho' we
 may roam,
 Be it ever so humble—"

The hall fades from sight, the brilliant lights have vanished. I see no more the great, fashionable crowd. I have forgotten that I am listening to the greatest singer in the world. Only a dream whisper, silver clear, yet faint and sweet and far away: "Home, home, sweet home." I am borne swiftly across the wide sea. The years have vanished. I see my old home again—the old brown farm house in Iowa. The old orchard is here. I am swinging careless and free with my dear little brother under the old oak tree. I hear the sweet voices of my sisters; I see my father so true and good, and oh, I see my mother's dear face full of tenderest, sweetest love. She is singing and her voice comes to me as an angel's voice. Scarce had I dared hope to see my home again. Yet now truly I see it all so clear and bright; the blessed innocence of child-

hood, the sweet, free country air—ah. I hear the sweet music of gentle breezes whispering through the trees and o'er the waving grain—the dreamy hum of nature. Ah! too sweet to last. Almost with a shock I awake. I hear the last echoes of the piano notes; the singer is retiring and the crowd is beginning to applaud.

The vision was mine, yet not mine alone. There are tears in the eyes of many whose faces were weary and hardened. They, too, have seen the dear old home, and lived over again the dear, dead days of childhood, and to many has come a longing for the heavenly Father's home.

Truly Madame Patti is a great singer. I have the secret of her magic power. What is it? She went out of sight and hearing, behind her great art, her subject. Not the singer but the song. Not Madame Patti, but home, dear, sweet HOME. This is true art, this is inspiration. Keep self out of sight. Let your glorious work, your calling, however humble, appear. Be unconscious of self and of selfish desire to be seen, to be applauded, to grasp, to seize for self, and you will succeed. Die to self. Let God be seen in you. Live to love, for the good you may do, the blessing you may be, and you shall have a home, a "sweet" and everlasting home in the Father's house of many mansions.

J. S. Washburn.

"Great riches have sold more men than they have bought out. Seek not proud riches, but such as thou mayest get justly use soberly, distribute cheerfully, and leave contentedly."—Lord Bacon.

FIELD REPORTS.

CRIPPLE CREEK AND VICTOR.

Thursday, April 2nd, was a blessed day for the little church at Victor. Two dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Some were hindered by sickness, but will go forward in the ordinance later. Four have recently begun the observance of the Lord's Sabbath, and others are deeply interested in the truths for these times. To the Lord be all the praise.

Dr. Hills spent four days with us, from April 2-5, at which time some very profitable meetings were held, both at Cripple Creek and at Victor. The Lord is impressing the hearts of the people by his Holy Spirit. Pray for the work in this district.

C. H. Bates.

DENVER.

About the first of February we commenced meetings in the school-house at Fruitdale, twelve miles from Denver. We had three meetings each week. The attendance was never large, but some were deeply interested. Satan tried his best to keep the people away from the meetings.

During the same time we held meetings among the Swedes in Denver. The Lord blessed the work and several have accepted the truth. We have organized a Sabbath-school numbering twenty-four, including English and Swedish.

We have also organized a Sabbath-school at Fruitdale with thirty-three members. Seven dear souls have accepted the truth, and others are interested. Among those who have been converted to the third angel's message is an old sister whose experience goes back to the advent movement in 1844. She is now rejoicing in the increased light that has shone on her pathway, expecting to soon meet her Saviour in the clouds of heaven.

S. F. Svensson.

CEDAREDGE.

The cause is onward here. Some years ago there were a few sermons preached here but no church was organized, and there were only a few scattered Sabbath keepers in the country. Last winter the Baptists and Methodists held a union meeting, with

no apparent result except to create a demand for one of our ministers to come and preach the truth. During the progress of this meeting, tracts were distributed from house to house, and now there are members of five families keeping the Sabbath and many more are favorably inclined to the message. At this same time a Sabbath-school was organized, with a membership of fourteen, which was increased to twenty-eight on the following Sabbath. We now have an average attendance of eighteen, notwithstanding the mud and snow.

Without any seeming effort on our part, there have been ten thousand feet of native lumber, and two hundred and fifty dollars in money, pledged for the creation of a church on the newly laid out town site at Cedaredge. To the Lord be the praise.

