

looking rather badly. What do you suppose will become of it?" "Oh," I would say, "the trees are all right. It is their nature to grow that way when young. In a few years when they get their growth I intend to make a mighty effort and straighten up that orchard, and make those trees beautiful. I will heal over all those scars. I will straighten out all the crooked trunks and branches. I shall trim out the tangled branches and leave no scars. I will cultivate that orchard carefully then, and do it not the slightest injury"

Men would call me mad, and yet, how long has it been since this way was our method of training our children in matters of religion and morals—matters of the greatest importance to them.

"As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." The lasting results of early training is remarkable. Our teaching in home and Sabbath School should be elevating, sincere and broad. Religious bigotry is passing away. We are recognizing more and more that One is our Father and all we are brethren. Sectarian walls are being razed to the ground, and we recognize the truth of these words of Tennyson:

"Our little systems have their day,

They have their day and cease to be,

They are but broken lights of Thee,
And Thou, O Lord, art more than they.

That life which best fits us for the future world is the very best life also for this world. Such lives forever bear a sweet incense.

"Like the vase in which roses have once been distilled,
You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
But the scent of the roses will hang around it still."

No man with the spirit of evil may dwell with the angels; that is impossible. To dwell with angels one must have the spirit of Christ. To enjoy heaven, either here or hereafter, we must be possessors of the heavenly virtues. To walk with God we must be like Him.

The Sabbath School, as an insti-

tution, for moulding the character of our children, should be secondary to the home. It should not relieve the home of its responsibilities in the proper training of its children. It should, I think, impress upon parents the necessity of doing better in the home, that which it is the object of the Sabbath School to aid in doing. The proper study of the Bible in the work of the Sabbath School is undoubtedly a powerful means to the desired end. "Every Scripture, inspired of God, is also profitable for teaching for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness."

Especially is the wonderful life of Jesus forever inspiring us with a love of the truth, a love to God, and a love for our fellow-men. If, then, this be the work of the home, and if the Sabbath School, and they go hand in hand with the church, in thus advancing the kingdom of righteousness, the time shall surely come when the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of Our Lord and of His Christ

GEN. HARRISON SPEAKS SOME PLAIN WORDS

ANENT OUR DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE.

General Harrison writes of "The Presidential Office" in the March *Ladies' Home Journal*, and his comprehensive article is outspoken and plain. He takes occasion to commend President Cleveland's movement toward establishing a more permanent consular service. The ex-President says:

"The need of a better consular service has been getting a strong hold upon the public mind. The practice has been to make frequent changes in these offices—indeed an almost complete change upon the coming in of an administration of a different party. The duties of a consul relate almost wholly to our commerce with the country where he serves. * * *