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THE LOVING SAVIOUR.

O, TRAV'LER worn and weary,
All stained with care and sin,
O bring your cares to Jesus,
O let the Saviour in.
Come to the loving Saviour's breast,
For he can give you peace and rest.

He's waited long for thee to come
Within the fold of Christ, our home.
O do not grieve the Heavenly Guest,
But come to him, O come and rest.
Do not refuse, and seal thy fate
Until at last, it be too late.

He lovingly, tenderly waiting stands
With bleeding brow and nailpierced hands.
For thee, he left his royal throne
And wandered here on earth, alone.
He died upon the cruel tree
To save thy soul; to set thee free.

~~For thee he bore the haughty scorn,~~
By cruel thorns his brow was torn.
O, wondrous love, O, saving power,
That brought him to this trying hour,
To save thy soul from death and sin,
That thou to heaven, might'st enter in.

Can you despise such love as this?
O, take e'en now the proffered bliss
Of heavenly joy, and peace, and rest,
Lay down thy burdens thou distressed,
The Father's love still yearns for thee.
Wilt thou accept salvation, free?

OLGA GAEDR.

LOVE AMONG BRETHREN.

"FINALLY, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, if there be any praise, think on these things."

The dealings of God with his people often appear mysterious. His ways are not our ways, nor his thoughts, our thoughts. Many times his way of dealing is so contrary to our plans and expectations that we are amazed and confounded. We do not understand our perverse natures, and often when we are gratifying self, following our own inclinations, we flatter ourselves that we are carrying out the mind of God. And so we need to search the Scriptures, and be much in prayer, that, according to his promise, the Lord may give us wisdom.

Brethren sometimes associate together for years, and think they can trust those they know so well, just as they would trust members of their own family. There is freedom and confidence in this association which could not exist among those not of the same faith. This is very pleasant while brotherly love continues; but let the accuser of the brethren gain admittance to the heart of one of these men, controlling the mind and imaginations, and jealousies are created, suspicion and envy are harbored; and he who supposed himself secure in the love and friendship of his brother, finds himself mistrusted, and his motives misjudged. The false brother forgets his own human frailties, forgets his obligation to think and speak no evil lest he dishonor God and wound Christ in the person of his saints, and every defect that can be thought of or imagined is commented upon unmercifully, and the character of a brother is represented as dark and questionable.

There is a betrayal of sacred trust. The things spoken in brotherly confidence are repeated and misrepresented; and every word, every action however innocent and well meaning, is scrutinized by the cold, jealous criticism of those who were thought noble, too honorable to take the least advantage of friendly association or brotherly trust. Hearts are closed to mercy, judgment, and the love of God; and the cold sneering, contemptuous spirit which Satan manifests toward his victim is revealed.

Floating rumors are often the destroyers of unity among brethren. There are some who watch with open mind and ears to catch flying scandal. They gather up little incidents which may be trifling in themselves, but which are repeated and exaggerated until a man is made an offender for a word. Their motto seems to be, "Report, and we will report it."

These talebearers are doing Satan's work with surprising fidelity, little knowing how offensive this course is to God. If they would spend half the energy and zeal that is given to this unholy work in examining their own hearts, they would find so much to do to cleanse their souls from impurity

that they would have no time or disposition to criticise their brethren, and they would not fall under the power of this temptation. The door of the mind should be closed against, "They say" or "I have heard." Why should we not, instead of allowing jealousy or evil surmising to come into our hearts as to our brethren, after frankly but kindly setting before them the things we have heard detrimental to their character and influence, pray with and for them? While we cannot fellowship those who are the bitter enemies of Christ, we should cultivate that spirit of meekness and love that characterized our Master,—a love that thinketh no evil, and is not easily provoked.

We are living amid the perils of the last days, and we should guard every avenue by which Satan can approach us with his temptations.

A fatal delusion seizes those who have had great light and precious opportunities, but who have not walked in the light nor improved the opportunities which God has given them. Darkness comes upon them and they fail to make Christ their strength, and fall an easy prey to the snares of the deceiver. A mere assent to the truth will never save a soul from death. We must be sanctified through the truth; every defect of character must be overcome, or it will overcome us and become a controlling power for evil.

Let us diligently cultivate the pure principles of the gospel of Christ,—the religion not of self esteem but of love, meekness, and lowliness of heart. Then we shall love our brethren, and esteem them better than ourselves. Our minds will not dwell on the dark side of their character; we shall not feast on scandal and flying reports. But "whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue and if there be any praise," we shall "think on these things."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"Seek peace, and pursue it."

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Seville.

WELCOME VISITOR: We have just closed our tent effort at Seville and stored our tent here for the winter.

