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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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NOT IN TOUCH WITH THE LORD.

Only a word, yes, only a word,
That the Spirit's small voice
Whispered, speak;
But the worker passed onward
Unblessed and weak,
Whom you were meant to have stirred
To courage, devotion and love anew;
Because when the message came to
you
You were out of touch with your
Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note
To a friend in a distant land;
The Spirit said, "write," but then you
had planned
Some different work, and you thought
it matters little.
You did not know 'twould have saved
a soul from sin and woe.
You were out of touch with your
Lord.

Only a song, yes, only a song
That the Spirit said, "sing tonight,"
Thy voice is the Master's by pur-
chased right;
But your thoughts said, "'tis a mot-
ley throng,"
"I care not to sing of the city of
gold."
And the hearts that your words
Might have reached grew cold.
You were out of touch with your
Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day,
But Oh! can you guess my friends,
Where the influence reached and
Where it will end,
Of the hours that you frittered away?
The Master's command is
"Abide in me;"
And fruitless and vain
Will your service be
If out of touch with your Lord.

—Selected.

THE OWNER.

The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountain; and the wild beast of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell thee; for the world is mine and the fullness thereof. All the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree is the Lord's; it is holy unto the Lord; and all the tithe of the herd, or of the flocks, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth is holy unto the Lord."

THE PROMISE.

Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, If I will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Honor the Lord with thy substance; and with the first fruits of thine increase. So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses burst out with new wine."

WHAT THE PEOPLE DID.

"As soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first fruits of corn, wine and oil and honey; and of all the increase of the field, and the tithes of all things, brought they abundantly."

THE RESULT.

"And he (Abraham) gave him tithes of all." "And he (Eliezer) said the Lord hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great, and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver and gold and men servants and maid servants and camels and asses."

B. E. R.

TITHE REPORT.

Tithes received for month ending
Sept. 30, last:
Akron\$105.70
Bowling Green 89.50

Bellville	21.80
Cleveland	158.46
Cincinnati	6.00
Columbus	10.00
Camden	7.04
Dayton	7.00
Green Springs	2.50
Gilboa	6.00
La Grange	72.28
Laura	19.35
Leesburg	23.35
Lewistown	6.15
Marshfield	60.00
Mt. Vernon	80.29
Springfield	33.47
St. Clairsville	15.50
Van Wert	14.80
Waterford	34.92
Wheelersburg	60.00

Total\$732.51

BESSIE E. RUSSELL,

Treas.



DO YOU TAKE THE VISITOR?

We ask this question because we know that there are a great many in the state who do not take the Visitor, and we believe every family should have it. We ask you to subscribe for it, read it and endeavor to get others to do the same. We have a membership of over two thousand in the state and we ought to have at least one thousand subscribers to the Visitor. It is through its columns we want to reach the brethren in Ohio. And if you do not take the paper you may miss the very thing that you should know. We ask the officers in the churches to subscribe for the Visitor, and then see that every family has it. By so doing you will be carrying out Isa. 41:6.



"When your good is evil spoken of; when your wishes are crossed, your tastes offended, your advice is disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you take it all in patient, loving silence,—that is victory."

"No man can serve two masters."

Our Sabbath Schools.

OUR SABBATH-SCHOOL WORKERS.

Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers are anxious to make their work a success, and wonder how they can do this. A short time ago Mrs. Plummer had an article in the Visitor calling attention to the little volume which has been compiled from the Testimonies, relating to the Sabbath-school work.

There will be in the Visitor each month, a list of questions on "Testimonies on Sabbath-school work." These questions will be furnished by the General Conference Sabbath-school department. We trust that all of our Sabbath-school workers will make the most of this opportunity to become better acquainted with the way that the Lord would have the Sabbath-school work done, and with His help do it His way.

A short time might be spent in the study of these questions at the teachers' meeting. That can be arranged to suit the circumstances. We trust that all will feel the importance of this matter and become better qualified to do the Sabbath-school work. If there are any who do not have the little volume mentioned, send to the Ohio Tract Society. It is 25 cents in cloth, and 35 cents in leather.

