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### WHATEVER IS.

If we smile or if we sigh;  
If we laugh or if we cry;  
Who will know it, by and by?

Who will care for hopes and fears;  
Who will care for smiles and tears;  
Who will care in coming years?

Then, Oh heart, why suffer so?  
Where thou goest all must go,  
Mortals must oblivion know.

There is One who cares alway,  
Years to Him are but a day,  
Watch and pray then, watch and pray.

Smile and sigh, or sigh and smile;  
Live your life, dear heart, the while;  
Keep it pure and without guile.

Mortals shall immortals be;  
From all care and sorrow free,  
Then, Oh death, what sting have ye?

—MARION E. TEALL IN WOMANKIND.

### ✠ MISSIONARY WORK. ✠

In a recent number of a missionary journal I read these words: "The missionary who has to be continually spurred up to his work, stirred by appeals and aroused by exhortations, is not the sort of person who can be trusted with an important mission for God and humanity. The missionary must have oil enough in his lamp to keep it perpetually burning. He must be prepared to lend to others rather than be obliged to borrow from his neighbors."

Dear missionary workers, suppose we each make a personal application of this test to our-selves, and see if we do not find the reason why such constant and vigorous efforts are required to keep our missionary societies alive and active. The spiritual con-

dition of a society, as such, can never rise above that of its individual members. Are we letting our light shine, or are we looking at our empty lamps and wondering why our brethren do not pay more attention to us and keep them filled? Is the living fire, kindled only by the touch of God, burning in our hearts, or are we always seeking warmth from our neighbors and wondering why we always find them so cold? Have we the *faith which works*, which constantly moves us to active and loving service, or are we waiting for a minister or some one else to come along and stir us up to earnestness? Do we go to the missionary meeting to help, or to be helped? to "get the blessing" or to give it? Or do we stay at home and wonder why "they" don't make the meetings more interesting? Is the missionary society *they* or *we*?

Much has been said about the duties of librarians and officers, and truly a great deal depends on the faithfulness and efficiency of those who lead out in the work, but nothing can take the place of personal consecration and the spirit of *willing service*. It is right that we seek most earnestly, by prayer and by faithful study, to learn how to do our work in the best way, and that those who have the oversight of the work should carefully plan, direct and counsel; but only Christ in the heart can supply the motive power. "Nothing but love can transform human lives into spiritual beauty." Trying by outside influence alone, to awaken a missionary interest in a person who has no love in his heart, is like holding a lighted match to an iceberg.

"Where is that spirit, Lord, which dwelt  
In Abram's breast and sealed him thine?  
Which made Paul's heart with sorrow melt,  
And glow with energy divine?"

A. E. E.

### ✠ THE SABBATH SCHOOL. ✠

DEAR CHILDREN OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL:—

You have no doubt all learned many things of interest about China since we have been giving our Sabbath-school offerings to send a missionary over there, but perhaps you will like to have me write you a letter all your very own about this strange country.

I suppose you have learned that it is a very large country, next to the largest empire in the world, and has so many people in it that we

could not count them in a good many years. Perhaps you have sometimes thought that there are a good many words in the Bible and so there are, but now try to imagine how many people there would be if each word in the Bible represented a person, and then think that it would take every word in 110 Bibles to represent all the people in China and you will get some idea of how many there are.

We are apt to think them a very strange people but to them we are just as strange and they call us all 'foreign devils'. They think their country is the most important one in the world, and really think it is the center of everything (just as we often think of our United States) and so they call it the Middle Kingdom. It is often called the Flowery Land, the land of the Orient, which means East, and the Celestial Kingdom. In the Bible it is called the Land of Sinim. The people are often called Orientals or Celestials.

The Chinese people are all very fond of kite-flying, and on the ninth day of the ninth month which is the end of autumn, they all go to the highest bit of ground or the roofs of the houses and fly their kites. The kites look like great dragons and ugly birds.