The meeting lasted forty-five days, and while the attendance has not been large, we are glad to report that one lady of intelligence has taken her stand to obey all the commandments of God, and others are deeply interested.

One thing that has extended the interest and opened homes for Bible readings has been a thorough canvass of the country within a radius of four miles. Brother Bidwell has sold \$38.53 worth of books and tracts, and Brother Moffet, \$23.69. When the people did not buy, we frequently left tracts on the Message. We are glad to report that our work together has been completely harmonious. Brother Moffet remains to bind off the work, while Brother Bidwell goes to other points. We ask your prayers for those who are in the valley of decision here. We are of good courage in the Lord.

W. E. BIDWELL,
W. C. MOFFET.

Greenspring.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: Thinking that you might like to hear from the church at this place, I am glad to report that we are of good courage in the Lord.

On the Sabbath before the quarterly meeting one sister was baptized. She has been a regular attendant for over a year at the church.

Our quarterly meeting was held at the regular time, and although our number was small, all seemed to en-

joy the occasion. Some of our members live in Tiffin and could not attend the services here, so the next Sabbath we went there and held the services with them.

We found the brethren at Tiffin in harmony, and firm in the faith. They have a good Sabbath-school, and the attendance that day was 100 per cent.

May the Lord bless us all and keep us faithful to his cause.

Your brother,

J. S. FISHER.

Middlefield.

SABBATH, Oct. 21, was a day of blessing to the faithful of the Middlefield church. Elder Webster occupied about half an hour speaking words of faith and courage which were gladly received by those hungering for the heavenly bread.

Then we repaired to a beautiful spot by the side of a small lake where two precious souls, husband and wife, were buried with their Lord in baptism.

As we think of the company which stood on the shore witnessing, and singing that good old song of submission and consecration, "I will follow thee my Saviour," we can but wonder where each will be led. But whether it be over Jordan's stormy billows or besides the still waters, we must be content with one step at a time.

As we parted it was with the knowledge that it had been a "day the Lord had blessed" to the encouragement of his people at this place.

JOHN W. SHULTZ.

Lancaster.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We have been very much encouraged in our work here the past week. Monday I came across the first Sabbath-keeper I have been able to find in Fairfield Co. An old man who a few years ago went to the State of Washington to look at some land, and while there met our people near Walla Walla. He said he found that they had the truth for which he had been searching for years.

From the time he was sixteen years old the Sabbath question had troubled him. He sought information from the ministers, but they would evade his questions and he received no satisfaction. When he met our people he began keeping the Sabbath and bought a number of our large books. He gave me his order for *The Review* and promised to attend our family Sabbath-school in the near future. I found his son also interested in our literature.

Though a part of the week has been very disagreeable, I have lost no time. While wading through mud and water I was tempted several times to skip a few houses. One in particular which stood out of the way. As it was raining and very muddy, I reasoned that under the circumstances I would be justified in passing it by. But as I had learned never to skip a house, I decided to visit this one. The result was that I found two families, side by side, and sold a book in each house.

The first family had bought a copy of "Christ our Saviour" the year before and were very well pleased with it. These good people kindly informed me that I need not waste my time with the other man as he could neither read nor write. While I appreciated their kindness, I went over to the man and in about three minutes took his order. He was expecting his daughter home in a few days and thought it would be a good book for her.

We are of good courage in the work and enjoy much of the blessing of the Lord. While it is somewhat lonesome now, we are hoping and praying that eventually we may see a company raised up at this place. Yours in the work,

MR. AND MRS. E. R. NUMBERS.

Cleveland.

WELCOME VISITOR: Our services at Cleveland continue full of interest from Sabbath to Sabbath, with visitors from other of our churches, and strangers also. Our quarterly meeting was one of special interest.

We are sorry to have Elder Mc Bain and Brother Schoonard leave us for Vermilion, O.

At our last Sabbath's meeting we made a special effort for our building fund and raised \$350.00. We appreciate very much the excellent articles in the VISITOR from Elders Burkholder, Kennedy, Shannon, and Brother Hamer in the interest of the Cleveland church, and assure all the dear friends that help us in this our hour of need, that it will multiply prayers in their behalf. We would be glad to hear from all the workers through the VISITOR.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Notice: My home address is Clyde, O.

Cleveland address, 1161 Prospect St.

"Our lives we put on a curious plan,
Shaping them, as it were, for man;
But God, with better art than we,
Shapes them for eternity."

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

All matter for this department should be sent to D. D. Rees, Mt. Vernon, O.

THE COLLEGE SEWING DEPARTMENT.

THE sewing department of our school is as yet in its infancy, being only six weeks old; but it is making rapid progress.

We aim to teach the young ladies who enter the classes to become proficient in sewing, from the simple bast- ing stitches to the most difficult darning of woollen suits, dresses etc., until, step by step, they become thorough, practical dress makers, able, at the same time, to clean, press, and remodel garments, thus many times saving dollars and cents which, without this knowledge, must be expended.

