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GENERAL ARTICLES.

DISCIPLINE.

BY ELDER G. W. COLCORD.

To discipline is to train, to teach, to control. All who thus guide disciples under their direction are disciplinarians. God the Father and Christ the Son are perfect disciplinarians. Holy angels and saints of the Lord are also true teachers in the great school of piety. To be enrolled as members of God's great universal school of religion is to be placed upon probation. P-r-o-b-a-t-i-o-n! a condition sure to result in eternal consequences—to some, everlasting life; to others, never ending death.

Inhabitants of this world, of other worlds, and of heaven itself, have experienced the solemnities of a disciplinary probation; and Christ, our blessed Redeemer, with His great heart swelling in love for our race, consented to receive the severest discipline, that He might bring many sons and daughters unto glory.

Assenting to the foregoing, all should be more than willing, should be *anxious to successfully* pass through a heart-searching school of discipline. The Author of all good has willed this for our benefit; and therefore, he that fails to "stand in the judgment" proves thereby that he has failed in his work

in the great school of Christ—failed to receive, or submit to, that process of divine discipline that was intended to develop in his soul a character meet for the judgment.

All must receive discipline—the man wearing a crown of gray hairs, that noble couple standing in the blaze of life's meridian sun, the frolicsome lad with his winsome lass, masters and misses, young children, and even infants—all, all must submit to the tests of life.

They ripen our hearts for weal or woe, as they come to us in public life, in social life, and in private life—wisely used, weal; unwisely used, woe.

Mothers, are you wise disciplinarians when you hire your little ones to cease crying, paying them in cookies and candies? Does not discipline, at times, consist, at least in part, of correction, of punishment? *Yes it does*; for so declare good sound judgment, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the Holy Bible. If we "spare the rod," in certain cases, "we spoil the child."

Sabbath-school and day-school teachers, how goes the battle with you? Do you maintain good order? If not, are you faithful?

Wherever in life we are brought into contact with members of our race, young or old, if it falls to our lot to act the part of a disciplinarian, we should always insist upon maintaining good order; for when order is lost, all is lost (as a rule), the angels of God's presence leave us, and we are left in darkness. Here is the principal reason given why so many families, State schools, church schools, Sabbath-schools, yes, and even churches, are compelled to write "*Failure*," on the blackened pages of their confused history.

But some uninformed, or misinformed members of the church are ready to

lift up "holy (?) hands of horror," asking, "O, you don't believe in using executive authority in the church, *do you?*"

Our answer is, *Yes!* most assuredly, *yes!* "Order is heaven's first law;" hence any person or organization that fails to maintain good order is out of harmony with high heaven itself, and will sooner or later, realize that a loss has been incurred. In the rulings of Providence, the Lord is infinitely strict; he is infinitely kind; and therefore God's discipline is well-balanced and is sure to prove a real blessing to all. It is no blessing to allow a child ~~to grow to maturity without proper~~ discipline. It is a benefit to no one to allow youths to bring confusion into the day-school, the Sabbath-school or the church. Adults should "set the copy,"—no, they should *follow* the copy already set by Christ the Lord; then when the younger members of society are seen following, grown people need not regret that such an example has been given.

Still some persist in asserting that parents should *never* use the rod; that a Christian president of a Christian college should never expell a student; and that a Christian church should never disfellowship one of its members for any cause whatsoever.

Such statements are misleading. Carefully study John 15:2, 6, "Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he (the Father) taketh away." How does the Father remove it? "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned."

[To be continued.]

The reports of "Convention Day," we believe, will be of interest to all our readers. Note the advanced steps which are being taken in the various Sabbath-schools.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

Duties of Individual Members.

BY MARY O. RICE.

A whole is equal to the sum of all its parts. The individual member is as necessary a factor in the Sabbath-school as is the officer or teacher. Without the sympathy and hearty co-operation of the school as a whole the leaders in this work for God can not do successfully the work he has given into their hands.

