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TRAINING THE CHILD.

M. L. HANEY, EVANGELIST.

The subject of family government involves much more than is generally recognized, and to get the best should be a consuming desire on the part of every parent. No one procedure will be alike successful with every child, hence in this field is the highest call for the exercise of strong, practical common sense, aided by the Spirit of God. So God has put the helpless, dependent, ignorant little creature into the hands and heart of the mother, and expects her to choose for and guide it till it can choose for and guide itself.

There should be with most children a period, a day or hour, when the question of obedience is settled. As before suggested, much should be done preparatory to this, and in some cases a great battle will occur, but the child will fall in and be ruled by the parent. Yet in a great majority of cases there will come a time when the child will have to be thoroughly conquered. I think my father never had but one such battle with each child, and that generally, if not always, before it had ended its second year. This should not be undertaken unless it is fully carried out.

There needs to be care taken not to make demands which are not best. Great calmness is necessary to rightly govern a child. A hasty temper is a great impediment, and is certainly a great curse to both parent and child.

There must be persistence in what is begun. Be careful that what is required is right, then persevere in it, until the child accepts your will. Hasty and frequent corrections, leaving the child with more rebellion than when you began, is a calamity. Rightly governed children rarely have to be punished; badly governed children are always in need of correction. Promised castigations, unfulfilled, should be avoided. The spirit of scold is a horror, wherever residing. Let him who undertakes to govern others see to it that he governs himself.

Correction given to gratify an evil temper, or to revenge the parent, is a painful perversion of right government. Hence punishment should not be administered without sufficient time to reflect. The daughter of toil and poverty, with her overtaxed nervous system, midst a hundred cares, of which but few have knowledge, will find this rule difficult to keep. To counteract all this and carry forward to completion her daily tasks is more difficult than to rule a temporal kingdom. Her life will be sacrificed if she fails to have prohibitory laws which really prohibit. The baby has to be borne with, but to have children from two to seven years marking the walls, disfiguring furniture, crying and screaming for things they can ask for, is an outrage. There must be fixed bounds, and the child made to understand where they are. When these are wilfully transcended let there be a settlement. If the mother does not waver, her tired soul will be saved from a thousand perplexities.

Parents should be able to secure the aid of Deity in this that is surely the most important of all human relationships. In the divine order, parental government precedes and paves the way for God to rule in after years, and the child who has not yielded to parental authority finds it almost impossible to submit to the authority of God. Hence it can not be otherwise than that God will be infinitely pleased by the Holy Spirit to render aid in every part of this most important of all human obligations.

"He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let

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not thy soul spare for his crying." "Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him." "Withhold not correction from the child, for if thou beatest him with the rod he shall not die." Prov. 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13.

"I cannot understand the people of this great city," said the temperance delegate. "They are always rushing and running—always busy. Money, money! All that I have seen is this great rush to get rich, the desire to get on, the craving for wealth. Let me leave this message with you: 'Life is better than gold. Do not hurry the days along. Let each day last as long as it possibly can, for life is short at its best.'"

"To be humble is one thing; to be humbled is quite another. To be humble is a grace on the inside; to be humbled is a mortification on the outside."

Before you are five-and-twenty you must establish a character that will serve you all your life.—*Lord Collingwood.*

Our Missionary Interests

Regular Contributions

Our regular contributions through the Missionary Societies must be kept up to support our Missionaries.

Special Contributions

needed are for the passage of Brother F. T. WRIGHT to Paulpietersburg, South Africa, and for the return of Brother I. F. KIERSTEAD and wife and two children.

In sending your money to Rev. H. C. ARCHER, Woodstock, N. B., state the purpose for which you wish it to be used.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 met with the church at Marysville, N. B., on Thursday, Nov. 27th, at 7.30 p. m., with preaching by Rev. J. H. Coy.

Friday, 10.30 a. m., prayer and social service; 3 p. m., preaching by Rev. S. A. Baker; 7.30 p. m., preaching by Rev. H. C. Archer.

Saturday, 2.30 p. m., the business session was held. The roll being called, the following ministers were found to be present: Revs. Baker, Coy, Hilyard, Sabine, Lester, Wright and Archer. Delegates present: Hartland, H. Seeley and wife; Millville, Bro. B. R. Burt; Marysville, Bros. J. Mitchell and Branford; Fredericton, D. F. Knight and Sister McFarlane.

The following officers were then appointed: President, Rev. H. Smith; Sec'y, Rev. H. C. Archer; Treasurer, Norman Cochrane; Highway Agent, Rev. S. A. Baker.

The following were then chosen as a Devotional Committee: D. F. Knight, B. R. Burt, J. Mitchell, T. Mitchell and N. Cochrane.

The following churches sent in very encouraging reports: Fort Fairfield, Royalton, Hartland, Millville, Lr. Hainesville, Fredericton and Mt. Hope.

The ministers and delegates present reported the work in their respective churches.

It was resolved that a vote of thanks be given

to the friends at Marysville for their kindness in entertaining the Q. M.

Also resolved, that the next Q. M. be held at Woodstock in February.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m., Rev. L. T. Sabine preached.

Sunday, 10 a. m., love feast led by Brother Burt; 11 a. m., Licentiate F. T. Wright preached; 2 p. m., Sabbath school, followed by an address on World's S.S. Convention, by Rev. H. C. Archer; 3 p. m., Rev. J. H. Coy preached; 7.30 p. m., Rev. H. C. Archer preached.

These services were very helpful to all who attended and could not help proving a blessing to the church. Several seekers were at the altar on Sunday night.

The services were continued by the pastor, assisted by Bro. Wright for a few days, until Rev. S. Dow arrived, who was to conduct a series of evangelistic services with the church.

H. C. ARCHER, Secretary.

ITEMS OF INTEREST ON MISSIONS.

MRS. H. C. SANDERS.

When a man says, "I do not believe in Missions," I reply, "That is not what you mean; you mean you do not know anything about them."—Bishop Van Buren.

The diversity of tongues to be found in one country is often a matter of surprise. Last year the British and Foreign Bible Society's agents sold the Scriptures in 53 languages in the Russian Empire, in 28 languages in Burma, in 30 in South Malaysia, in 53 in the Egyptian Agency, while in Capetown the Biblewoman also sold copies in fourteen different languages.

To evangelize twenty millions of people in Brazil, scattered over an area almost as large as Europe, are 76 male missionaries and 125 Brazilian pastors. Great Britain and Ireland, with twice the population, but an area of thirty times less, has 40,500 Protestant ministers.

Ovamboland, Africa, has for the first time a Christian king. His predecessor was in sympathy with the Christian religion, and through a proclamation prohibiting work in Sunday, did much towards making it possible for his people to hear the gospel. He did not, however, publicly confess his faith in Christ until a short time before he died. His successor, soon after becoming king, was baptized with fifty-six of his subjects.

The Missionary Review of the World tells the story of a village in West Africa which received a visit from a missionary in 1909, and for two years the people have been praying to God and keep one day in seven. When a missionary was sent to them last year they had already chosen a place to build a school.

The American Bible Society has just issued an edition of the entire Bible in Fuhkien province, China, which is printed by the use of the English alphabet instead of the difficult Chinese characters. Thus the Hingwha dialect will be read in English letters.

Formerly it was thought by the Chinese that girls did not need school education, but now they are pleading with the missionaries to educate their daughters.

Something new to pray for—that God will prosper the doctrine of foreign missions.

Sister Charles Jones says: "I enjoy reading the Highway so much, it would be hard to get along without it."

"Any man's fall in mature years can be traced to some fault he has always allowed in himself."

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