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Church School Government

Perhaps there is no question which has caused so much perplexity in church school work, as that of discipline. These lines are penned with the view of setting forth the principles of true government as they appear to the writer.

In the first place the teacher stands in the relation of parent to the children, which makes her duty to teach obedience, the same as that of a parent; therefore let us study the parent's duty to the children in this respect. God's original plan for this world was that man might have dominion and in government, be his representative. He created man in his own image and likeness in order that as "King of the world" he might administer the government after the order of heaven, and thus demonstrate the character of God's government. Although man lost his dominion by becoming Satan's servant, God's purpose has never changed. God so loved the world that he sent Jesus to seek and save that which was lost. "And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion." Micah 4:8. The "right to rule" is now being contested and the character of God's government is being judged. When the controversy is ended, the question will be settled for the entire universe. "What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." Nah. 1:9. "For I think that God hath set forth us the last apostles, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a theater unto the world, and to angels, and to men." 1 Cor. 4:9. (margin). We are called upon to be witnesses for God, Isa. 43: 10, ambassadors for the government of God, 2 Cor. 5: 20. God desires that the government in every family be patterned after the government of heaven, with the parents at the head, united in their plans and methods of administration, as God and Christ are united in the government of the universe.

In every family where this relation is maintained, heaven can be enjoyed here upon the earth. See Deut. 11: 18-21. But God requires strict obedience to all his commands and so should the parent. If the child is taught

reverence for the Word of God and faithfulness in obeying the parents' wishes, he will be the more ready to respond to the "still small voice" which is always ready to guide in the path of present duty. If the parents are not united in their object and methods of discipline, certain trouble is in store for the children. Parents should deal with their children as God deals with his. When they do wrong they should be corrected. The method employed should be governed by the character of the offence. In Rev. 3: 19 we read, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent." Read also Heb. 12: 5-6. From these texts we learn a part of God's method of dealing with his children. The same instruction is given to parents in the following texts: Prov. 13: 23; 19: 18; 23: 13. It may be necessary at times to use the rod in the correction of children. If so, it should be done in love, but well done. Once or twice will usually be as often as any child will have to be whipped, if the whipping is administered in the right spirit and at the right time. It is not love that will allow a child to disobey his parents rather than chastise him. But the use of the rod is not the only way of correcting disobedient children, and many times it might be avoided if other methods were properly followed.

Let us study Prov. 22: 6. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This text says, "Train" the child. The child is not to be left to his own natural inclinations, but is to be trained. But this training is all to be in one direction, "The way he should go," "In the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is one thing to train the child in the way he should go, and quite another to train him out of the way in which he should not go. This text says nothing about training the child out of the way in which he should not go. Take for illustration this thought:—

Harry is a bright active boy, full of mischief. His mother observes him playing in a tub of water, and calls out impatiently, "Harry stop playing in that water. Don't do that." Harry obeys, and his mother is satisfied to leave him to find something else to do. After a few minutes of searching, Harry finds an old hoe and begins digging where the ground is mellow of course. He is soon greeted by, "Harry, stop digging up my flowers. It is a pity you must always be into some mischief. You make your mother so much work."

Now the better way to have done when Harry was playing in the water, was to have called his attention to something which he could have done, and yet have been in the way in which he should have gone, instead of calling him out of the wrong way and leaving him to hunt his own way. This would have saved him from digging in the flowerbed. This method, properly employed, will teach the child to know and love the right way.

--To be continued.

Look Ye Out Men Among You.

The work with our publications in Kansas during the past year has been encouraging indeed. We have witnessed the old-time spirit being renewed, and now, brethren and sisters, let us not leave the work today or retrograde, but let us renew our courage and faith by learning at the feet of Jesus. There are those among us who need both help and encouragement to enter into active labor. Give them this help and pray with them that they may be blessed with courage and wisdom to go forth to the world as representatives of Christ's chosen.

Here is a work for our churches, hunting out, and sending out men and women to disseminate the light of salvation. We read that the secluded Waldensian churches were constantly educating and sending abroad representatives of the faith. Shall we, unto whom is committed this mighty message, do less? If circumstances are such that we can not go ourselves, are we helping to send a substitute? He who watches Israel and neither slumbers nor sleeps, will He not raise up co-laborers from among Israel? Ask for laborers and guidance in this matter, and the prayer of faith will certainly be answered. Christ himself gave us object lessons of what the work of his co-laborers should be—that of bringing sinners to repentance, and now as in the days of Noah, there is a wicked world to be warned. The Lord is pleading for the purchase of his blood. Do we feel an interest in souls?

