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OUR LIFE.

Do we fully comprehend the meaning of it, and for what object it is given us? Such questions naturally force themselves upon those who have reached the meridian of life, and whose experiences up the rugged pathway have taught the stern lesson that life means something.

In the earlier years of existence while the world seems bright and beautiful, before the evil days come, all is new and untried before us. Experience has not taught us that "all is not gold that glitters", nor that every plausible theory will not bear the test of practical development.

Some are so unfortunate as to go all through life chasing some will-o-the-wisp, in the vain hope of attaining fame or fortune—an abnormal desire to obtain something without rendering an equivalent therefor. The fact is, that rarely any good thing is accomplished or victories won without earnest, painstaking effort.

The hidden treasures of earth are found only by digging deep through rock and clay; so the life that is most successful here is the one that digs deep into the mines of truth and appropriates those truths to every day life. So many lives are misspent because there seems to be no particular aim or object in view.

An aimless life is a useless one. Each life is intimately connected with other lives, so woven into the warp and woof of the great web of humanity that other lives are dependent on, and influenced by, our life. Eternity alone will reveal the effect our influence has exerted on our fellow men. How many human souls will enjoy the happiness of the earth made new, or be forever damned, on account of my influence for good or evil?

Will my child or your child be forever lost because the chord that bound their heart and life to

mine or yours did not draw them to the source of all life? Could each soul appreciate the value and responsibility of a life, as God does, would there not be more earnest effort put forth, and a deeper heart searching to know and do God's will that others may be drawn to the fountain of which if a man drink he shall never thirst again?

"The life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment". There is danger that even the Christian value the food and clothing, that assists in sustaining the life, more than the life itself. The Master designed to teach his followers that the author of their existence would see to it that their body would be properly clothed and fed without living in careful suspense as to what they should eat or wear.

The sin of eating and drinking and ostentatious display of clothing has brought ruin to more human souls than all other sins combined.

Many good people are really more concerned and take more anxious thought about what they shall eat, drink, and wear than about their soul's salvation. To them, self gratification for a passing moment is of more value than an eternal home of happiness. The very thing that seems to conduce to happiness, is the identical thing that brings misery and untold suffering.

Finally "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth". One's possessions are not his life, although many a man has bestowed his life energy upon the accumulation of possessions in the vain hope that it would give the possessor happiness and comforts of life; but in the end brought unhappiness and death.

The pages of history are filled with examples showing that inordinate ambition for wealth and increased burden in caring for property, instead of giving more life has shortened this temporal life and ruined the prospects for the future one. God does not desire that this should be so; and consequently the loving Father, knowing the evil tendency in the nature of his children, warns them to be not over anxious about the temporal wants of the body. As he values the lives of his children much more than the birds which he clothes and feeds and which have no "store chamber nor barn", will he not supply all they need—not all they want but all they need?

This teaching does not give license to indolence or idleness, for we are admonished to be "not slothful in business, but fervent in spirit serving the Lord". Life means work. And, whether we realize it or not, we are living in a world in which our acts start results that go on and on through eternity;

just as the tiny pebble which, if let fall into the ocean, starts waves in motion that never cease until they reach the opposite shore. The words which are spoken cause reverberations in the atmosphere which flow on and on till they reach someones heart and a life is saved or lost for eternity. These are but feeble illustrations of facts which show how words and actions influence lives in this world. Dear reader, which way is your life influencing those around you?

"Our many deeds, the thoughts that we have thought,
They go out from us, thronging every hour,
And in them all is folded up a power
That on earth doth move them to and fro;
And mighty are the marvels they have wrought
In hearts, we know not and may never know".

L. B. L.

* MISSIONARY WORK. *

GOOD letters continue to come in from *Signs* readers. I send extracts from two. When for so small an amount of money the *Signs* can be placed, weekly, in the homes of those who are hungering for the truth, it seems to me our subscription list ought to be doubled in this State. A good number of our societies have written that they were doing their best to raise the list. Let us hear how you succeed.

A. E. E.

"I received your very welcome letter in due time, and was pleased to hear from you again. You will no doubt be surprised when you compare this letter with the one I wrote you last August about my thoughts on the Sabbath question; for 'Whereas I was blind now I see'. I can this time write that God's holy Sabbath is Saturday, the seventh day; and I have signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. All the scripture that I thought related to Sunday as God's rest day, is now as clear as day to me. I always did believe the seventh day was the Sabbath, but I thought it was for the Jews, and that Christ did away with the law. You know the same old story, it is told to me now by those who believe it the same as I did. It seems so plain now that Christ is the end of the law to all who believe, and that he came not to destroy but to fulfill."

