

The Family.

LOST!

Outside a Bristol coffee-shop, a cold drizzling morning in November, stood a ragged, dirty fellow. He shivered as the raw, damp wind moaned around him, finding out every hole in his scanty clothes and flustering rags.

And what of the besetting sin which was the devil's bait to lure that soul to hell? When I speak or write of drunkenness, I would to God that I had a pen or tongue of fire to speak what I feel. Jeremiah's roll written, within and without with lamentation and mourning and woe, is but a faint picture of that most miserable place on earth, a drunkard's home.

Why, it seems a mockery of the sacred name of home, to speak of the drunkard's home—rags, dirt, hunger, broken tables and chairs, a black empty grate, a wretched bedstead—the only ornament a black bottle on the mantelpiece, the cause of all this misery. As we speed along in the railway carriage, we are carried over the head of sleeping London. If a giant hand could strip off the roofs of those houses over which we pass, and give us as clear a glimpse under the tiles as we have above them, what strange sights we should see!

Once again, think of that Bristol coffee-shop, the patterning rain, and the thin, dripping, shivering form that stood outside. Now look for one moment at another scene. It is the very same morning, and the very same hour, and the same rain is falling; but it is on the soft grass and damp leaves, instead of the black mud of Bristol streets.

Having an aim. Much of the efforts of good people comes to naught because those efforts are put forth without deliberation or distinctness of purpose. The feet-footed youth Ahimaz is a fair representative of many well-meaning people nowadays. There had been a great battle, and he was in all haste to carry the news to the king.

The teacher, of all persons, and the Sunday-school teacher, of all teachers, should seek distinctness of aim. The work is one in which mistakes are so easy and mischievous. Children, in consequence of their inexperience and their pliability, are more easily led astray than grown people. The interests at stake are more momentous than those which concern merely the loss of gain or money.

Let the teacher aim distinctly to teach something. This may seem a very simple rule, hardly worth uttering. Yet many make a serious mistake just here. They occupy the teacher's chair, they go through a certain routine of duty from week to week, but they do not teach. Let it be remembered that talking is not necessarily teaching. Hearing recitations is not teaching. Teaching is making one know what he did not know before.

Prejudices resemble the fogs that turn the bright sun into a dull copper ball; and the bad heart is like the jaundice that sees its own dignity yellow in the purest lily.—Dr. Guthrie.

ROYALTY AT EASE. A pleasant letter from Mendelssohn to his mother has been published, describing his visit to the Queen and Prince Albert at Buckingham Palace, in 1842. The account of the home-life and manners of the royal couple is as delightful as most of Mendelssohn's music.

Prince Albert had asked me to go to him on Saturday, at two o'clock, so that I might try his organ before I left England; I found him alone, and as we were talking away, the Queen came in, also alone, in a simple morning-dress. She said she was obliged to leave for Claremont in an hour, and then suddenly interrupting herself, exclaimed, "But goodness what a confusion!" for the wind had littered the whole room, and even the pedals of the organ (which, by the way, made a very pretty feature in the room), with leaves of music from a large portfolio that lay open. As she spoke, she knelt down and began picking up the music; Prince Albert helped, and I too was not idle.

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