TO THE SABBATH-SCHOOL SECRETARIES.

We very much desire to have a report from all the schools throughout the state; and if you have not sent yours in will you kindly do so immediately? The report of the State Secretary must soon be sent to the Secretary of the Lake Union Conference, and we feel sure every school desires to be represented. If you have failed to receive your Report blanks, notify us by postal card and we will supply them by return mail. Some have been very prompt. We are sure the Lord is pleased with this faithfulness in His service. There is a pleasure, too, in knowing that you have filled the duty that rests upon you, even to sending in the quarterly report of your school.

"The Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church." Let us one and all give it our best efforts, for all the Lord desires in any branch of His work is the best.

"The best we can give is poor enough for the Lord."

BESSIE E. RUSSELL,
Secretary.

THE NEED OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

Some who have long professed to be Christians, and yet have felt no responsibility for souls perishing within the shadow of their own homes, may think they have a work to do in foreign lands; but where is the evidence of their fitness for such a work? Wherein have they manifested a burden for souls? Let such begin the work at home, in their own household, in their own neighborhood, among their own friends. Here they will find a favorable missionary field. This home missionary work is a test revealing their ability or inability for service in a wider field.—Test., Vol. 6.

BIBLE STUDY.

There is little benefit derived from a hasty reading of the Bible. One may read the whole Bible through, and yet fail to see its beauty, or to comprehend its deep and hidden meaning. One passage studied until its significance is clear to the mind, and its relation to the plan of salvation is evident, is of more value than the perusal of many chapters with no definite purpose in view, and no positive instruction gained.—"Gospel Workers," p. 389.

When I am stretched beneath the pines,
When the evening star so brightly shines,
I laugh at the lore and the pride of man,
At the sophist school and the learned clan;
For what are they all, in their high conceit,
When man in the bush with God may meet?

—Emerson.

It was in the night of his poverty and blindness that Milton saw the heavens unclose and breathed in mortal airs.—Selected.

BRIEFS.

"Practice economy in the use of your time. This is the Lord's. Your strength is the Lord's. If you have extravagant habits, cut them away from your life. Such habits, indulged, will make you bankrupt for eternity. And habits of economy, industry, and sobriety are, even in this world, a better portion for you and your children than a rich dowry.

"We are travelers, pilgrims and strangers, on earth. Let us not spend our means in gratifying desires that God bids us repress. Let us rather set a rich example before our associates. Let us fitly represent our faith by restricting our wants. Let the churches arise as one, and work earnestly as those who are walking in the full light of truth for these last days."

"My son, if thou wilt receive My words, and hide My commandments with thee; so that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God."

"No believer in the Word of God need be troubled about the future of the world. Our only anxiety should be to know that our name are in the book of life."

"If we behold Christ, we become like Him. If we behold the faults of our brethren, we become faulty ourselves. May the Lord help us to behold Christ in His purity. For by beholding, we become changed."

"A rich man, as such, can not enter heaven. His wealth gives him no title to the inheritance of the saints in light. It is only through the unmerited grace of Christ that any man can find entrance into the city of God."

Not tomorrow, but today, calls for the best that is in us. Life is made up of daily performances. The nobler, sweeter, and purer our activities, the better for ourselves and for others.—Selected.

"Never try to make friends, enemies come fast enough without cultivating the crop, and friends who are brought in by hot-house expedients, are apt to wilt long before they are fairly ripened. Friends that are worth the having are not made, but grow."

"Prayer without practice is mockery."



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

Mt. Vernon Academy

This school is God's own planting for "It is beautiful for situation." It is a grand sight to stand on the Academy campus and look out on the surrounding country. The trees now have on their autumn dress. No human artist could paint so grand. The minds of the students cannot help be called to the Creator as they behold these things. "Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving kindness of the Lord."

