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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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How the Lord Blessed

Along in the spring as school was nearing its close, Miss Grace Jenkins, of the Southwestern Junior College, decided to enter the magazine colporteur work and earn a scholarship. She had never had any previous experience, but felt a burden for perishing souls in our cities. She set her goal at 5,000 magazines, which seemed staggering to many of the girls, but undaunted by outside influence she pressed forward, visiting many of the larger cities in Texas. For three weeks she was sick, which might have discouraged many of less courage and faith, but believing that the Lord had called her to this work, she again resumed her duties, and now at the beginning of school she returns to the Southwestern Junior College, having circulated into the homes of the people 6,415 *Watchman Magazines*.

Miss Jenkins lived for several years in Mexico, and has had many thrilling experiences during the stormy revolutions in that country. She has a fine Christian character and a very strong determination to press forward with the message which we all love so well. We believe that many souls will be seen in the kingdom as a result of her summer's efforts, and may her success be an inspiration to other students to engage in the magazine colporteur work.

C. E. HOOPER.

"Not by Might Nor by Power"

"This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it."

The world begins its work with pomp and show and boasting; but all will come to naught. God's way is to make the day of small things the beginning of the triumph of truth and righteousness. For this reason none need be elated by a prosperous beginning, nor cast down by apparent feebleness. God is to His people riches, fulness, and power. His purposes for His chosen people are, like the eternal hills, firm and immovable.

Remember that human might did not establish the church of God, neither can human might destroy it. From age to age the Holy Spirit is an overflowing fountain of life. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." There is victory for all who strive lawfully, in perfect harmony with the law of God. They will triumph over all opposition. As they carry forward God's work in the face of all foes, they will be given the guardianship of holy angels.

Christ has pledged Himself to

help all who join His army, to co-operate with Him in fighting against visible and invisible foes. He has promised that they shall be joint heirs with Him to an immortal inheritance, that they shall reign as kings and priests before God. Those who are willing to share in this life the humiliation of the Saviour, will share with Him in His glory. Those who choose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, will be given a place with Christ on His throne.

Hold fast the Word of life. The tempest of opposition will spend itself by its own fury. The clamor will die away. Carry forward the Master's work bravely and cheerfully. The Father above, who watches over His chosen ones with the tenderest solicitude, will bless the efforts made in His name. His work will never cease until its completion amid the triumphant shout. "Grace, grace unto it."—Mrs. E. G. White.

"Be sure if you do your very best in that which is laid upon you daily, you will not be left without help when some mightier occasion arises."

"Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God." Matt. 5:9. Then whose children are they that make war?

True Glory

The tempter of man seeks to have all do what God tells us is not for our best good, and leave undone the very things that would secure to us true joy and happiness. Man, apart from God, has no glory. There is a true glory into which man may enter. It is a delight for God to honor those who will not misappropriate the blessing, thus turning it into a curse.

For illustration, take Solomon. When God was with him, his wisdom and riches (gifts of the Lord) won the admiration and commanded the respect of the world. Joseph was also surrounded with this true glory and honor because he honored God. Daniel presents another marked contrast to the self-seeking man for place. Very likely there were men that would have gladly parted with vast fortunes could they have enjoyed the honor and glory that Daniel did. Yet he sought it not. It cannot be bought. It is God's gift, and is bestowed because of sterling worth of character, which means strict integrity to righteous principles.

Are you wise?—It is nothing for you to glorify yourself about. Are you accounted one of earth's mighty men?—Pride not yourself in this. Are you rich?—You are no better because of this in God's sight. "Well," you may say, "if I am not to glory in my wisdom, nor my might, nor my riches, there is not much else worth living for." True, as far as earthly things go. But there is something beyond all this. "Let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth Me." Jer. 9: 23, 24.

Reader, are you glorying in the fact that you understand God, that you know Him? If not, ac-

quaint now thyself with Him, and when wise men are despising their supposed wisdom, and mighty men are strewn upon earth's surface as worthless, and rich men are casting their hoarded stores into the streets because of their fears and distress, your glory shall not be taken from you; but eternity will expand ahead in which to continue your glorying in the "knowledge" of God.—T. E. Bowen.

Sowing and Reaping

George C. Crawford
Cove Creek, N. C.

I suppose that many of the readers of this paper remember the work that I started at this place seventeen years ago. I built a schoolhouse at the head of a narrow valley in a community that had never had any school privileges. The story of the four years spent in teaching these people is too long to relate in this paper, but it is interesting in the extreme.

