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Educational.

The Relation The Teacher Should Sustain to the Class.

This, as well as every other branch of Sabbath-school work, should receive our most careful attention. When rightly conducted, the Sabbath-school is a powerful factor in leading our children to God. We are told that our Sabbath-schools fall far short of having the influence for good that they might have. So let us seek the best means of reaching a higher plane.

Just as a machine consists of different parts, each having its work to perform, so the school consists of classes, each having its part to perform in the work of the school. Then putting the work of all the classes together we have the work of the school. How important that the class be conducted with a right ideal in view.

The superintendent has a very important position and has much to do with the carrying out of right ideas, but without the co-operation of the teachers, he is helpless.

The teacher should be the lead-

ing spirit in the class. His should be the mind which has gone ahead and located the difficulties before they arrived, leading the minds of the children through difficulties and temptations to higher ground and putting the standard on a high level.

Now as the school consists of the classes that compose it, then the standard of those classes will be standard of the school.

The training of the mind of a child is one of the nicest, most delicate pieces of work which we can undertake. Not only does it affect his life for the time being, but the training which he receives decides his destiny for all eternity. Not only is the one child affected, but upon all with whom he comes in contact does his training have its influence. "Study therefore to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Let us teach in such a way only as will lead upward.

I believe that most of us have known some person whom we deemed a good example to follow. Some child may be copying you in this way. If children love their teacher, they are quite likely to follow his or her example. Is it not important then that our daily lives should point all around us to the great Pattern? In order to do this the teacher must put self out of sight. Our lives should be given up entirely, and thoroughly consecrated to his will. Unless we do this, how can we represent God's character to those around us?

"One thing is certain, there is too little of the spirit of love among Seventh day Adventists both in church and Sabbath-school work. The workers and learners aim for too low a standard. All need to be enlarged, to have higher and holier aspirations, to inhale a purer

atmosphere. If we teach the truth as it is in Jesus, religion will not be regarded as a drudgery, but as a delight. Let the teachers bring sunshine, gratitude, and hearts full of tenderness and Christlike compassion and leaven the hearts of their scholars with the spirit of unselfish love, for this is the spirit that pervades heaven." Special Testimonies.

The teacher should set a right example before his class in spirit, deportment, and dress. He should represent true religion before those over whom he has charge. They must behold the true, fresh, joyous religion of Jesus Christ if they are to be won to him.

"The precious lessons of truth must not be taught in a tame, listless way, but lifegiving power must be found in our efforts to win souls to Christ."

In our teaching and in all our relations to the class, let us follow the example of the Saviour. When Jesus spoke to the people, they were astonished at his doctrine, for "he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." I think the teaching of the scribes was like ours is too often. "Their loftiest models of public instruction consisted only in going through unmeaning ceremonies and in the repetition of the opinions of men." We should not undertake to substitute for the word of God our own opinions and surmisings. The teaching of Jesus expressed the weightiest ideas and the most sublime truths in the simplest language, and we are told, "the common people heard him gladly." So if we will teach as he taught, bringing sympathy and love into our teaching, we may win the children to God.

Many things will arise to try us, but under all circumstances let us

manifest self-control, kindness, and love. By patience let us retain the affections of the children and let them know that our whole desire is to do them good. "Show the scholars that we have confidence in them. Visit them in their homes and invite them to our homes. Let it be seen that we love them, not only in word, but in deed and in truth."

The more we study, the broader we will find our mission to be. So let us strive to fill the place which God has given us to the best of our ability. So may we be able some day when we shall stand before the throne of God to say: "Lo here am I, Lord, and the children whom thou hast given me."

LESLIE AVERY.

How Can Our Church-school Pupils Be Won to Christ?

(concluded.)

We are told by the Lord in "Education" page 244, that "Fathers and mothers and teachers need to appreciate more fully the responsibility and honor that God has placed upon them in making them, to the child, the representatives of himself." How necessary then that the teacher present to her pupils an example which they can safely follow. It is a fact known to all that children are great imitators, and also that their minds are like wax to receive impressions but like marble to retain them. How important, then, that the impressions which the pupils receive of God's character as presented by the teacher be correct.