We are glad that some are observing these things and understanding the loving kindness of the Lord, for Sabbath, Oct. 19, three students were buried with their Lord in baptism. The attendance at the school this year is good, and the best of all a sweet spirit prevails.

The meetings on Sabbath evening are seasons of blessing.

There is still room for others, for the Academy stands with open doors to receive all who desire the education that can be obtained in this school of God's own planting.

A SUNSHINY FACE.

How we all like a house with clear, large windows, which let the brilliant, warming, enlivening sunshine come streaming in! How it gives life and vigor, and brightens all who are in that house! Then,

when the cold, dark winter nights come, it is from the large, clear windows of this very house out of which streams the radiance of the great coal stove, or the blazing fireplace, and the lamplight, or the gas light, or the soft effulgence of the electric globes.

That is it, it is the house with the broad, large windows, which takes in so much sunshine,—it is the same house that radiates from out its generous windows its own joyous light into the darkness and cheerless cold of the night.

This is the house of the sunshiny face. And who is the man of the sunshiny face? —It is the man who opens his heart so wide to God's sunshine, and drinks it in so generously, that it shines again from his face and eyes into the heart of every poor soul in cold and darkness, and warms and brightens his life with the rays of his own peace, and comfort, and joy.—Selected.



"WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO?"

Lord, Thou needest not, I know,
Service such as I can bring;
Yet I long to prove and show
Full allegiance to my King;

Thou art light and life to me,
Let me be a praise to Thee.



"Heavenly beings still visit the earth, as in the days when they walked and talked with Abraham and Moses."

Our Canvassers

THE CALL TO THE CANVASSING WORK.

At the last General Conference the following recommendation was passed:

"We recommend that the importance and advantages of resident canvassing be brought, and continually kept before our churches."

How many of our Conference and church officers have been carrying out this suggestion? How many are studying the needs of this branch of the work, and "continually" presenting—in the missionary meeting and prayer meeting, the call for workers and the thought that now, just now, is the time to work?

Note this General Conference recommendation also:

"We recommend that each church encourage one or more of its number to engage in canvassing for our large books, under the direction of the State Agent"

Some have been successful canvassers in the past, but have drifted out of the work entirely. Are our churches seeking out and encouraging these and others who feel a burden to do something for the Master, to enter the canvassing field?

"If we make no efforts to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done but did not do because of our spiritual indolence."

"God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all of their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping wherever there is opportunity."

"God has His workmen in every age." He has them in this age who will respond, "Here am I, send me." Are you one that will thus respond? —Selected.



CANVASSERS' REPORT.

Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 14 Gospel Primers, 22 Coming King, 1 Cats and Dogs. Value, \$26.

Mrs. Geo. W. Spies—Orders, 30 Christ Our Saviour, 13 Gospel Primer, 2 Coming King, 17 All Sorts. Value, \$40.50.

Mrs. Bell Rex—Orders, 1 Steps to

THE WELCOME VISITOR

Christ, 4 Dan. & Rev., 9 Gospel Primer, 10 Coming King, 1 Bible, 2 Helps to Bible Study, 1 Looking Up to Jesus. Value of orders, \$26.25. Value of deliveries, \$10.50.

G. P. Gaede—Deliveries, 12 Christ Our Saviour, 36 Dan. & Rev., 8 Gospel Primer, 3 Glorious Appearing. Value of books, \$70. Helps, \$10.



SUBJECT—NEED OF GENUINE RELIGION IN OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

First Week—

1. In what respect are our schools not what they should be?

2. What kind of teachers are needed?

3. What will cause a teacher to fail in this work?

4. How many Sabbath-school workers become "laborers together with God?"

5. How may good resolutions be made effective?

6. How may we secure a union of divine power with human effort? What will be the sure result?

7. What parallel is drawn between Sabbath-school workers and ministers?

Second Week—

TEACHERS SHOULD BE EXEMPLARY.

