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

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A PRAYER.

Father, what'er of earthly bliss
Thy sovereign will denies,
Accepted at Thy throne of grace,
Let this petition rise.

Give me a calm and thankful heart,
From every murmur free,
The blessings of Thy love impart,
And help me live for Thee.

Let the sweet hope that Thou art
mine
My life and death attend;
Thy presence through my journey
shine,
And crown my journey's end.



A LAW OF GOD.

No one who has read the Scripture will say that it does not teach us to work. Every Bible student loves to work. The word of God inspires us to work. Paul said the love of Christ constrained him. Jeremiah said the word of God burned in his bones. He fed upon it and it was sweet to his taste. If a man gets his heart full of the word of God, he is not then interested just in one little corner of the vineyard, but he will take a wide field of labor and interest.

The first words that fell from the lips of Christ on earth, so far as we have them on record, were, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" You will find that during His ministry He toiled early and late in the work. After we are saved we cannot help going to work. If a man tells me he has been saved of Christ, and yet has no desire to work for God, I know it is spurious conversion; it is not a true salvation; it has not the ring of Heaven in it.—Moody.

PATIENCE A VIRTUE.

One has said that "to be able to triumph over the ills of life with a patient spirit is one of the surest evidences of a great mind." The truth of this is proven by the history of all past ages. Master minds in whatever department they have labored have possessed this ability as a distinguishing trait of their character, and their successes have largely depended upon it. Patience even entered into and formed no small part of the beauty of the life of Christ, and by Him was presented as an essential element in the character of all good men. But that patience is a necessary virtue in the fulfillment of our obligations to others is but part of the truth. It is absolutely indispensable in the world's great drama. Where we are often called to act in relieving the wants of suffering humanity, it becomes necessary that we acquaint ourselves with the language, customs, and manners of a people whose history lies deeply hidden amid the ruins of the past, ere we can become messengers of mercy, and here will be required patient forbearance. Lessons of instruction must be exemplified by illustrations the most simple, and all their various beauties and benefits must be urged in every conceivable way as we can hope to be successful. In all this work there must be such patience as will allow us to see the slow development of years, bring out the understanding and make plain even the most simple of our teachings.

When the duty of acting guide and teacher is brought still nearer home, the necessity for the exercise of this virtue still increases. Where is the budding intellect at the mother's knee to receive the instruction necessary to fit it for the stern responsibilities of after life?

In our various undertakings in this life, patience is always put to the surest tests. Nothing but the most patient waiting, and steady determi-

nation can possibly prevent defeat. And it should be remembered that the cloud which often gathers, and seems to threaten our plans with destruction, may be but the advance of the brighter days of success. God intended that man should be happy, however the current of life might run. He says, "Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Of this fact we have ample assurance in the great capacity He has given man for improvement, and we look at this world of ours, so full of attractions calculated to increase our faith in Him and call forth praise to His name, there is left no room for murmuring or discontent.


Patient, continued and energetic labor is the lot of all on earth if they fulfill their destiny. But it has not been left without its reward, "To them who, by patient continuance in well-doing, seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." It is through this means that man is to become acquainted with his Maker. And in the exact degree that his views of the works, wisdom and benevolence of God are enlarged, will be called forth feelings of contentment and happiness.

Patience protects us from the effects of prejudice and passion, and through the exercise of this virtue, we are taught to look at life's misfortunes as things necessary to the development of those mental and moral powers given us. Even the sterner dispensations of Providence, which, like a mighty storm, often snaps friends and comforts away, we learn to receive as the divine appointments through which we are prepared for a higher scale of excellence. S. E. G. HAUGHEY.



Any one may do a casual act of good nature, but a continuation of them shows it is a part of the temperament.—Sterne.

It is easier to suppress the first desire than to satisfy all that follow it.



Tidings From the Field.

Dear "Visitor"—I know you will be interested to know of the work at Wilmington, where the churches of New Antioch and Bloomington held their meetings jointly for the week of prayer, as they have also held their Sabbath-school and meetings for some time in the past. I was with them from the beginning of the "season" until Thursday p. m., the 27th. The meetings increased in interest until the last, and we had many assurances of the presence and blessing of the Lord, in the joy with which the word was received; the tenderness of heart it wrought in all; the good testimonies so readily borne; the interest taken in all branches of the work as they were presented, and I trust will also be evidenced in the response that was made to the appeals for aid in the different enterprises of the missionary work, when the collection was taken up.