We have learned that the true object of Sabbath-school work is soul-saving. Perhaps in the past you have heard much of the responsibility of officers and teachers in this matter, and it is well, for God especially calls them to this work for him. But is not this same duty—precious privilege, rather—given to each servant? Does not His Word say “to every man according to his several ability?” This includes the little children as well as those who have been longer in the way; for we read that “Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.” Prov. 20:11. By our words and actions we are speaking either for Christ or against him. “He that gathereth not with me scattereth.” We cannot escape this solemn responsibility.

The Lord designed the Sabbath-school to bring priceless blessings to each one. But in order to receive the fullness of blessing he has for us, we must make careful preparation of the lesson during the week, earnestly seeking not only to get the Bible facts stored up in the mind, but to grasp the deep spiritual lessons God would teach us. Set apart a little time each day for this study. Parents, gather your children about you and study with them. Make the study of God’s Word a delight—not an irksome duty. Let the precious promise of the lesson be committed to memory by both parents and children. Ask the children to repeat them when at the table or about the duties of the day. The Word of God will thus be indelibly printed upon their hearts.

If you study the lesson at the worship hour, do not devote that time to the grown people to the exclusion of the children’s lesson. Rather let theirs come first, and find some other time for yours if necessary. Do not say you haven’t time. What is more important? Job says: “I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.”

As young people we must not neglect Bible study. We should improve the opportunities we now have of becoming acquainted with our Father by the earnest, faithful study of His Word. Thus only shall we be able to “give an answer to every man that asketh” us the reason for our hope. Thus only shall we be clad with that whole armour of God which will enable us to stand in that day. “Take the Word of God as Truth, as a living, speaking voice to you, and obey faithfully every requirement.

Always open your Bible with a prayer to God for the leading of his spirit. He promises wisdom in answer to the prayer of faith. Prayer is not only a duty, but a precious privilege. Do not pray selfishly. Remember to ask God’s blessing upon those that bear responsibility in the Sabbath-school. Remember especially your Sabbath school teacher. How he would be comforted and encouraged to know his students were praying for him.

With what gladness of heart will the Sabbath be welcomed when the week has thus been spent in communion with God. Sabbath evening can be spent in quiet happy family devotion. The lesson only needs to be reviewed, and every one is ready for the Sabbath. There is no hurry and bustle Sabbath morning to snatch a few moments for lesson study. The home duties can be quietly and orderly done—for our God is a God of order—and all are ready for Sabbath-school on *time*.

The children will not need to be urged to go, for what child is not glad to recite a well learned lesson and talk of the Father in Heaven, whom he loves as a personal friend. And children who have older grown manifest much the same spirit.

Then with hearts at peace with God and breathing a prayer for his special blessing, we go to Sabbath-school to meet with God, taking his angels with us. There will be no lingering about the door for idle chat, but parents and children will come in together and take their places remembering that “God is in heaven and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.” (Eccl. 5:2) What an inspiration for officers and teachers! And does it not add to the joy of heaven? If the individual members were thus faithful and devoted and always on time, it might not sometimes be so difficult a matter to find willing workers for officers and teachers.

When the opening song is announced every one is glad to join in singing the praises of God. Jesus is pleased

to hear the children’s voices mingling in these songs of praise. Do you not remember how they sang “Hosanna to the Son of David” in the temple? Is it not an act of disrespect to sit in our seats during this service unless compelled to do so by feebleness? If you cannot sing, you can at least rise and do your part to preserve the orderly appearance of God’s house.

While one offers prayer, let every heart send up their silent petitions and every knee be bowed before our Maker. Would not God be pleased to have even the little children taught to kneel during the prayer service?

With lessons well learned, how gladly will the members of the classes gather for the recitation. They will be glad to invite their friends to come and enjoy this blessing with them. The teacher will find responsive hearts and ready answers. The stranger in the class will find some one at his side with a Bible ready to assist him in finding the places because they are familiar with them. He will be cordially invited to come again. So much can be done by the devoted student to interest and encourage the discouraged and indifferent ones. Do not forget to speak the encouraging word to your teacher. Tell him how you enjoyed the lesson. Encourage the officers by your appreciation and friendly suggestions.