1. In what points should teachers be an example? (Refer also to page 34.)

2. In what spirit should they look upon their classes?

3. What heavenly beings look upon the children and youth in our schools?

4. In what way is the Sabbath-school work a test of character?

5. Name five important truths, which, if constantly realized by teachers, would bring power to their work?

6. How must the precious lessons of truth be taught?

7. For what purpose is the Holy Spirit in its highest manifestation given to men?

8. How may the teacher co-operate with the Holy Spirit?

9. What bidding has Jesus given the angels with reference to the children?

Third Week—

PRAYER AND PATIENCE NEEDED.

1. What will sometimes discourage a teacher and cause him to make a failure of his work?

2. Why should most earnest ef-

forts be made by those who are young in years?

3. What account is kept with each teacher?

4. Describe the attitude of the truly converted Sabbath-school worker.

5. What earnest appeal is made to each one?

6. Describe the kind of religion that will draw souls to Christ.

Fourth Week—

REVIEW.

1. The conditions of our schools and the remedy.

2. The qualifications of teachers.

3. The work of the Holy Spirit and how to relate ourselves to it.

4. The tender watch care of the angels.

5. The necessity for patience and perseverance.

6. The reasons for many failures in our work.

7. The exhortations and appeals made to Sabbath-school workers.

Novem Study, pp. 41-46.



HEALTH HINTS.

Inactivity has hastened to a premature grave many who might have given to the world the rich experience of a lifetime, had they the constitution which might have been theirs by proper physical training. A weakened constitution is sometimes inherited; but we need not calmly sit down and say, "My grandparents were sickly and I'm just like them." No; study the proper way of living, then do something, and the tendency to ill health will vanish like the morning dew in the sunshine.

Fresh air, abundance of sunshine, pure water, good food, and sufficient exercise are the factors which figure in the development of a strong, healthy body.

If we were shut off from a supply of fresh air, we would soon perish from a lack of oxygen, and carbon-dioxide poisoning. Shut off from sunshine, we would wither and droop as the pale, sickly plant in the cellar. Without water, we would spend a few miserable hours of existence, and die in agony. Without good food, our bodies would be so weakened that we would become an easy prey for disease. But if all these necessary factors were in abundance and we did not exercise, physical decay would soon begin, and our bodies

would not be able to resist disease.—The Iowa Workers' Bulletin.



NEWS NOTES.

We notice by the "Pacific Union Recorder" that Dr. Albert Carey and family are expecting to locate in Oregon.

The Iowa Workers' Bulletin says that Prof. Field and family passed through Des Moines the first week in October.

Sabbath, Oct. 19, was a good day for the Mt. Vernon church. After a discourse from Elder W. H. Wakeham, four persons were baptized. Four of them were Academy students.

If at any time any one fails to receive the periodicals ("Visitor") included that they have ordered through the Ohio Tract Society, please notify the Society at once, and they will do all they can to see where the difficulty lies.

Please do not address mail pertaining to the business of the Tract Society or Visitor to the persons having the work in charge, but address as follows: Mail for the Tract Society, address, Ohio Tract Society; mail for the Conference address, Ohio Conference S. D. A.; mail for the Visitor address, Welcome Visitor.

R. I. Francis of Newark gave the Tract Society office a call this week, and left an order for some books and tracts. Left some money also. We appreciate such calls and invite others to do likewise.

Miss Flora Evans is teaching the Dayton church school.

Mrs. P. Alderman has purchased the property that belonged to Miss Clara Radabaugh. Mrs. Alderman will be a resident of Academia.

We hope that the canvassers will give the Visitor readers the benefit of some of their good experiences.

Are you studying the Berean Reading Circle lessons? They are interesting, as well as instructive.

If you have not purchased Testimony Vol. 6, send to the Ohio Tract Society. Price, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

The Ohio Tract Society is now ready to fill orders for the "Marvel of Nations."

Academia is a postoffice, but not a money-order office. So please make your money orders payable to Mt. Vernon.