

and 50 cubits wide." "Well," he said, "boys, what kind of a critter was she anyway! Now," he added, "boys, this proves the inspiration of the Scriptures, for the Bible says we are fearfully and wonderfully made." (Laughter.) "Add to your knowledge self-control." The teacher must have complete control of *himself* before the class. I have seen a Sabbath School teacher get angry and box the ears of his boys. He ought to have had his ears boxed for doing it. If you cannot rule a boy don't try to teach him. Pass him over to somebody else. I know people who want to teach Sabbath School classes on the Sabbath and attend the theatre and card-table the rest of the week. If you cannot serve God seven days in the week you have no business in the Sabbath School class. Whatever you may think about it, the boys and girls don't want a card-playing, theatre-going, dancing teacher. (Hear, hear.) Then add to your self-control patience. Sabbath School people of all people in the world need patience. We ought to have the patience to wait. The trouble is we get impatient. What God wants is that we do this work quietly day by day and leave the results with Him. A Sabbath School teacher in England had a very trying boy in her class. Three times the superintendent expelled him from the school, and three times she brought him back with tears and pleaded to have the boy remain. He was the worst boy in the town, but by and by she touched his heart with the truth; he responded to it and became a converted man. He was the great Dr. Robert Morrison, prince of missionaries. After all, what we call bad boys are not bad boys. There are no bad boys or bad girls, though there may be bad men and bad women. They are only misunderstood and mishandled boys. Every boy will go right if you treat him right. If you have a bad boy deal carefully with him, because under the surface of that cantankerous youth there is the making of a hero; and we ought to have enough faith in God to believe that He can and will bring out that splendid nature that is in him. Add to your patience godliness—godlikeness; that is, an earnest consistent life lived before the boy. Next to his father the boy's ideal is his Sabbath School teacher. Next to her mother the girl's ideal is her Sabbath School teacher. We cry out very much about our ministry; we say the ministry must be clean; that those who stand behind the sacred desk should be above reproach. Pre-eminently that should be true of those who sit before the Sabbath School class. I was struck the other day while reading a text, that you have often read, in connection with the sending out of the seventy. On their return they said, "Even the devils are in subjection unto us." Now note what Jesus said to them: "Rejoice not that the spirits are in subjection unto you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven." They were sent out to preach, but because they had the miracle-working power they gave up preaching and went to casting out devils, but the Lord gave them a gentle rebuke. He said, "It is a greater thing to write a name in