My dear student, did you ever stop to think how much you can do to make the Sabbath-school a power in this blessed work of soul-saving? Engage actively in all the exercises of the hour and you will not only receive a blessing, but will be a blessing to others. Your attention to Christian duty will lighten the labors and encourage the hearts of officers and teachers. Without your co-operation the Sabbath-school cannot be the missionary field God would have it.

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men for ye serve the Lord Christ. Col. 3:23, 24.

CONVENTION REPORTS.

Florence.

Our convention was a decided success, every one trying to the best of their ability to make it interesting. The readings brought out some of the very best of thoughts, and may each hearer be granted strength from on high to profit by them.

Sister Lida Moore is with us and finds a great work to do in Florence. Dr. Hills spent two days here last week, and spoke two evenings. He

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also buried four dear souls in baptism. This is Dr. Hills' first visit here, and our prayers go with him as he goes to labor in Leadville.

Since the church building is now off from the hill, those who are not of our number, feel more free to visit us. Our little company is growing, and we now have fifty-one members in our Sabbath-school.

LUCY D. KIMMELL, Clerk.

Durango.

July 19 being appointed as "Convention Day," our little school met and devoted two hours to the convention, using the program sent us by the Conference. Brother Kennedy conducted the meeting.

The most of the subjects were well discussed, and we all received much good. We hope in the future to see fruits borne as a result of the convention. The children took an active part in singing, speaking and reading, and they enjoyed it.

We have a very interesting school. It is not very large as some are dropping out, but we are glad to see new ones coming in. We are looking forward to the camp-meeting, hoping to see much good done here. Remember the Sabbath-school of Durango at the throne of grace.

MRS. J. L. BARKHURST.

Leadville.

"Convention Day" was a day long to be remembered by the little company at Leadville. The forenoon session opened by Scripture reading and prayer. "The work of the Sabbath-school," "A child missionary," "How to improve our school," "Teaching," "True Sabbath observance," and "God's love," were subjects that were considered. There were many good lessons to be learned.

The children took part by singing and reciting poems appropriate for the occasion. We felt the presence of the Holy Spirit from the beginning. At the close, the superintendent and the church elder spoke a few minutes of the benefits to be derived from this convention. All present seemed greatly impressed, and many expressed a greater determination to press forward in the Sabbath-school work. The tears that were shed that day expressed a joy too deep for words. The future will reveal the results of this convention.

ALMA MOORE, Sec.

Wray.

On the day appointed by the Conference as "Convention Day," the Wray church assembled at the appoint-

ed hour and proceeded with the program in a very creditable manner, with one additional feature, that of an exercise by the children, in the forenoon. They did excellently both in exercise and song. All were agreeably surprised at the way the different subjects were handled and discussed by the older ones, showing that thoughtful, earnest and energetic efforts had been put forth to advance the cause of Christ; to unite us more closely and to hasten that glad day when Jesus shall come to claim his own.

One of the most interesting and instructive features of the day was the opening of the question box. All felt free to discuss the different questions, and a general, good, home-like time was enjoyed by all present.

There were several visitors present, and all expressed themselves as well pleased with the convention, hoping to have more of them in the future.

A. M. DORMAN, Sup't.

Pueblo.

The convention held proved to be one of the best ever held at this place. The program suggested by Dr. Hills was followed. Two sessions were held, the first from 10 to 12 a. m., and the second from 2 to 5:50 p. m. A spirit of unity and earnestness was manifested throughout the meeting. At no time was a spirit of controversy manifested.

There were two papers written on each subject. These were well discussed.

One of the principal thoughts brought out in the beginning of the convention was, that the Sabbath-school work means a close personal work on the part of each individual.

