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## A Teacher's Reverie.

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TEACHER DIVINE! Can I teach souls of Thee?  
No hand of clay can grasp th' ethereal truth,  
Upon the swift and subtle spirit of youth  
No mortal lips can breathe divinity.

A Spirit Thou, here spirits athirst for Thee,  
And I between—the brimming chalice seize,  
In my cold hands the living waters freeze;  
May I, lifeless, inert, a medium be?

What earth-song teaches Christ, what formulas,  
What keen analysis, what flowers of thought?  
One touching Thee, O Lord, is truly taught;  
One touching Thee, the teaching power has.

If Thou, O Christ, dost charge me with Thy  
love,  
Through me from Thee the Spirit processive  
flow  
To these, some hearts shall quiver, minds  
shall glow,  
With Thee contactual souls shall live and  
move.

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## Train the Children.

THE youngest young people of Methodism ought to receive benefit from the growing tide of interest in the Epworth movement. Let their little minds be refreshed by increased instruction in the facts and principles of Methodism, and let their tender hearts be moved by more earnest effort for their personal salvation. We believe in saving the children. Get them converted while young, before bad habits are formed, and before the world of secularity and

frivolity has engrossed their attention. Far better are the chances for faithful endurance to the end in those who seek religion young. Mr. Spurgeon said, "Among those I have had at any time to exclude from church fellowship, out of twenty-seven hundred members, I have never had to exclude a single one who was received while yet a child. Teachers and superintendents should not merely believe in the possibility of early conversion, but in the frequency of it." So likewise should parents.

In those homes where the fathers and mothers are not only solicitous for the spiritual welfare of their children, but also personally attentive to this important matter, frankly and kindly counselling the little ones to be everyday Christians, and setting them practical examples, will you find the most youthful followers of Christ.

"We might," says Mr. Moody, "train the children that they shall be converted so early they can't tell when they were converted. I do not believe, as some people seem to think, that they have to wander off into sin first, so they may be brought back to Christ. Those who have been brought up in that way from their earliest childhood do not have to spend their whole life in forgetting some old habit." This is truth, and most important truth, too. The successful Christian workers of the future are to be men and women trained from childhood for efficiency in the service of Jesus. The greatest ministers of the world, men of the most enduring usefulness, are from this class. Men who had godly parents, and were trained in infancy to fear God and work righteousness. Pray for your boys. Counsel them most spiritually while they are young. Start them right, and when they have passed out of your hands, trust the Holy Spirit to keep them in the heavenward track.

LET others do their duty in the richer fields to whose tillage it has pleased God to call them; you, too, be faithful in yours.