After having been absent from here for a period of twelve years, last summer I was strongly impressed that I should visit here, as there were many honest souls hungering for truth. In harmony with this impression, I made a short visit here last summer and held a series of meetings with the people. It proved to be the opportune time, for I never saw people more anxious to hear than these were. Many were convicted and some were converted; and I found that within a short time after I left, several began to observe the Sabbath. The Nashville Y. P. M. V. furnished a club each of Little Friends and Instructors, and through correspondence I organized a Sabbath School that has been in operation until the present time. It numbers about 25 or more. We now have a prayer-meeting organized and it is well attended.

When it was known that I was to return here to live, several in an adjoining neighborhood united with two or three unfavorable people from this one and succeeded in tricking me out of a house to live in, also kept me from teaching the public school. These people became unfavorable when they learned that there were Sabbath-keepers here. These difficulties have already worked out to the glory of God, as it has served to strengthen the faith of the believers and broken the ties that bound them to their old associations. One man asked the privilege of stacking his wheat in the yard of three brethren, and after it was stacked, immediately planned with others to get the machine on the Sabbath. The brethren let him thresh his wheat and then ordered the machine to leave. Their wheat stacks still stand as a witness to the truth. It has had a good influence.

Through the blessing of God and the help of friends I now have a four-room house completed sufficiently to live in, also nearly enough material to erect a building for church and school purposes. The old building now belongs to the county. The new one will be twice the size of the old one and better constructed. We hope to obtain some help on the seating and perhaps the flooring.

We are of good courage and feel that we are just where the Lord would have us be. The enemy has been defeated at every turn and the believers are growing stronger every day. They are breaking away from their evil habits and getting ready for baptism. We hope to see a good company organized soon. Pray for the work here.

"The world is a terrible desert for the one who has spent all in its service."

ENDURANCE

How much the heart may bear and not break;
 How much the flesh may suffer and not die
 question much if any pain or ache
 Of soul or body brings our end more nigh,
 Death chooses his own time; till that is sworn,
 All evils may be borne.

We shrink and shudder at the surgeon's knife,
 Each nerve recoiling from the cruel steel,
 Whose edge seems searching for the quivering
 life.

Yet to our sense the bitter pangs reveal
 That still, although the trembling flesh be torn,
 This also can be borne.

We see a sorrow rising in our way
 And try to escape from the approaching ill.
 We seek some small escape; we weep and pray,
 But when the blow falls then our hearts
 are still;
 Not that the pain is of its sharpness shorn,
 But that it can be borne.

We wind our life about another life;
 We hold it closer, dearer than our own,
 Anon it fails and faints in deathly strife,
 Leaving us stunned and stricken and alone.
 But, ah, we do not die with those we mourn;
 This also can be borne.

Behold, we live through all things--famine,
 thirst,

Bereavement, pain, all grief and misery,
 All woe and sorrow; life inflicts its worst
 On soul and body--but we cannot die,
 Though we be sick and tired and faint and
 worn.

Lo, all things can be borne.

-- Baltimore American.

CENSURING OTHERS.—Yes, you are right, that brother comes far short of perfection. He has failed more than once. He has even been taken in the very act, and the law demands his punishment. Moreover, if you are without sin, you may begin the stone-throwing; otherwise, you had better not be in a hurry about it. The Lord's advice is: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Matt. 7:1, 2. God has committed *all* judgment to the Son. John 5:22.—*Signs.*

"Never should we pass by one suffering soul without seeking to impart to him of the comfort wherewith we are comforted of God."

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

Our Father's Call

"A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first and said; Son, go work today in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir; and he went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father." Matt. 21:28-31.

There are two classes of people here brought to our attention; the same responsibility is placed upon both. "Go work today in my vineyard." However, in response to this most urgent call, both classes do something different. The question is, "Whether of them twain did the will of his father."

Evidently these two sons represent church members, for they are sons of the owner of the vineyard. Apparently they knew their father was the owner of a vineyard and that in order to make it fruitful it required much care and attention. And to make the vineyard fruitful, their services were solicited. This commission was very plain, "Son, go work today in my vineyard." It mattered not what the answer was; possibly in the past they were obedient to their father's call, and much was accomplished in their earnest service; however, this call was for today, and their work for that day determined their faithfulness to their father.

We are living in a time when the frolic and pleasures of this life are leading many away, and, hence, they do not respond to the Master's call, "Go work today in my vineyard." Many are serving their own gratifications instead of doing the will of their

Father. Yet the servant of God says, "All who would be sons and daughters of God must prove themselves co-workers with God and Christ and the heavenly angels. This is the test for every soul." "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 283.