The papers on the Sabbath-school offerings were very interesting. It was shown in these that for a person to become interested in anything, they must know something of it. To increase the interest, the knowledge must be increased. So to increase the offerings for missions, we must know the needs of the mission fields.

Brotherly love, faithfulness in the study of the lessons, cheerfulness, and promptness on the part of each member were shown to be essential to make the school what it should be.

The opening of the question box was an interesting feature of the program. The questions were well discussed, and were of interest and profit to all.

The convention was indeed a feast of good things.

LEROY W. HARVEY, Sec.

Union Convention.

The Ni Wot and Hygiene Sabbath-schools joined with the company at Longmont in a union convention, Sabbath, July 19. Nature granted us a beautiful day, and the friends came in early, ready to make the most of this opportunity for a step forward in Sabbath-school work.

The program suggested for "Convention Day" was made the basis of the day's study. A good interest was manifested, each school providing a part of the program, and all joining in the discussion. The young people were encouraged to take an active part and did so.

Brother Merton Farnsworth of Longmont was leader of the morning session, while Brother Post of Ni Wot presided in the afternoon.

Some good thoughts were presented on the missionary idea in the Sabbath-school donations. We gleaned the following:

"A real love for God in the heart precedes a willing offering. We need to be intelligent on the subject of missions. Their needs should be frequently presented and a keen interest maintained both in the home and Sabbath-school. This may be accomplished by frequently taking a few moments of Sabbath-school time for a missionary exercise, studying conditions in foreign lands, relating experiences of missionaries, using maps and illustrations."

More attention was given to the study of needs of the Sabbath-school from the student's point of view, duties of individual members, and how to make workers and teachers of our young people, than to the work of officers and teachers. We trust to see as the result, a more lively interest on the part of individual members; greater faithfulness in daily Bible study and preparation of lessons; and a spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness between the older and younger members of the schools.

Each of the companies represented have old tried workers among them and should be training grounds for recruits.

We are thankful for "Convention Day" and shall endeavor to fall into line when another is appointed.

MARY O. RICE, Sec.

CAMP MEETING.

The west side Grand Valley camp-meeting will be held at Fruita, Aug. 20-31. Send me your orders for tents at once that all may be supplied and none disappointed.

H. M. J. RICHARDS, Ouray, Colo.

NOTES AND ITEMS.

Look for more convention reports in the next issue.

Sister Celia Green has gone East for a few weeks to take a much needed rest.

Dr. Hills has begun a series of meetings at Leadville, and reports the outlook as encouraging.

The Durango camp-meeting immediately follows the Monte Vista meeting, and we trust, will be well attended.

Brother Grant Adkins, traveling agent for Pacific Press in this district, has just recently returned from the Pacific Coast.

With this issue, Elder Colcord has begun a short series of articles on educational work. We hope they will not only be carefully read but studied.

We understand that there is a good interest at Idaho Springs and Georgetown to hear the truth, and Sister McDonald has all that she can do.

Miss Eunice Jones of Boulder arrived in Denver the 1st inst., after having had a pleasant visit in California, and called at the office for a few minutes on her return home.

Elder Svensson has been in attendance at the Monte Vista camp-meeting during the past week, after which he expected to return to Aspen to complete his work in that place.

One of the Longmont convention papers appears in this issue, and we especially urge all Sabbath-school workers to give it a most *careful* reading. Other papers will appear in future issues.

Sister Minnie Proctor expects soon to leave the Cripple Creek district and visit her old home in Iowa. She has felt the need of a change in altitude for sometime, and we trust this will prove very beneficial to her health.

If you find some brother or sister who knows nothing about the recent "Convention Day," just present him with a sample copy of the ECHOES, and ask him for 25 cents for one year's subscription. 'Tis folly to be ignorant when 'tis easy to be wise.

The publishers of the *Little Friend* and *Signs* write us that many subscriptions to these periodicals are expiring in our Conference. We trust they will be renewed promptly, for no Sabbath-school can afford to be without *Our Little Friend*, and no missionary society can do the most effectual work without the *Signs*.