There are at present three classes a day conducted in this department. Two classes—a beginning class of sixteen and an advanced class of ten—are taking dressmaking. The members of the later class bring their own garments to the class, and, under the direction of the teacher, cut, fit, and make them.

Some are having their first experience along these lines, and it is indeed very gratifying to see them as busy as bees, intent upon accomplishing one of the most important branches of the practical side of life affords, and which every young woman should know.

These young people chose to avail themselves of the opportunity of learning that which will make them more useful and independent. What the world needs to-day, and what the cause demands, is more people who not only can help themselves but can be of assistance to others, teaching them to dress neatly and healthfully.

The needs of this department have already called for two new sewing machines. Each student is already making good progress, which surely means success.

Later, classes will be conducted in drafting and cutting patterns, draping, etc., making a complete course. Our aim is perfection, and our prayer is that ours may be a model sewing room, such as will meet the approval of God, and one where the Unseen Visitor will love to dwell as the Supreme Teacher, crowning our efforts with success, and finally clothing us with robes of His righteousness.

MRS. INEZ ROBINSON.

"A wise man seeks to outshine himself; a fool, to outshine others."

YOUNG LADIES' SELF CULTURE SOCIETY.

THE Young Ladies' Self Culture Society of Mt. Vernon College was organized about five years ago by some of our former students, who have finished their preparatory education and have entered the school of life.

It was organized for the purpose of preparing the young ladies for the Saviour's work. Many feel timid about taking a part in public, but beginning in a meeting where all are young and inexperienced makes all more free to take an active part.

True education is to help ourselves help others. The Saviour said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"; so in our small society we meet from Sabbath to Sabbath to develop in this way. Those who are true to their Saviour and take an active part in these meetings, not only receive much benefit themselves, but set an example for those who are not so much inclined in this way. It often leads these to accept their Saviour and also develop their talents. The many testimonies of our former students show this to be true.

Our officers are elected every six weeks. They are the President; Assistant, who looks after the needs of the Society; the Secretary, who keeps a record of our work, and calls the roll; a program committee of three, whose work it is to arrange the program.

The meetings are opened with prayer, singing, and the reading of a chapter in the Bible. The remainder of the time is given to those who happen to be on the program for the day. They give Bible readings, discuss various subjects, and sometimes give appropriate readings.

Every third week our Society meets with the young men's Society, and a joint program is given.

Each Society selects a speaker, and special music is prepared for these occasions, such as vocal solos, trios, and quartets. May we have your prayers that God may bless us in our work?

DEBORA A. SECOR,
MABEL KLOPFENSTINE.

YOUNG MEN'S SELF CULTURE SOCIETY.

A few years ago three or four young men of the school who were preparing for the ministry, and who desired to receive some practical experience in public speaking, met in one of the recitation rooms and formed an organization known as the Young Men's Self Culture Society. Each would take his turn and occupy fifteen or twenty minutes in delivering a dis-

course on some Bible subject, after which the other members of the Society would offer some friendly criticism or suggestion as to the speaker's manner of presenting the subject.

Soon others, who were at first inclined to offer a jeering smile as the boys would start off for their meeting, and who would sometimes speak of them as the "preachers," began to see the progress the members of the Society were making in developing their talent. They wondered what the boys were doing down in the recitation room, but no one could visit the meeting who was not willing to take his turn at speaking.

It is an item of interest to know that each charter member of this Society is now in public work in the Third Angel's Message, and that through their efforts many souls have already been brought into this truth.

This organization is prosperous this year. It is encouraging, indeed, to see the interest the young men take in these meetings. At the present time from fifteen to twenty young men meet every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock, and many times these meetings are the most helpful of all the week.

Some of its members are planning to commence Sunday night meetings in a country school-house; so we may have something of unusual interest for this department of the VISITOR in the future.

Pray for us that this year a band of young men may leave the school equipped for active service at the front.

FRED C. WEBSTER.

SABBATH MEETING.

MR. J. M. CAMPBELL (who is preparing himself for work in the South among his people), assisted by Mr. Claude White and Mr. Fred Webster, two other students preparing for the ministry, occupied the pulpit last Sabbath morning.

Mr. Campbell delivered a very instructive sermon on the "Home of the Saved." He emphasized the fact that Jesus is soon coming again, and that a city, whose builder and maker is God, is being prepared for the righteous.

The needs of the South were presented in a way that appealed to our sympathies, and many hearts were touched when they learned that even in this free country there are souls who have never heard the name of Jesus. Can we not lend a helping hand?—Yes! by our prayers and sacrifices.

ALPHA PAULINE.

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