"I am sure I am very thankful to you for the *Signs*. It is a lovely paper, and I like to study its pages. Though we are not of the same mind about the Sabbath, I am glad you have taken an interest in me to send me the paper. I belong to the Baptist church, and I hope we shall meet and be better acquainted in heaven."

"ONLY a word: but 'twas spoken in love,
With a whispered prayer to the Lord above;
And the angels in heaven rejoiced once more,
For a new born soul entered in at the Door."

* THE SABBATH SCHOOL. *

Topical Outline of the Book of John.

WE have been requested to give through the WORKER the topics in the book of John. There are many ways in which the topics may be worded, and the persons learning them should give them in the words that bring the thought contained in the chapter most clearly to their minds. The topics in the first chapter could be given in any of the following ways:—

Christ the Creator and Redeemer,
John the Forerunner of Christ,
Choosing the first disciples.

Divinity, Humanity and Mission of Christ,
Mission of John the Baptist,
Calling the first disciples.

Nature and work of Christ,
Testimony of John,
The first disciples.

The second chapter might be,—

The first Miracle,
Cleansing the Temple, or

Marriage at Cana,
Cleansing the Temple.

It can be readily seen that either way is correct. The other chapters may correctly be given in various ways but we will now give only one to save space. We hope the principal effort in studying these will be to get the *thought* more than merely the words.

3. Christ's talk with Nicodemus about the New Birth and Love of God.

John's unselfish Testimony.

4. Talk with the woman of Samaria about the Living Water and True Worship.

Talk with the Disciples,
Two Days Visit to Sychar,
Healing the Nobleman's Son.

5. Healing the man at the Pool.
Accused of Sabbath Breaking,
Discourses on Life Giver, Judge, and Christ in the Scriptures.

6. Miracle of Loaves and Fishes,
Stilling the Tempest,
Discourse on the Bread of Life.

7. Jesus at the Feast of Tabernacles,
Attempted Arrest,
Water of Life, or Holy Spirit,

8. Lesson on Forgiveness,
The Light of the World,
Freedom through Christ,
Abraham.

9. Healing the Blind Man.
The Miracle Discussed,

10. Parable of the Good Shepherd,
Attempt to Stone Jesus,
Departure beyond Jordan.

11. Sickness, Death, and Resurrection of Lazarus,
Plans to kill Jesus,
Departure to Ephraim.

12. Mary anoints Jesus' Feet,
Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem,
Voice of Heaven,
Unbelief of the Jews.

15. Lesson in Humility,
Christ foretells the Betrayal of Judas and
The Denial of Peter. A. L. L.

◉ NOTES FROM THE FIELD. ◉

Osakis.

It is under trying circumstances that I by hand of Nellie write at this time. For nearly three weeks I have been suffering from neuralgia in my face. I was holding meetings in Leslie; the interest was great, the house was crowded with eager listeners, and some were moving out to serve the Lord, and I kept on holding meetings until my face swelled so I was compelled to stop. My face broke out and I got relief and hoped soon to be in the work again. But in a few days I was taken with the quinsy, and the last state is worse than the first.

The calls are pouring in from different places for labor. There never was such an interest in this part of the field as now. It must be that the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of the people. another token that the end is near. As the calls come in from east and west, from timber and prairie how I long to go and hold up the blessed Saviour who is the way, the truth, and the life. While lying here, different places in Minnesota where I have been privileged to labor are in my mind, and there are many that I would like to write to personally, but I cannot. Especially is this so in regard to Pine City, where the brethren have been passing through severe trials. May they walk together in love, as dear children, is my prayer.

We feel so thankful to the dear brothers and sisters who have so kindly helped us on our church debt. May the Lord bless them an hundred fold. There are about thirty dollars to be raised soon in order to place it where we can handle it our selves.

We have many things to be thankful for, even while suffering sickness and pain. We have kind friends, and a loving Saviour, and are sustained by the blessed hope. Will the brethren remember us in their prayers? Your brother in the work,

W. B. HILL.

P. S. Brother Wright is holding the interest at Leslie.

"THE earth is full of messengers which love sends to and fro."

Owatonna.

FOR the past three weeks I have been holding meetings with the church here in Owatonna. There has been a fair attendance of the church members each evening and a goodly number of outsiders have attended part of the time.

One young lady, who is a baptist, and who was visiting here during the meetings, attended every meeting; and I have reason to believe she went home the day after the meetings closed, a Sabbath-keeper. Others who attended the meetings more or less seemed convinced of the truth, but were not so willing to obey.