Get Thyself a Teacher.

This was a Jewish maxim. It should be a proverb in every Seventh-day Adventist church and family. "Jerusalem was destroyed because the education was neglected." The church will be lost unless the children are educated. Now is the time to get a teacher. The summer assembly at Berrien Springs, Mich., will train teachers. Every person qualified to teach should be pressed into the service now. Any church which has not procured a teacher should cast about for a person of ability. Search your own ranks carefully. Encourage the young people to prepare for teaching. Two thousand teachers should be training Seventh-day Adventist children and youths in America alone.

The Foreign Mission Board want 100 teachers for foreign missions.

The announcement of the assembly convening June 12 to August 20 will tell you all about it. Remember that an offer is made to students this year which excels anything that has ever been done for them in the past.

Tuition is free; rent is free, and board is served on the European plan. Some Conferences are going to pay the railroad fare of their teachers to the assembly. This shows that they deem it worth while to attend. Those who have taught church schools and those who want to teach in any of our schools should attend.

The last ten days—August 10 20—the assembly will become an educational convention in which every teacher should have a part. Send for a copy of the announcement, read it and talk about it to all persons qualified to enter the work as teachers.

Address, E. A. SUTHERLAND,
Berrien Springs, Mich.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Unanswerable propositions" is the title of A. G. L. No. 73, and is a clear and concise treatise on the objections to the Sabbath. It is a good tract to place in the hands of those who are halting between two opinions. Price, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

"Two Questions Answered" is the last number of A. G. L. and one of the best. The subject is taken up under two heads—"What did Christ not Abolish," and "What did Christ Abolish?" A clear line is drawn by the writer between that which was done away at the cross and that which God has said was eternal. Read it and circulate it widely. Price, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.

"An Appeal to Baptists" is the newest tract in the B. S. L. The appeal is made from the Baptist's standpoint and magnifies the noble and Biblical principles of the Baptist faith, appealing to the denomination to stand by

their faith in practice as well as in theory. It is just the tract for your Baptist neighbors who disregard God's law in their lives, while professing in their creed to uphold it. Price, 1 cent.

An Experience.

I have carefully read the tract called "The Name," and circulated many of them while traveling, receiving many responses such as "Thank you," "That is a good work," and "I will read it and hand it to someone else." I have seen it read by young and old and then carefully treasured. It is indeed a message to those seeking deliverance from any evil habit. All about us are those who need such deliverance. Brethren, let us circulate this good tract. Price, 1 cent post-paid. Order of Colorado Tract Society.

O. E. CUMMINGS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All canvassers are requested to send weekly reports to Eld. M. Mackintosh at Monte Vista, Colo. This does not mean that you are not to report to this office, but that you are to make out two reports each week, mailing one to him and one to us.

Those who are expecting to canvass or know of anyone who is contemplating this work, please address Eld. Mackintosh, as he should be in touch with every agent who is handling our publications in the Colorado Conference, and he cannot be unless he is informed. COLO. TRACT SOCIETY.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Hilda Fritson died at her home in Victor on the evening of July 18, at the age of 47. She suffered much for several weeks with neuralgia of the stomach and bowels, which finally went to her heart. She was kind, loving and patient during her illness, and was conscious to the last. She died easy and peacefully, and I believe she sleeps in Jesus. I found her in the fall of 1900 while selling the "Signs." She became interested at once, soon subscribed for the paper, and then I began to study the Bible with her. She was so hungry for the truth and accepted it as it came to her. She was a devoted Christian and a faithful observer of the Sabbath for about one year and a half, although she never had an opportunity of uniting with our church. She had such a bright Christian experience when a very young child and united with the Baptist church. She leaves a husband and many friends to mourn her loss but not as those without hope. Funeral services were conducted by the Swedish Lutheran minister. MINNIE T. PROCTOR.

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