An institute will soon be held in this conference and now is the time to begin to inquire, Whom shall we (the churches) send? The Lord is continually telling us of the great importance of this work. Shall we show our belief by the fruit we bear? May the dear Lord help each one to faithfully perform his part.

C. W. Hardesty.



**An Opportune Time
To Continue the Good Work.**

Even though you have sold a number of copies of that most helpful book "Christ's Object Lessons," it is still as important and as valuable a book as ever, so there should still be many copies sold. God designs that it should be a blessing to the people and they should still have opportunity of purchasing a copy. Now who should give the people the opportunity of having the book? Certainly we who know its value in the help and blessing it will be to every one who reads it, and also to the good cause (our colleges) that is being helped financially by its sale.

The writer during the last few weeks while spending several days selling the special "Signs", also carried a collection of books, selling quite a number especially of "Christ's Object Lessons." More than once was some such remark made as "I am so glad you came with these kind of books. I have been wanting some books of this kind and cannot get them in the book stores. There has been no one around here for so long with books." True this was in the west where it seems that now is an opportune time for selling our books while money is plenty there, but is it not also true that some everywhere are hungering for the very things these books contain? In the eastern and central parts of the state where there are more people, the population more dense, the people are more readily reached and thus there are more

opportunities presented for introducing the book.

The object of these few lines is to encourage every believer in present truth to make a special effort to sell more of these books in Kansas.

How to do it

The work that we have been doing with the Capital and Labor "Signs" presents a splendid opportunity to follow with the sale of this book. If you cannot go out giving certain days or hours of each week as a regular canvasser ALL can do something by the following plan. Go and spend an afternoon or an evening making a pleasant call or visit with some friend or neighbor, especially those to whom you have sold or given copies of the "Signs." It will not be difficult to call attention to the book "Object Lessons," if you have a copy with you.

Be sure to have the ammunition (the book) where you can put your hands on it; if it remains at home it will in all probability lie there unsold. The soldier who goes to war must have some of his supplies for battle with him. The merchant who sells goods is the one who shows them to the people. Would he sell much if he kept all of his goods under the counters or in the boxes? No! he puts his goods on exhibition and calls special attention to new articles that he has to sell. So brethren and sisters, let us not be ashamed to call the attention of the people to this important book that we have to sell. Showing it will sell it, not to every person, but there are persons everywhere who are waiting for the opportunity. Will we allow the Lord to lead us to them? Even though your neighborhood has been quite thoroughly worked, yet there are continually new families coming into every neighborhood so that many more of the books can be sold and thus not only the full quota but many more be sold in our conference.

Let the good work go on and not stop till the Lord shall say, "It is enough." The book is as good as ever and its sale as important, so let us not stop our efforts in its behalf until every person who can be persuaded to buy a copy, has one in his possession.

A. R. Ogden.



The Colored Church In Kansas City.

The enterprise has been a success, the home is completed, it is a neat building, constructed of good materials and all bills are paid and a small sum is left. Our colored brethren and sisters are very grateful for the favors thus shown by our people throughout the state.

The church will be dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 24. Eld. Sydney Scott will make all necessary arrangements for the services. Elders B. E. Huffman, J. W. Norwood, and I will be present on the occasion of the dedication. Services begin Sabbath the 23rd.

C. McReynolds.



Sabbath School Lesson Help

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Kansas Tract Society, Topeka, Kansas.

The Science Of Canvassing.

The canvassing work developed by this Denomination means much more than merely selling books. It means intelligent, God-fearing effort to save men and women. He who goes into the work without this high ideal will soon return a sadder, if not a wiser man. To this people has been committed the highest and noblest calling ever yet given to man—the work of heralding the last Gospel call, the Judgment message, to a doomed world; a work in which God the Father, Christ his Son, and all the loyal angels are actively engaged; while sinless beings in other worlds look on with amazement and joy.