When I was in attendance at the Academy here a little more than three years ago I was known among quite a circle of friends in the same church to which I then belonged, namely, the Baptist; and the largest audience we had during the meetings was on the evening on which I announced that I would give the reason "Why I became a Seventh-day Adventist". Some of my Baptist friends came in and listened very attentively to a condensed review of what the scriptures teach about the "Second Advent" and the "Sabbath of the Lord", and other points of scripture truth which had served to call my attention to, and prepare my mind for, the reception of these two prominent points of our faith. Meetings were also held with the church in the afternoons at which the more close practical points of the message for God's people for today were considered. I believe the church has been awakened, strengthened and encouraged during my stay with them.

By the time this is in print, myself and wife expect to be in Lincoln, Nebr. to remain during the General Conference. B. F. GOWDY.

...New Publications...

"WHAT SHALL I GET FOR DINNER" is often asked by the good house-wife, and is often a very perplexing question which may be answered in the new book just out by Mrs. Dr. Kellogg, entitled, "Every Day Dishes". It contains the choicest things in Science in the Kitchen.

There has been a demand for just such a cheap cook-book and we are glad to announce to the readers of the WORKER that the above named book can be procured of the Minnesota Tract Society for the small sum of 80 cents, post-paid. The book also contains many new recipes for health foods.

"CONGRESS ON SUNDAY LEGISLATION" is the title of Religious Liberty Library, No. 44 which is a report of the National Congress, for the year 1829, upon Sunday legislation, and is truly "a monument of our early liberality, statesmanship, and Christianity. Price 1½ cents. Address Minn. Tract Soc.

LOVE is the fulfilling of the Law—BIBLE.

ONE of the most perplexing questions now before the Christian world is, "How shall we reform society"? and is the subject treated of in Religious Liberty Library No. 45. It gives the opinion of several leaders in the religious world, relative to this subject. Price ½ cent. Address Minn. Tract Soc.

 ** ITEMS. **

M. A. Winchell was called home last Sunday to Moose Lake, by telegram, on account of the sickness of Mrs. Winchell.

It is said that Dr. Greece will not be allowed to operate on the "Sick Man of the East" by the European doctors for fear they will lose a good patient.

There are a few copies of that excellent number of the Lincoln Special *Sentinel* left which the Minnesota Tract Society are willing to part with at one cent each.

A. G. Adams, our conference treasurer, expects to start for College View, Neb., tomorrow (Thursday) evening to attend the General Conference during the remaining days.

The Canvassers have organized a singing school and are cultivating their vocal talent under the supervision of T. A. Zoller who is an efficient instructor in that line.


The work of teaching in the Canvassers' school falls heavily on Bro. C. L. Emerson who is endeavoring to do the work of Bro. Winchell in his absence, as well as teaching his own classes in the Bible, book-keeping and ancient history.

Otto Eisele arrived in Minneapolis Monday evening from Eden Valley. Otto has been canvassing the past summer and has returned to Minneapolis to attend the Canvassers' School and be ready to go out in the spring to scatter the seeds of truth.

Mr. Arthur Moon, who is chief baker at the Canvassers' school, had the misfortune one day last week to lose one of his toes by chopping it off with an ax which accidentally caught on the clothes line, and the missing toe was found in his shoe when taken off.

Leslie Weese returned to his home in Minneapolis last week from Battle Creek, Mich., where he has been for the past two years completing a Medical Missionary Course at the Sanitarium. His many friends here welcome him home and hope the Lord will find use for his acquired skill and talent in the Twin Cities.

In a letter from College View, Neb. Bro. C. M. Everest says, "The work at the Conference is moving along nicely and all are seeking for the Lord's blessing". All who are not permitted to attend this important conference will deem it a privilege to pray that divine wisdom may actuate the men who are planning and making changes for the advancement of the cause in the future.






THE MINNESOTA TRACT SOCIETY have on hand a few copies of the Splendid Work, "Week Day Religion" by Miller.....

The Price of this book is \$ 1.00 but to close them out will send them to any address, post-paid, for 75 cents.

The book contains 315 pages and is substantially bound in cloth. We give below a few of the titles of the chapters that you may have a faint glimpse of what the good book contains ;

What is Your Life ?
 Getting Help from the Bible,
 Help for Weary Week Days,
 Glimpses at Life's Windows,
 Religion in the Home,
 The Ministry of Sorrow,
 The Marriage Altar, and after.
 Kindness that Comes too Late,
 Manly Men, Books and Reading,
 On the Choice of Friends,
 and many other interesting and instructive subjects are written about in a very effective style.

We are not in the flesh, but the flesh is in us. This seems to be the incontrovertible testimony of Scripture and experience.