The churches at New Antioch and Bloomington are so reduced in numbers by removals and other causes, that they find it impracticable to maintain meetings at their houses of worship, and so have united in holding them at Wilmington; and this condition of things demands attention, and wise management, to "strengthen that which remains," and make it a blessing to the cause in Wilmington; as the providence of the Lord seems to be turning in that direction, and there are quite a number of young people there whose hearts are reaching out after the Lord. We expect soon to make an especial effort to gather in these precious souls, and put the work there upon a more satisfactory footing.

I have also been looking after the interests of the "Review" and "Welcome Visitor" among our people, and have sent in one order for each, and others will send soon.

On the evening of the 27th I came to Cincinnati and found an interesting and interested company gathered to hear the word, that was sent for their help and blessing. All seemed deeply moved and ready to respond to the word. The meetings have continued to grow in interest, and have been characterized by a unity and

earnestness which has been encouraging to all who have attended. "The Ordinances" were celebrated on Sabbath the 29th by special appointment, and a blessed season was enjoyed. One was received by letter, and it was indicated by the testimonies given that soon more will be received on profession of faith. Being a stranger in the place, and there being no Elder in the church, it seemed necessary to take a little time to properly arrange for the business meeting. So it was decided to hold that on the 6th of Jan. And although there has existed, and do still exist, some things, which have been to the hindrance of the union and prosperity of this church, yet we trust that through the grace of Christ they may be overcome and made to work for their eternal good. To this end we ask the united prayers of God's faithful people for the work, and workers in this great city. I am sorry that I am not able at this writing to give you the amounts of the collections at these two places for the Foreign Mission work.

Our greetings to all the workers, "Stand fast in the Lord."

Your fellow worker,

CHAS. A. SMITH.

CLYDE—We are in the midst of the meetings of the week of prayer. The Holy Spirit has been present from the first. We are having the best meetings ever enjoyed here. We are planning to largely increase our donation over last year. Since writing last I have visited several churches and preached the funeral of a Mr. Applegate at Locust Point, who was enabled to grasp the promises and die in hope. Also our dear sister, Eva Young, a member of the Clyde church. Mr. Applegate died from cancer, and Sister Young with consumption.

The funeral of Mr. Applegate was preached in the U. B. church to a large audience, and that of Sister Young in the M. E. church near her home. The house was crowded and the Spirit of God witnessed with power the story of "Life through Christ." I am in usual health, of good courage in the Lord, and have a bright hope of reigning with the Saints of God.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Since our meeting at Springfield I

have visited Ironton, S. Webster, Jackson, Beaver and the home church in the interest of the new book. The Lord has blessed in all these meetings. There seems to be a determination to take up this work in faith by almost every professed believer in the Third Angel's Message. Even some not of the faith have seen light in it, and have been drawn closer to us in faith and sympathy by the plan. Last Sabbath and Sunday I spent with the Beaver church. Brother Bidwell came over and rendered valuable assistance in the meeting. One brother walked twelve miles to attend the meeting. Quarterly meeting was held on Sunday. A good spirit was in the meeting throughout.

R. R. KENNEDY.

LIMA.—I spent Dec. 21-29, with the Sabbath-keepers at Lima. Deaths, removals, etc., have diminished their number until there are only a few faithful sisters left to hold up the banner of truth. The spirit of the Lord was present at all our meetings and all felt that the week of prayer readings were a great help to them. While Sabbath, Dec. 29th, was the last day of the week of prayer that had been appointed, all felt that from henceforth every week would be a week of prayer. May this be true of every one of the Lord's children.

MARGARET HAUGHEY.

DUNKIRK, JUMBO, KENTON and LIMA—We have visited all of these places in the last few days. Had excellent meetings at each, and found all anxious to help in the good work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons." We are now (Dec. 13) at Elgin. We have had one meeting, and the prospects are that we will not take from here many of a box of thirty-five "Christ's Object Lessons." We are of good courage.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.


R. A. BOARDMAN.


ERRATUM.

In the article concerning Mt. Vernon Academy, which appeared in last issue, the statement of the debt should have read, \$17,000.00, instead of \$1,700.00.—Ed.



"Though He slay me yet will I trust in Him."



Mt. Vernon Academy.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

There is to be a Canvassers' Institute held at the Mt. Vernon Academy the last two weeks of the "Special Term," now in progress. While the primary object will be to train canvassers to sell the new book, "Christ's Object Lessons," receiving the usual commission, in the fields remote from the churches, yet all lines of the canvassing work will be considered.