A teacher should always be intimate with each pupil, should take an interest in all their sports and in whatever interests them; in fact, should be one with them: still there should always be that Godly dignity about the teacher which will show to her pupils that in perfecting character there is something beyond them to strive for. There should always be an unseen but felt influence exerted by the teacher which the pupils can not resist. The teacher should be courteous to

all, kind, gentle, patient, firm,—in fact, should manifest all those traits which make up God's character, for the pupils read in their teacher an exposition of His character, and their desire to serve Him will be largely influenced by their teacher's deportment. Let the pupils see from their teacher's dealings with them that, while God deals gently and patiently with the sinner, he also deals firmly, and that "right knows no compromise with wrong." Teach them that each wrong receives its just reward. Above all, let the teacher remember the old adage, "Actions speak louder than words." "Order, thoroughness, punctuality, self-control, a sunny temper, evenness of disposition, self-sacrifice, integrity, and courage are essential qualifications." "Education" page 277.

Another essential, and one which it seems hardly necessary to mention, is co-operation between parents and teacher. "In all that concerns the well-being of the child it should be the effort of parents and teachers to co-operate." "Education" page 283. The teacher who has the hearty co-operation of the parents stands in a fair way to success. Without this, although they may succeed in leading the pupils to Christ, they are, nevertheless, greatly handicapped. The teacher and parents should counsel and pray together, and the parents should give to the teacher the benefit of their knowledge of the children's characters and physical peculiarities. There should exist between them that natural understanding which will enable them all to work for the children's best good.

Surely we cannot overestimate the importance of personal work as a means of converting our pupils. In "Education" pages 231, 232, we read these words: "In all true teaching the personal element is essential. Christ in his teaching dealt with men individually. It was by personal contact and association that he trained the

twelve. It was in private, often to but one listener, that he gave His most precious instruction. . . . The same personal interest, the same attention to individual development, are needed in educational work to-day."

The writer at one time at the close of school put this question to a small class of young people: "What during the year has helped you most spiritually?" One gave this answer: "The talks you have had with me and the Bible lessons." Another one also made mention of the personal work done with her by the teacher.

In personal work we should ever remember these words of Solomon: "A word spoken in due season, how good is it!" "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." And especially let us remember these words: "A time to keep silence, and a time to speak." Let us be careful to discern the needs of each pupil and be always ready to speak a word in "due season." The writer has found that praying with a pupil is a potent factor for good. In these heart-to-heart talks and in thus leading them into the presence of God, hearts can be reached that are otherwise impregnable.

To review, we would say that there are five things especially necessary if we would win our pupils to Christ: a realization of the object of the school and the responsibility of the teacher; prayer; a Godly example set by the teacher; co-operation between parents and teacher; and personal work.

In conclusion I wish to express my thankfulness to God for the privilege I have had of working for the children and youth. "It is a grand work to reform but a grander to form." May the Lord ever prosper this branch of his work, is my prayer.

GILBERT J. ILES.

"A keen, sharp intellect may be an advantage, but the power of the educator is in heart connection with the Light of Life of the world."

Financial.