Instead of sending people to jail as they do in this country for wrong doing they make the offender wear a wooden collar, or they pierce his ears with arrows to the ends of which are fastened slips of paper on which are written the crimes of which he is guilty. Often the criminals bearing these signs of disgrace are paraded up and down the street, preceded by a herald who announces the crime for which he is being punished. They have many other cruel methods of punishing and torturing criminals.

When the Chinese wish to describe a person who pretends to be very brave and makes a great parade of his courage they say "he is cutting off a hen's head with a battle ax." A coward who boasts of his courage they call "a paper tiger." They compare a person who pretends to be what he is not to a fox who tries to look noble and strong as a tiger. If a person is ignorant of books, they will say: "Turn him upside down, but not a drop of ink will come out of him."

Next week I will tell you about the boys and girls in China.

Have you brought an offering today to help to send them the good news of salvation?

A. L. L.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

West Union, Alexandria, and Hewitt.

The first Sabbath and Sunday in October I was with the church at West Union. The tender influence of the Spirit of God was in the meetings. Many earnest prayers were offered for Sister Owens who was about to start for Minneapolis to undergo a very critical operation. It was refreshing to see how the body sympathized with one of its afflicted members. One young brother was added to the church by baptism.

The second Sabbath and Sunday I was with the church at Alexandria. The brethren and sisters there seem to be drawing nearer one to another in the bonds of Christian love and fellowship. It was the best social meeting ever attended at Alexandria.

Brother Brooks was with us and his help was much appreciated by the brethren.

Last Sabbath and Sunday was spent with the church at Hewitt. We had good meetings. On Sunday evening a goodly number of those not of our faith listened to a discourse on the genuine principles of Religious Liberty to which marked attention was paid. The enemy is hard at work to discourage, but the counsel of God is "Be of good courage. Next Sabbath and Sunday appointment at Villard and the first Sabbath and Sunday in November, with the church at Grove Lake, and then I hope to enter a new field.

Our little boy is recovering. Pray for us.  
W. B. HILL.

EUNICE.

THINKING that the readers of the WORKER will be glad to hear from the work here, I therefore submit the following:—

On account of the elder being sick our quarterly meeting was postponed until October 12. We hold our teachers' meeting from 10:30 to 11. Our S. S. consists of two senior classes and one primary class. The number and interest have increased during the past quarter. All seem to be deeply interested. We are studying the mission field, China, and are receiving much benefit therefrom.

After Sabbath-school, preparation was made for the celebration of the ordinances of the Lord's house. The writer was unexpectedly called upon, by the elder, to talk a little while. I occupied one half hour in exhortations, calling attentions especially to Matt. 8:23-27 and 2 Cor. 4. Opportunity was then offered for testimonies. Each one took part, ascribing praise and thanksgiving to God for his wonderful love and mercy, and confessions, which manifested a searching of heart, were made. The ordinances were then celebrated. A spirit of unity and harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. The Spirit of God was present to impress the solemn realities of the occasion upon our minds.

We are all of good courage, and commence the new

quarter with a strong determination to press forward in the good work.

Pray for the work here. H. W. JOHNSON.  
October 16, 1885.

RED LAKE FALLS.

We have closed our work at Red Lake Falls and I am at present at Sperry for a few days, but will soon go to Philbrook, Minn.

The Lord greatly blessed in the effort at Red Lake falls last summer. Our congregations were on an average from forty to fifty. In the beginning quite a number of Catholics attended, and we hope some good has been done for them. The subjects considered at the tent were the topics talked about the next day throughout the city.

The editor of the Gazette was very kind, and published some eight or nine articles for us. We also obtained thirty-nine orders for our periodicals and sold about \$1.25 worth of reading matter besides giving away \$2.65 worth of tracts and 188 papers.

A Sabbath-school, Tract and Missionary Society numbering seven were organized. All are of good courage and doing missionary work as their circumstances admit. I would ask our brethren and sisters to pray for them that they may continue faithful in the midst of Catholicism, holding forth the word of life and show forth in their lives the praises or virtues of Him who has called them out of darkness into His marvelous light.  
J. H. BEHRENS.

