

sweet temper and holy adroitness, endeavouring to gain our attention, to instil into our minds the precious truths of the gospel of love.

Her words have been forgotten, but not the teacher. She still lives in our memory and in our hearts. We cannot rid ourselves of the force of her example, constraining us now; nor would we if we could. She touched our lives with hers. Nay, she took us, and made us a part of her own life, brought us into her little world, lived contemporary with us and for us. She loved us in our roughness and dullness of heart.

Many years have gone by since we parted, but years are very short in the retrospect. When we begin to recall the incidents of the past, we become actors again in the scenes which come up before us. But how changed our parts! Then we were governed by impulse and environment, but now we would act with the experience which the events themselves have given us.

Hers was a noble life in the truest sense. At the last she will win the encomium of our Lord, "She hath done what she could." And surely nothing more can be said of any one. Six days in the week, from morning till night, she laboured to gain a livelihood, and on Sunday she taught us boys the word of life. Her sustenance was meagre, and yet, despite that, she had liberality beyond moderation. Many tokens of her generous nature are now in our possession, and, as we view them from time to time, we wonder at the sacrifices she made for us, but more at the noble spirit that prompted them. The gifts are sanctified by the giver.

Our hearts warm, our feelings are deeper than words may express, when we remember how devoted was her service to ground so unyielding. But love's labour is never lost. The harvest may be slow in coming, but it surely comes. Seeds of kindness may enter our cold and unresponsive hearts, but the time comes when, in the evolution of our better selves, they sprout forth with greater energy and rarer beauty because so long dormant.

To me there is no force so irresistible as love. Had our teacher been a mere perfunctory, drilling us orally in the Scripture truths, we should have forgotten her long ago, as we have forgotten others,—for we cherish memories of those only who have sacrificed for us. And she truly sacrificed for us; and, though in our thoughtlessness

we did not appreciate it then, now we see the unselfishness of her life, and are inspired and uplifted by her devotion.

We have all gone forth into the world, and are now in the fruitage season of life. For myself, I am a better man and a better Christian because of my teacher. I now teach others as I have been taught, and my admonition to my co-labourers is, Let us be as faithful to those whom we instruct now as others have been to us in the past. Let us teach the children with as much earnestness and love as we hope and expect will be expended upon our children and loved ones when they come to be taught about God and salvation and consecration and heaven.—S. S. Times.

The Home Department of the Sunday-school.

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WHERE IT MAY BE USED.

A Home Department may be organized to advantage by all Sunday-schools, large or small, in city or country, and is so flexible that it is admirably adapted to the varied conditions and needs of different Sunday-schools and communities. A neighbourhood Sunday-school, holding its sessions in a small country school-house, and having a membership of only fifteen persons, has a good effective Home Department with two members. A large Sunday-school, connected with a strong, flourishing city church, having a salaried superintendent whose time and efforts have for years been successfully devoted to the work of visitation and the gathering in of new scholars, until the school has reached a membership of over eleven hundred, has, nevertheless, found an opportunity and a demand for a Home Department which already includes more than two hundred and seventy-five persons. And Home Departments of the Sunday-school are thus in operation in all sections of our land, ranging in size and condition from one of these extremes to the other.

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