George Enos.

count of the great apostasy, but one-tenth is left of the membership of our church in this city, the fulfilling of prophecy, right before our eyes, has reminded the thoughtful ones of the predictions of God's word. We are holding meetings in a nice hall twice a week, with growing interest. Last time we had eighty present, and the Lord gave me great freedom in speaking. Our collections have increased three-fold since we began.

So we see that when Satan has been busy to put out the light of God, He will interfere, to remind the people of his truth. This experience is to us a bright ray of hope, amid the difficulties with which we have had to cope, and we trust that ere long, a new company will be raised up here, to stand as a beacon light amid the darkness of the last days.

J. Wibbens.

EN ROUTE TO THE COAST.

Our company of five persons, composed of Elders Watson and Ziegler; Miss Pierce, myself and wife, arrived in Oakland, Friday evening, March 27th. In many respects we had a very enjoyable trip. It was our privilege to cross over from El Paso, Texas, into Old Mexico, where we stopped for a time visiting an ancient Catholic church, built in 1549.

On the way, just on the California line at Yuma, we saw oranges growing on the trees; some very small and green, some ripe, some in the bloom; and this all on the same tree. Often when the train would stop, we improved the time by picking flowers which grew along the road. Once, as our train made a stop near the ocean, we walked down to the shore where we could see, not far out in the water, a large whale at play.

We are very pleasantly located in Oakland now. The Lord is greatly blessing in the General Conference work, which is moving along very harmoniously. We expect great things from his hand at this meeting. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

G. W. Anglebarger.

"A man's nature runs either to herbs or weeds; therefore let him seasonably water the one, and destroy the other."

"He conquers twice, who restrains himself in victory."

AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

"The Nations Are Angry."

Although Holland has had the name of being a quiet country, late developments have proved that socialism and labor unions have grown to be quite powerful here, too. Out of an insignificant incident, arose a general strike on the railroads throughout the country. For a little more than one day every wheel stood still. The number of strikers was 17,000. They resumed their labors when their demands were ceded.

This railroad strike, though short, was quite a serious affair. Not only did the travel and shipping suddenly come to a standstill, but the government was unable to send soldiers to the capitol, where matters were the worst, for the engineers refused to run the trains.

Another serious strike is now threatening; all the employees in the gas factories, and city water-works, the street-car men, firemen, garbage men, etc. in fact all the men employed by the city, have united and will go out next Monday if their wages are not increased. The city will have to give in to this, or they would be deprived of light, water and fire protection. Several battle ships have arrived from different places to help in case of trouble. The police force has been augmented, and mounted police, accompanied by cavalry, are passing our house every little while.

This trouble seems to be a favorable wind to our mill. Although, on ac-

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

THE EFFECT OF HOME TRAINING ON THE SABBATH-SCHOOL PUPIL.

Froebel, who has made famous throughout the land the sweet old German word Kindergarten, meaning child's-garden, taught that a child's education begins almost as soon as its baby eyes open on this wonderful world of ours. That while lying in its cradle, watching moving objects within the range of vision, that pure, white, living page, the brain, receives impressions of form and color. In view of this fact, and it is a fact, the training must begin where the life begins, at home.

Every Christian home where children are should be a "child-garden" indeed, where the beautiful human blossoms, God-given, can be expanded in an atmosphere of love where no harsh winds blow, and where nothing maketh afraid. The Latin motto of this grand State of Colorado is, "Nil Sine Numine," meaning, "Nothing without God." This motto embroidered in letters of gold, ought to be in the house of every Seventh-day Adventist where every member of the family could see it morning, noon and night; then as a companion piece there should be another: "Everything with God."

As soon as a child learns to lisp the precious name of Jesus, and begins to understand the goodness of God, which should shine forth from loving hearts of parents who have themselves been with Christ and learned of him, these two lessons should be taught: That we are absolutely nothing without God, simply an "empty vessel for the Master's use," but when God works in and through us, the vessel is filled with loving words, kindly deeds and cheerful smiles. That in his strength, sustained by his loving arms, a very young child can be useful to others, and in that way useful to God. They should be taught to embrace every opportunity to work for God, and especially to teach their little playmates the gospel of the kingdom.