April Tithe Receipts.	
Allendale	\$ 26 49
Allegan	45 63
Ainger	11 52
Agnew	14 51
Battle Creek	786 37
Burlington	8 55
Bauer	2 70
Belding	7 76
Berrien Springs	64 15
Benton Harbor	56 45
Bedford	43 91
Byron Center	10 13
Bangor	12 80
Cedar Lake	76 79
Charlotte	47 19
Carlton Center	49 83
Carson City	31 20
Coldwater	23 42
Clifford Lake	26 42
Douglas	26 81
Dimondale	29 94
Denver	8 80
Eaton Rapids	8 82
Edmore	48 81
Emerald	3 40
Fremont	18 80
Frost	12 78
Grand Rapids	76 51
Glenwood	1 40
Grand Ledge	4 30
Gowen	5 10
Grandville	25 53
Greenville	130 62
Homer	17 83
Hastings	8 87
Individual	16 20
Kalamazoo	14 55
Kinderhook	20 10
Kent City	23 66
Lowell	29 06
Lakeview	29 27
Lyons	8 53
Maple Grove	48 40
Medical Department	25 00
Mt. Pleasant	7 27
Muskegon	16 45
Mecosta	8 24
Monterey	27 50
Otsego	151 19
Orange	55 00
Paw Paw	40 82
Potterville	55 50
Quincy	253 41
Rothbury	39 86

Shelby	10 13
Sand Lake	25 40
Trufant	10 30
Vermontville	16 70
Wright	96 85
West Leroy	12 46
	2815 99

April Receipts.

Tithe	\$2815 99
Sabbath-school Offerings	129 92
On Account	173 84
Merchandise	24 03
Weekly Offerings	91 48
Mission Board Offerings	23 12
Religious Liberty Offerings	27 35
Haskell Home	124 01
Acre Fund	1 00
Southern Missionary Society	4 52
Porto Rico Mission	30
Nashville Sanitarium	1 50
Cedar Lake Academy	9 75
Self-denial Fund	1 10
Washington Fund	14 71
C. O. L. Fund	51 25
West Michigan Herald	1 25
Barotsland Mission	10 38
Educational Department	5 42
	3,510 92

Dedication of the Mercedes Room Michigan Home for Girls.

One of the most impressive experiences in connection with the Home work occurred April 14, when four members of this missionary club came from Battle Creek to arrange and dedicate the room they had furnished. The furniture had been sent on ahead some days before and all that was to be done was to put things in place and hang the curtains and pictures. The room is done in blue and white and is a pure, sweet resting place for the dear soul-sick girls who occupy it. After the room was all ready, the young ladies, with the members of the family and the two girls to use it, assembled together and Mrs. McKee read the 103rd Psalm. Then all sang "Scatter Sunshine." The purpose of such work and the blessing of God in so directing the

minds of His children were spoken of by the matron; and Miss West, the president of the club, in a few well-chosen remarks presented the room to the Home, and especially to the girls present. Prayer was offered and "Not I but Christ" was sung. There were wet eyes in that room as the hallowed presence of the Lover of Sinners was perceptibly felt.

The dear, brown-eyed girl who came to us from Battle Creek for help is proving herself worthy of the shelter of this room, and while a great sufferer, is patient and loves to hear of Jesus, her Saviour. While in great distress one evening, she reached out her hand to Mrs. McKee and begged her to pray, as she suffered so much. After prayer she lay quiet and rested well all night, and has been able to bear more patiently her sufferings since.

The Samaritan Club, also of Battle Creek, is to furnish a room soon. A wealthy lady of this city is to furnish a room herself for some needy girl, and soon the rooms will all be ready to shelter those who need our help and instruction. Classes in Bible and physiology will be conducted all summer in connection with our house work, gardening, and general agricultural work, in which all will take part. The fruit canning season will soon be at hand, and fruit will be put up for sale, as some have donated fruit for this purpose. The great interest in the school work has been a remarkably encouraging feature of this Home enterprise, and souls are finding the Lord and are preparing for active missionary work. Three dear ones who have been saved through this work are to-day in active and blessed work for Jesus. Others are in process of preparation and in soul-growth, and only the Master who knows us all can see how many more will be co-workers with Him.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

News and Notes.

The Cedar Lake Academy closing exercises will be held Thursday evening, May 18.

Brother Fred Hutchinson, who has recently connected with the work in Grand Rapids, made our office a pleasant call Thursday.

Elder W. E. Videto spent Sabbath, May 6, with the Grand Ledge church; May 13, he gave a study at Otsego upon the subject of the Holy Spirit.