We hope that those who have had success in the canvassing work will come up to the help of the Lord.

The only charges made will be for board and lodging at the rate of \$2.50 per week. The Academy donates the instruction and help it can give and the Review and Herald Publishing Co. also donates an instructor.

We are not asking for a large class.

We only ask for twenty, but will welcome all that will attend.

Remember the time—from Jan. 22 to Feb. 5, 1901.

We have already heard from some of those who formerly canvassed and became sidetracked who will attend this institute and take up the work again.

We hope no one will stay away. We have not had a canvassers' institute in Ohio for several years.

Can we not have some of the old time jingle that used to be in this line of work? Address

A. G. HAUGHEY,
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.



NEED OF GENUINE RELIGION IN OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS.

(CONCLUDED)

Entire consecration of soul must be maintained as much by the teachers and superintendents of our Sabbath-schools as by the ministers in our pulpits, for all alike are engaged in the work of bringing souls to Christ. Each in his place is to work, as did Christ, in the spirit of love, for the erring and impenitent. This is what Christ would see in the Sabbath-school work.

The teachers should set a right example before the youth, in spirit, in deportment, and in dress. They

should be attired in plain, simple garments; and their spirit should be as humble as a child's, yet pure and elevated, for they stand in the presence of God, to represent the character of Christ to their scholars. In the spirit of devotion, with tenderness of heart, they should look upon their charges, remembering that Jesus said, "Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of My Father which is in heaven." The angels of God that behold the face of the Father in heaven are looking upon the children and youth, whom you, as living agents for God, are teaching the way of salvation. Think of this, superintendents and teachers; you are in the presence of heavenly angels, doing work the character of which will testify to your fidelity or unfaithfulness to Christ.

If teachers would ever bear in mind that it is the Holy Spirit that must reveal to the soul glimpses of heavenly things, and that as they work in the Spirit of Christ, this heavenly agent is impressing the mind with divine truth; if they would ever realize that angels are about them, that they are standing upon holy ground, much more efficient work would be done in our Sabbath-schools. The teachers would not be devoid of spiritual grace and power, for they would have a realization of the divine presence; they would understand that they were but the human agents through whom Christ was imparting His heavenly light. Their labors would be instinct with earnestness and power, and they would know that the Spirit helpeth their infirmities.

The superintendents and teachers in our Sabbath-schools must be converted, rescued from their habitual insensibility. The precious lessons of truth must not be taught in a tame, lifeless way; but by daily communion with the Lord, by a reception of the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness, life-giving power must be added to their efforts to win souls to Christ. They must continually keep the mind stayed upon Christ, that the thoughts and impulses may be of a spiritual character, and that their manner and method of teaching may be subject to the dictation of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit in its highest manifestation to men is to enable them to put forth

their best energies, as God is working in them to will and to do of His own good pleasure.

"Without Me," Christ says, "ye can do nothing." The worker is not to be left alone. The Spirit of God is given unto him, that he may will and do of God's good pleasure, that he may make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. Then, teacher, follow the leadings of the Spirit. As the Spirit of God draws the hearts of the children and youth, you draw with tenderness and love, inviting them, and pleading with them to give their hearts to God.

The children and youth are Christ's purchased possession; he has bought them with an infinite price. Jesus loves the little ones. He looks with pity upon the young, for He knows how Satan will seek to attract them into the broad way, making it look enticing to their eyes; and Jesus bids the angels to take special charge of these inexperienced souls, in their homes, in their school life, and in the Sabbath-school. The Spirit is continually striving with them, seeking to draw them to God; and the laborer together with God will feel his responsibility, and will earnestly work to win souls to Christ.



NOTICE.

Some months ago it was thought by several of our contributors that it would be much better to have the Visitor published the first and fifteenth of every month. Though knowing that this would be somewhat inconvenient for those having the work in charge, yet being willing to accommodate all, it was decided, after due consultation, to change it. But since giving it a fair trial it has been found that the inconveniences far outbalance the advantages to be gained, and thinking that the new year would be a good time to make the contemplated change, we announce that the Visitor will now be published as formerly, on the first and third Thursday in the month. Let all communications be in by the Friday before publication.



"He satisfied the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

TITHE REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1900.