While God has chosen the "Foolishness of preaching" to save men, he has, by the making of books in these last days, made it possible to place a whole series of sermons in every home, with only a little wisely directed effort, by any of his humble disciples. The science of canvassing, that is hunting out men, and making a personal appeal to them, is not something new. Did you ever think that God himself has canvassed, and re-canvassed this territory many times since the fall? Listen to what he says, "I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me". And again "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him".

In the closing Gospel work the case becomes so urgent that he says to his servants "Go ye quickly into the streets and lanes...the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in." While visibly on earth, he called his disciples "fishers of men", but in the closing struggle he wants "hunters" as well. Of those who are saved by the final effort put forth for the salvation of man, the prophet says, "And it shall come to pass in that day...ye shall be gathered one by one...and shall worship the Lord in the Holy Mountain at Jerusalem".

C. F. P.



Christlicher Hausfreund.

You have seen notice of the special issue of the German paper named above. It is designed to meet a demand among the German people similar to that which is met among the English by the special issue of the Signs of the Times. Our German people have taken hold nicely to assist in this movement with the Signs and they generally bear a good part in all missionary efforts that are started. Now, I wish to ask our American brethren and sisters in our churches, and those who are isolated also, to look about you and count up all of the German families in your neighborhood who read German literature, and would read a paper if it were printed in German, and then send in and get a copy of this paper for each family. God will bless you in becoming a missionary to your German neighbors. Invest a little in a direct effort for them.

God has provided the truth nicely printed in that language, so that you can give it to them and thus they will not have to wait till some German missionary or minister comes to them. Let us get in a hurry to get the Message to all nations. I am so glad I can take German papers and tracts to those to whom I can not talk the truth, and know I am placing in their hands the same truth which I long to talk to them about.

One of these papers will cost you five cents only, and ten will cost thirty cents, ten or more are three cents each. Come, brethren and sisters, send in your orders to the Kansas Tract Society, for enough to supply every German family near you. Just send for the German paper if you can not spell the name. Do not delay. Send now.

C. McReynolds.

What Is Being Accomplished.

A gentleman purchased a copy of the "Signs of the Times" from one of our sisters engaged in the Signs work here in Kansas City and became deeply interested. He found in it a list of books and pamphlets advertised and called into our office and purchased quite an assortment. A Catholic lady boarding at the same place as this gentleman, also read the literature he purchased and she, too, became much interested. The gentleman came in yesterday and secured a copy of "Heralds of the Morning". He came back again this morning for another copy. He told us how the lady became interested in it and as she was leaving for the west, insisted on taking a copy with her.

In less than an hour after this gentleman had left our office, the Pastor of the Christian church at Bonner Springs Kansas, came in and asked for a late copy of the Signs. He said he had received a copy of the paper and was much pleased with its contents. He is editing a paper in connection with his church work and said he found occasion to weave into his paper some of the good things he found in the Signs.

We received a letter Sunday from Mr. John H. Frank D. D., editor of a Baptist paper at Louisville, Ky., requesting that the Signs of the Times be sent to him regularly. He had received a few copies and liked it very much. These are a few of the many interesting cases called to our attention, but recently. We can not tell what a work a single tract or paper will accomplish. Such incidents as the ones above given should encourage us to greater activity in sending forth our good literature.

Dec. 30, 1903.

Jas. Cochran.



**Our Little "Bible Training School" Here In Hiawatha
Closed Thursday Dec., 24, 1903.**

Elder Trubey, our instructor, has given us some valuable instructions on the "Prophecies" and many other important subjects which we have appreciated very much. Now the height of our ambition is to put into practice that which we have learned, by giving it out to others, so that they may be edified by it, and brought to a saving knowledge of the "Third Angle's Message."

We made a word and sentence study of the book of Romans which was perhaps the most valuable of all. This method not only broadens the mind in regard to "Present Truth," but helps the inexperienced student to search for hidden treasures in God's word, for himself. Dear reader, have you ever tried this method? If not, begin at once and see if you do not find it so.

Although we have been quite busy with our class work, yet we have found time to visit the homes of the people, get Bible readers and also to engage in selling some of the special number of the Signs. For myself I can say that I have enjoyed selling the Signs. By the help of the Lord, I sold 225 papers, amounting to \$11.25 in about six hours work, May the Lord help us all to do with our might what our hands find to do.

Minnie Wheeler.



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