Sister Ida Dunlap spent Sabbath at Sand Lake in the interests of the work in the South. Sister Edith Bruce, of Grand Rapids, and Brother Merriam were also present. Two exceptionally good meetings were held.

Under date of May 9, Brother E. F. Collier writes: "I am pleased to report two wonderful conversions as the result of my labors at Kinderhook. Two bright, vigorous souls have given themselves completely to God and his saving truth. They were baptized in George Lake last Thursday by Elder Hebner, and their names were added to the church records the same day. I expect to go to the vicinity of Sherwood to-morrow."

One letter from the editor, dated Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C., May 12, has been received, from which we quote:

"We arrived here Wednesday at 5:15 p. m. We met Elders W. D. Parkhurst, D. T. Bourdeau, Jacob Hofstra, M. N. Campbell, and Mabel Jaffray in Kalamazoo and decided to come via Grand Trunk and Lehigh Valley R. R. At 4 a. m. Tuesday we arrived at Niagara Falls and spent until 10:20 a. m. looking around that great American wonder. Reached Philadelphia at 9:15, where we remained over night and until 2:15 p. m. Wednesday. We visited the city and saw many points

of interest. We had a very nice trip all the way. Several Battle Creek people and the East Michigan and North Michigan Conference people were in our crowd.

"Meeting commenced yesterday. Sister White is here and spoke at the first meeting. The first meeting was good, and they are getting better all the time. Many workers from foreign fields are here and this will certainly be a missionary conference.

"At the meeting this forenoon over \$5,000.00 was given to the work in Washington.

"Takoma Park is beautiful.

"It is very warm here and I am tired.

"Will try to have something for the HERALD."

Battle Creek.

Brother and Sister E. R. Palmer gave us a short call one day last week as they were passing through Battle Creek on their way to attend the General Conference.

Those from Battle Creek who are in attendance at the General Conference at Washington, D. C., are Elders A. T. Jones, S. H. Lane, H. Nicola, Judge Jesse Arthur, Mrs. Minnie Harnden, Mrs. May Calhoun, Mrs. S. J. Wentworth, Miss Mary Olmstead, Mrs. Wells and J. P. Larsen.

At 2:30 o'clock, Sabbath afternoon, occurred the funeral of Mrs. Sarah B. Whipple, which removes from our midst one of the mothers in Israel of this church. She and her husband came to Battle Creek in the early days of the message, and remained its staunch and true friends to the last. They were both very active in every good word and work. Brother Whipple died two years ago. Words of comfort were spoken by Eld. I. D. VanHorn, after which her remains were laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery, where so many of the pioneers of this work are at rest, there to await the resurrection.

The regular preaching service hour at the Tabernacle on Sabbath was occupied by the Rev. G. W. Morrow, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Michigan, assisted by a Male Quartet, which is traveling with him. He spoke in an earnest and interesting way concerning the work of the Organization, what they were doing and what they hope to accomplish. They hope through a federation of the churches and a popular sentiment in favor of the suppression of the liquor traffic, to obliterate the saloon through legislative enactment. The music was appropriate and excellently rendered.

Sanitarium.

An interesting sight in our palm garden is a thrifty banana plant which is putting out a vigorous bunch of bananas.

Brother James Abegg left this week for Oregon, where he will continue in the colporteur work which he has performed so faithfully while with us.

Rev. Wm. Pierce of Indiana, well known to Review readers, is with us again and preached a most interesting sermon Sabbath forenoon. His talks in the various religious services are always helpful.

Miss Jessie Ackerman, the noted author and traveler, is spending some time with us. Her addresses have been most interesting, especially the one given Sunday evening on "Eight Hundred Miles Through Iceland on Horseback."

Professor Samuel Seigel gave a farewell entertainment in the gymnasium Saturday evening. He was assisted by Miss Elizabeth Reed, impersonator; and J. Worth Allen, guitar. Mr. Seigel's entertainments have been much appreciated and enjoyed by the Sanitarium family.