FOR MINNESOTA WORKER:—

I came from Wisconsin to Minneapolis, Minn. September 9. Remained here twenty-nine days laboring in connection with Brn. F. Johnson and G. Hoffman in tent work. Some souls here manifested a desire to follow the truth as it is in Jesus.

After attending the good Camp-meeting at Mankato I came to Hartland October 14, to hold a quarterly service. Had several evening services. The church was well represented and a good degree of God's Spirit was present.

Bro. O. P. Nelson at this place would like to hire a young brother for the winter to do chores, etc. Any one desiring such a place may correspond with him, for particulars, address, Bath, Minn.

Next I visited the Alden church one week. It is indeed sweet to feed upon God's precious word. The truth is clearer and our path shines brighter. We were much blessed in our meetings.

H. R. JOHNSON.

Alden, Minn., Oct. 23, 1885.

THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR.

The Youth's Instructor is one of our oldest periodicals. It was established in 1852 in response to a request made for suitable reading for the children and young people of the denomination. There were at that time, as there are at present, many publica-

tions for the young, the most of which contained very objectionable reading, and very little if any, matter that would create an interest in the special work of the gospel for this time. The Instructor was established to meet this want. It has been appreciated, and has served well the purpose for which it was brought into existence.

It has been the only periodical for the young, its columns have been filled with matter adapted for both children and young people. Recently another periodical, the Little Friend has been established especially for the children, and should have the field for those under ten years of age. In order that this excellent child's paper shall occupy the field for which it was established, in the future the Instructor will contain matter especially adapted for the older children and young people. It will be the aim of the managers to make this paper an educator for the young people. To reach this end its columns will be devoted to the consideration of Science, Literature, Travels, History, and Practical Christianity.

In the consideration of subjects under the above headings, it is expected that they shall be so treated as to bring out those things that will lead to the development of true manhood, and interest in the study of the Scriptures.

At the last General Conference it was voted that the editorial management of this periodical be under the direction of the General Conference, and the editors be appointed by the Executive Committee of that body. At a recent meeting the committee made their appointments as follows:—

Editors, J. H. Durland and M. E. Kellogg. Special Contributors, Mrs. Vesta J. Farnsworth, College View, Neb. and Mrs. Jessie F. Waggoner, London, England.

Elder Durland has had several years' experience in teaching the young people in our Camp-meetings, and other general meetings, in the different Conferences. This experience will enable him to furnish interesting and instructive matter for this journal. Elder Kellogg has had a long experience in editorial work on the Review, and will be able to keep up the mechanical appearance of the paper to its past standard, and at the same time furnish interesting articles for the young people. Mrs. Farnsworth and Mrs. Waggoner are well known as workers among the youth, and as writers. We feel free to say that their contributions will be highly appreciated by our readers.

Besides these just mentioned, we can assure our readers that we shall have contributors in other parts of the world, whose articles will be of special interest. Mrs. E. G. White who has been a regular contributor in the past, will no doubt continue to furnish us interesting matter. Dr. J. H. Kellogg and his associates have kindly consented to furnish us something on the subject of health and temperance. We expect our brethren who shall go abroad to furnish us items of interest that they will gather in their travels.

A volume of the Instructor contains more reading

matter than a volume of "Patriarchs and Prophets," or four volumes of the "Young Peoples Library." By this comparison it will be seen that the price is quite low. It is within the reach of every young person who has an interest for good reading. The *Youth's Instructor* is a journal for the young people, and we hope they will subscribe for it, *read it and work for it*. Nearly every person who is now enjoying its weekly visits, with a little effort, could send in several new subscriptions.

Many will doubtless wish to avail themselves of the special offer that is now being made. For twenty-five new yearly subscriptions we will give as premium the "Encyclopædic Dictionary," consisting of four handsome volumes bound in cloth, gilt back, marbled edges, containing nearly 3000 illustrations, and over 250,000 words. This is the best offer ever made with the paper, and we trust that all will appreciate its value, and work enthusiastically for the circulation of the paper. If you are working for the "Encyclopædic Dictionary," you should state that fact in sending your orders.