Today we hear the commission ringing in our ears, "Go!" If we are going to triumph with God's greatest movement on earth, we must have a part in it. There is no greater honor today than to be connected with God's finishing work on the earth. I would rather be found working in the Master's vineyard when Jesus comes than to occupy the most honorable position on earth. Should the Lord see fit to bless me with a thousand lives, I would dedicate them all to the heralding of this last closing message. This is the greatest work, and the highest honor, awaiting the children of God at this time.

We must let our light shine amid the moral darkness. Many who are now in darkness, as they see a reflection of the light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation. Your light may be small, but remember it is what God has given you, and that He holds you responsible to let it shine. Some one may light his taper from yours, and his light may be the means of leading others out from the

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Name	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Deliv'd
D R Allman	BR	12	8	\$38 00	\$ 85	\$38 85	\$
G T Ashlock	OD						118 25
W H Buckles	OD				85	85	10 00
Dorris Davis	BR	54					128 00
R W Harris	BR	25		67 50		67 50	82 00
Kenneth Harris	BR	7	7	19 50		19 50	21 00
F F Harrison	BR	33	30	126 00	5 50	131 50	10 00
R Y Howard	BR	52	13	52 00	12 00	64 00	
M L Howard	BR	55	35	149 00	5 95	154 95	
Julia Inabinet	BR	53					154 60
F T Jacobs	BR	27	1	5 00	45	5 45	45
Theo Kroeger	BR	53					285 25
E W Marsh	BR	14					132 00
Wm Martin	OD	34	25	66 50	2 50	69 00	2 50
C D Minnis	OD	29	22	57 50		57 50	8 50
Roscoe Moore	BR	30	27	116 50	14 50	131 00	
Fred A Mote	BR	14	7	34 00	7 00	41 00	
Archie Nelson	BR	42					190 00
A W Ott	BR	6					90 00
Lee Page	BR	25	22	96 00	4 25	100 25	
A B Rhodes	OD	32	27	68 50		68 50	4 00
J W Rowe [2wk]	BR	64	12	51 00		51 00	240 25
Lester Sevensen [2wk]	BR	71	19	81 00		81 00	419 00
G H Slaughter	OD	33	38	97 50	3 00	100 50	3 00
Total		765	293	1125 50	56 85	1182 35	1898 80

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE

Room 621 Crutcher and Starks Building
Louisville, Kentucky.

Kentucky News Notes

Elder J. G. Dasent, who has been assisting Elder F. S. Keitts in his tent effort at Lexington during the past week, reports that last Sunday night five adults took their stand for the truth. These are the first fruits of the efforts which started there about three weeks ago.

Brother G. T. Ashlock started out one morning to work, forgetting his prospectus. After noticing his mistake, he decided to try and see what he could do without it. He canvassed all

without the prospectus and received seventeen orders.

How are you getting on in your evangelizing work? One man 73 years old, living in a district where the

mines are not running, took ten papers out and secured \$2.50! If an old, infirm man can secure funds for this worthy cause, surely everyone can take part in this work.

Brother Rowe writes: "One morning I went to a merchant's home at Glenville. The wife came to the door. She said she did not want to see my book, being very busy, and would not let me in. I opened my prospectus and began to canvass her and she threw open the screen door and politely invited me in. I stepped in, finished the canvass, and she ordered the book, paying me half on the order. We meet many trials, but the wonderful experiences and blessings are many times greater. I pray that others will take up the work and prove it."

Miss Davis writes very encouragingly of her work. She says: "I can't help but think of one family who ordered a book. As

ALABAMA

U Bracy	GC
Almeda Brown	BR
Ralph Cantrell	Crisis
W A Crowson	BR
Joe Curzon	BR
J E Foley	BR
Fred Fuller	BR
George Fuller	BR
W L Gomez	DR
C E Giles	BR
W E Giles	BR
William Jackson	BR
Eunice Keller	OD
Emmet McCoy	GC
Robert Myers	BR
Wilmer Nelson	BR
Clayton McNeil	BR
Alice Sledge	BR
J H Smith	BR
R L Smith	BR
J T Weed	BR
M E Whitley	BR
E C Widgery	BR
A Willis	DR
Lucille Williams	DR
Bibles	
Total	7