One Seventh-day Adventist girl, a cripple from babyhood, was heard when a small child telling her little companions the whole plan of salvation. She is now being cured of her infirmities, and while at the hospital is

distributing the Youths' Instructors which are sent to her, in the city where she is taking treatment.

Children should be taught that a Christian life is essentially a useful one, and that they were created for the especial purpose of working for God. When they once learn this, they will never refuse any task which, well performed, will help his cause along. There is no teacher so near the heart of the pupil, as the first, the one God gave—the dear mother; and she should realize fully the great responsibility resting upon her, also the value of the beautiful soul entrusted to her charge, to mold into the image of God. When a child is taught all that it can be taught in a truly Christian home, before it is old enough to be a Sabbath-school pupil, then it will make the teacher no trouble, will take an interest in the lesson and come to school with it well learned, and with eyes bright with interest in all that goes on there, and be ready to perform any duty required; then as time goes on and the child becomes a man or woman, he or she will be more than ready to take a place as teacher or officer in the Sabbath-school or church, and help in every way to spread the gospel and bring souls into the kingdom of God.

Parents, will you do this work for God? Will you prepare the children he has given you for his work by teaching them loving obedience in the home and an implicit reliance on the Heavenly Father for guidance? If so, there will be no trouble when they come to their classes, and they will be a help to the whole school.

Mrs. J. W. Hamilton,
Longmont.

HOW TO MAKE THE TEACHERS' MEETINGS MORE PRACTICAL AND INSTRUCTIVE.

First—Let every teacher come thoroughly prepared on the lesson under consideration, so that the thoughts gained by private study will be a help to every teacher of the Sabbath-school.

Second—Before attempting to impart to others, let every teacher seek the Lord earnestly, with his whole heart, for special light upon the subject.

Third—A short season of prayer, right to the point, imploring the divine blessing upon the meeting, should never be omitted.

Fourth—The Superintendent should choose some good, live, spiritual person to lead the meeting. This person should be notified the week previous, that there may be time for a thorough preparation of the lesson.

Fifth—Let every member of the class be free to make suggestions, as to manner and ways of teaching; methods in conducting class study; how to deal with unruly members; plans by which our donations may be increased, etc.

Sixth—Let every teacher bear in mind the fact that he stands between the people and the Lord, and that for the way in which the Saviour is represented to the scholar, he must give an account at the judgment bar of God. How important then that the teachers make every possible effort to fit themselves to do the best work in the short time allotted them, and that they do not lose sight of the great value of the teachers' meeting in this preparation.

Seventh—The teachers' meeting is not the place for disputes over controverted points in the lesson, much less for points outside the lesson. It is a place where each and every teacher of the school should meet, and in the spirit of the Master, seek to give and to receive such things as will be helpful in the great work of teaching.

Eighth—Let all Sabbath-school teachers remember that preaching is not teaching. The best definition of a teacher is, "One who imparts knowledge." The teacher must draw out till the class is empty, and then pour in of his abundance till they are full. This will apply as well to the leader of a teachers' meeting as to the teacher before the class.

Ninth—What the Sabbath-school is will be determined largely by the interest manifested in the teachers' meeting.

C. H. Bates.

WHOM SHALL I SEND?

I can bear emphatic witness to the truth of the testimony which says: "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work, to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith and tact will come as they put the armor on." I believe more would enter the canvassing work if they realized this truth. The Lord wants more canvassers for our books, and there are many who might re-

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ceive a rich blessing if they would cut loose from their moorings and launch out into undivided service for the Master.

Probably there are some who have considered the canvassing field and are inclined to think they ought to enter it, and if they could only assure themselves that success awaited them, they would; but they are afraid to make a start. They fear to face the rebuffs of the world, or are too timid to leave the neighborhood of their homes or the circle of their acquaintances, and face strangers. If any such chance to read this, let them turn to Heb. 11:8-10, and read what it was that enabled the "Father of the faithful" to obey God when he told him, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." Brother, is not a permanent residence in that "City that hath foundations" worth a little sacrifice to obtain? Not that we can obtain it by our works, but if we are God's and we refuse his call to service are we not in great danger of losing all?