Alliance	\$ 6.96
Ashland	1.05
Bellefontaine	7.50
Bowling Green.....	80.00
Camden	20.20
Chagrin Falls.....	13.74
Cincinnati	36.29
Cleveland	99.50
Columbus	90.54
Conneaut	3.59
Coshocton	3.50
Dayton	70.26
Delaware	1.25
Geneva	45.43
Gilboa	1.50
Greenspring	6.09
La Grange.....	28.41
Liberty Center.....	10.00
Marshfield	15.09
Mt. Vernon.....	59.61
Newark	21.99
New Antioch.....	14.60
Nashville	25.00
Portage River.....	40.50
Springfield	35.04
Sherwood	78.00
Toledo	80.95
Wheelersburg	4.55
Youngstown	30.00
Isolated Sabbath Keepers....	49.46

Total\$980.50

A. A. LAUDER, Treas.



THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

Jan. 17, 1901, The Youth's Instructor will begin a series of articles from Brother W. S. Sadler, dealing with experiences that have come under his observation in the work for young people. These articles strike at the root of things—they do not begin and end with the condition of backsliding and sin, but they go back to the causes, and show how, in some cases, the cause has been removed, and its sad effect when allowed to remain. Pre-eminently this is a Missionary Series, and the numbers containing it should be distributed by thousands. Young people everywhere should have the privilege of reading these articles—not only those in our own churches, but those who do not know the truth. Our missionary societies would do well to order clubs of the paper for use by their young people, as well as to see that there is not one who does not have the privilege of reading them.

Remember the date—Jan. 17, 1901. The whole series of eleven articles, and six extra copies, will be sent to any address in the United States or Canada, for only twenty-five cents. Usual discount in quantities. Order at once.



THE MARRIAGE AT CANA.

The mother of Jesus said unto the servants at the marriage feast, Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it. This they implicitly obeyed. This was right, for it was their business and duty to obey heartily as unto the Lord; so they filled the water pots to the brim. And He said unto them draw out now, bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. Their duty was performed. Jesus, the Divine Son of God, did the rest. The water was made wine and pronounced by the governor of the feast the good wine. This was the first sign (or miracle) that Jesus did. This miracle was performed, that He might manifest His glory before His disciples so that they might believe and in faith relate their experience at the Jordan. Thus confirming the faith of Mary in the mission and divinity of her son. This brought joy and gladness to the wedding guests, and the report extended all over the entire country even to Jerusalem. "With new interest the priests and elders searched the prophecies pointing to Jesus, coming."

Here is a lesson for all. It applies to us just now. The Lord has given us a command to take of the work of selling Christ's Object Lessons, as explicitly as He ever gave a command to the children of Israel in the wilderness to move forward. "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it." Then He says that "We shall see the glory of the Lord." Then we can tell it to others. Then we can have a part in the jubilee song of freedom from debt on our schools. Are we the servants of the Lord? Will we obey and fill the waterpots to the brim so that we may have the pleasure of bearing the good wine to the governor of the feast? Let all who have obeyed the call to the wedding feast remember that this is an individual call direct from the Lord through His servants to do something to roll back the reproach that is upon our school. Shall it be removed as completely as the reproach was from the host at the

wedding in Cana of Galilee? It will be, my brother. "There are Enochs in this our day." Will you be one of them? May the Lord roll away the mists from your eyes if you are faltering. We can not afford to miss the privilege of seeing the glory of God.

R. R. KENNEDY.



MIDWINTER GOOD HEALTH.

We want every Seventh Day Adventist to sell our special Midwinter Good Health. This number can be sold either alone or in connection with the "Signs" or "Christ's Object Lessons." It is the best help obtainable with which to pay expenses in canvassing. Its principal subjects are: "The Rapid Increase of Disease Among Animals," "Meat Eating a Cause of Cancer," "Pig Inspection at a Chicago Slaughter House," etc., 80 pages; fine illustrations. Order in lots of 10, 25, 50 or 100 at 5 cents each, from your tract society.

Sample copy sent to any address for inspection, if postal is sent to Good Health Pub. Co., Battle Creek, Mich.



ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Miss Mollie Huffaker is visiting at home for a short time.

Brother O. F. Guilford is anticipating moving to Columbus.

Miss Clara Radabaugh was much pleased to have her mother with her during the Week of Prayer.

Mrs. Wright, of Michigan, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Loughhead, returning home yesterday.

Miss Ethel Gibson and Mrs. Wm. Colkins from the Camden church, visited with their sister, Miss Lela Gibson, during the holidays.

One of our ministers, in sending his renewal, said, "Please renew my subscription for four copies." If you cannot renew for four, can not you renew for one?



"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise."

"The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it."

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you."