If unable to obtain the twenty-five subscriptions, for four new yearly subscriptions we will send the paper to your address free; or if you are already taking the paper, we will allow you a commission of twenty-five cents on each annual subscription that you may secure.

Orders accompanied with the cash can be sent to *The Youth's Instructor*, Battle Creek, Mich., or to Minnesota Tract Society.

UNITY.

WHAT is unity? That oneness with Christ is unity all will will agree. This is the work reserved to the Holy Spirit alone. Unity is moral order. Variance—spiritual anarchy. Why is it so hard for those of like faith to be in "sweet accord"? Is it because of a different mind, than the mind of Christ? Because we make "league with the inhabitants of the land," and are more concerned to mind the things of the flesh, than inspired by zeal for the cause of the Lord, too many are concerned lest some brother or sister is overburdened with a load of unconfessed sins that they are anxious to have unloaded. By thus dwelling on them they are morally unfit to come in harmonious relation with the brethren or in communion with the blessed Spirit.

When the time comes that we are filled with zeal for the Master, then all carnal things will be driven from our hearts and minds; then we will all think the same things, speak the same words, love the same things, be guided by the same Spirit, and be united in the same Christ.

ANNA GOLDSBOROUGH.

Jesus belongs to us, He loves us with a love which no word can tell—may above all our thoughts and imaginations; and he condescends to desire with a longing which is equally undescribable that we should love Him with a fervent and entire love.

—F. W. FABER.

THE BOOK WORK.

CANVASSERS' REPORT FOR WEEK  
ENDING OCT. 18, 1895.

| DELIVERIES.    |          |          |          |         |            |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|------------|
|                | Book     | No. Del. | Val.     | Val.    | Helps.     |
| W. H. Moore    | G. C.    | 44       | \$94.75  |         | \$1.80     |
| P. O. Johnson  | " "      | 38       | 94.75    |         | 7.50       |
| K. O. Sjaahem  | " "      | 26       | 62.75    |         | 5.25       |
| Gust Henrikson | P. J.    | 27       | 45.50    |         | 5.40       |
| H. E. Sjelstad | " "      | 25       | 54.00    |         | 1.05       |
| S. H. Wing     | " "      | 32       | 72.50    |         |            |
| H. E. Nash     | D.&R.    | 4        | 8.50     |         |            |
|                |          | 196      | \$433.75 |         | \$19.20    |
| ORDERS TAKEN.  |          |          |          |         |            |
|                | Book     | Ord.     | Hrs.     | Val.    | Val. Helps |
| *H. E. Nash    | D.&R.    | 8        | 51       | \$19.50 | \$1.75     |
| *C. Edwardson  | Steps&c. | 55       | 53       | 20.56   | 2.65       |
| P. O. Johnson  | G. C.    | 3        |          | 8.25    |            |
| W. H. Moore    | " "      | 8        |          | 17.50   |            |
|                |          | 74       | 104      | \$65.81 | \$4.40     |

\*H. E. Nash and C. Edwardson's reports are for two weeks.

Brn. Moore and Johnson took their orders while delivering.

Truly the Lord is blessing in the deliveries so far as I have heard, this fall.

It has been decided to have a canvassers' school again this winter of about twelve or thirteen weeks. Eld. C. Santee will teach the Bible, and M. A. Winchell will teach other branches. I should like to hear from all who are thinking of attending the school.

C. M. EVEREST.

ITEMS.

Miss A. L. Little returned yesterday from College View where she attended the District Conference.

Bro. Ingison is continuing the meetings in N. E. Minneapolis and a few honest souls are listening to the truth each evening.

The canvassers are nearly through with their delivering and have had good success thus far, and the prayers of God's people should ascend to his throne, that these thousands of pages which have been scattered this season may be read by honest hearts and willing minds—those who are hungering and thirsting for truth.

The Minnesota Tract Soc. is sending out statements to all those who are indebted to them, and we hope that each individual who reads these lines and who receives a statement will consider this a personal invitation to assist the cause by sending in that little amount you owe. How much better the ledger will appear with your account balanced. "Owe no man anything" is a divine command, and may not this debt also stand against you on the records of Heaven?