Satan has many devices to keep us from the work; worldly entanglements, enticing offers, brilliant openings and lucrative positions, should have no influence with the child of God, while there is such great need of his service in the Master's vineyard. These things should only serve as a warning of the crafty presence of him who "knoweth that his time is short," and who, dreading to see the work completed which shall forever seal his doom, strives with great power to delay or stop the work.

The call is now going forth, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Who will have the courage to respond, "Here am I; send me"?

Chas. B. Plummer.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Elder F. M. Wilcox called at the office Wednesday, April 1st.

Brother and Sister H. E. Woodward, of Aspen, spent a couple of days in Denver last week.

Seventy-five thousand copies of the April Life Boat are to be sent to the prisoners throughout the United States; if you are to have a part in this work, do not delay.

Mrs. Elvira Cox, of Wray, sends twenty-five cents for a renewal of the Echoes and says: "I just cannot do without it."

Brother and Sister M. R. Proctor passed through Denver Tuesday, April 7, on their way to their new field of labor in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A quiet little wedding took place at the Tract Society office, Wednesday, April 1st, when J. H. Hardin and Miss Ida Christensen were united in marriage by Elder F. M. Wilcox.

Owing to the fact that the church building in Greeley is not yet completed, much of the time and attention of the members is taken up with that work. They have commenced the work for the Home Department.

Henriette Dowrick, of Arvada, writes: "Our Sabbath-school is getting along nicely now; our new church is almost finished, and when it is done we expect to grow much faster. We shall take up the home missionary work in the near future."

The Durango report says: "Our Sabbath-school is small; for so many moved away, but we are doing what we can to interest the people in the way of visiting, scattering literature and reading with them. Please send us some Home Department report blanks."

The Young Peoples' Society of Colorado Springs have placed the March Advocate in the hands of the school teachers of that district. The Denver church have distributed a considerable number in this district. We wish that every teacher in the state could have a copy of this number.

Our hearts are made glad to see the interest that is being taken in the Home Department of the Sabbath-school. This is truly a most important work and promises to yield a rich reward for the efforts expended. We sincerely trust that every school in the Conference will have its share in the harvest.

Grand Junction reports: "We have started the Home Department work here and have one little Sabbath-school in a home a short distance from town. There are several children from the outside that come in and we have a very interesting meeting each week. There are several other homes where we expect to start Sabbath-schools soon, and we believe, with the Lord's help, much good will be done."

Sister Brown, of Monte Vista, writes: "We are trying to increase the donations to foreign missions and have adopted the plan of saving all our collections, taking up a second donation to pay for supplies. Several are interested in our Sabbath-school. Tracts and papers are being scattered about the town and in the country. There was a very good attendance at Brother Mackintosh's meeting last week. Please send us some blanks for the Home Department work."

Sister Covert, of Victor Sabbath-school, writes: "We are making a special effort to distribute tracts, and we find one occasionally who is interested in our reading matter. Quite a number of Signs are being given out each week, and we extend invitations to our friends to accompany us to Sabbath-school, and many times with a favorable result. We have not done what we would like to in the Home Department work for the reason, I think, that the weather has been so unsettled, and it is hard to get around over these mountains. We hope, when the weather gets better, to renew our efforts in this line."

Elder Geo. O. States has commenced his labors in Greeley, where he will spend some time. His wife joined him Thursday, April 2. Brother States writes: "I was ordained to the gospel ministry on the Greeley camp ground, sixteen years ago. I often think of the early days of my labor in Colorado, and I am glad to still have a part in this message."

WANTED—A man for the summer, to work on a ranch; must be a good irrigator; a Sabbath keeper preferred. Address F. M. Hills, Villa Grove, Colo.

OBITUARY.

March 16, 1903, John A. Kisinger died at his home near Meeker, Colo., of confluent smallpox. John was young and strong, and as nearly every one in and about Meeker had the disease and recovered, his death came very unexpectedly. He had the esteem and respect of everyone. In September, 1901, he married Bertha French. When the Meeker church was organized John united with that body. He was buried on the top of a hill overlooking his home to await the coming life-giver.

C. M. French.