LOUISIANA

W A Hunt	BR
M B Wilson	DR
I Landry [2wk]	DR
L B Spear	BR
A Sawyer	BR
John Harzman	OD
W D Bush [2wk]	DR
W V Wilfong [2wk]	DR
S Braid	DR
J B Hardy [2wk]	BR
J A Bennett	BR
W C Johnson	DR
O Stephen	DR
W Watson	BR
D Barsock	OD
B Wiggan	DR
Grace Holt	OD
Mrs B E Wagner	BR
B E Wagner	BR
Bibles	
Total	

I went to deliver it the man and a woman were sitting outside, and when they saw me coming, I started to the gate to meet me and took me by the hand. I said she had been very sick since I was there and thought she was going to die, but she had as

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door.
If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot speak like Paul,
You can tell the story of Jesus,
You can say the word that shall
Bring them to the Kingdom of God.
Home and Mission
Give me men
my soul
imparts"

Conference for Week Ending Sept. 13

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CONFERENCE

\$72 00	\$7 25	\$79 25	\$
52 00		52 00	
	7 35	7 35	
247 00		247 00	
136 00		136 00	
140 00	7 80	147 80	
89 00	6 80	95 80	4 00
120 00	3 40	123 40	
10 00		10 00	
28 00	60	28 60	
17 00	85	17 85	
101 00	5 95	106 95	
		101 00	
4 00		4 00	
120 00	6 45	126 45	
77 00	1 65	78 65	
78 00		78 00	
72 00		72 00	
14 00	3 20	17 20	9 00
122 00	1 25	123 25	
16 00		16 00	
12 50		12 50	
43 00	85	43 85	
23 00	60	23 60	
		30 00	
43 93		43 93	22 95
163 43	54 00	1691 43	166 95

CONFERENCE

\$207 00	\$	\$207 00	\$ 4 00
177 00		177 00	
131 00		131 00	6 00
116 00		116 00	
112 70		112 70	
101 00		101 00	
99 00		99 00	
96 00		96 00	24 00
87 00		87 00	31 00
73 00		73 00	6 00
58 00	75	58 75	1 50
35 00		35 00	
27 00		27 00	9 00
26 00		26 00	50 00
14 50	25	14 75	
8 00		8 00	11 00
		149 75	
		103 00	
		84 00	
46 80		46 80	11 75
1415 00	1 00	1416 00	491 00

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE

Fred Rahm	BR	72	11	\$ 52 00	\$	\$ 52 00	\$600 00
C R Cannada [2wk]	DR	68	131	713 00	58 70	771 70	23 00
R S Little	BR	56	73	338 00	3 60	341 60	
C B Courville [2wk]	BR	93	68	307 00	8 85	315 85	278 00
Andrew Toms [2wk]	BR	54	75	334 00	4 40	338 40	
Eric Francis [2wk]	BR	28	68	357 00		357 00	
C H Gordon	BR	51	32	141 00	13 90	153 90	6 00
Byron Young	BR	53	31	134 00	11 90	145 90	
Harvey Howard	BR	65	27	118 00	13 78	131 78	
T J Connors	BR	27	20	108 00	3 05	311 05	
J E Jervis	DR	19					102 00
Odell McAdory [2wk]	BR	76	26	95 00		95 00	
Wm Watts	BR	55					158 00
Lorene Woods	BR	33	12	57 00	1 70	58 70	
Bertha Cade [2wk]	BR	50	31	144 00	12 00	156 05	
J H Patterson	BR	44	5	23 00	3 45	26 45	
Ralph Clark [2wk]	BR	96	10	42 00	7 65	49 65	119 00
Floyd Booth	BR	3	2	8 00		8 00	17 00
Jeanne Sawers	BR	9	4	16 00		16 00	
Ruth Johnston	BR	15	4	16 00		16 00	
M J Patrick	DR	2					16 00
H Balsbaugh		18			15 25	15 25	
West Brown [2wk]	BR	52	4	16 00	5 15	21 15	29 00
Mrs I Harrell	GC	3			2 85	2 85	
Bibles						136 95	
Total		1042	634	3019 00	166 43	3322 18	1348 00
Grand Total		3108	1599	7196 93	278 28	7611 96	3904 75

Summary of the Colporteur Work in the Southern Union Conference for August, 1919

Conference	Agents	Hours	Orders	Value	Deliveries
Alabama	48	4912	2936	\$13,261.77	\$ 701.75
Mississippi(3wk)	34	3111	2568	12,515.60	908.00
Louisiana	30	2329	1582	7,465.85	3050.35
Kentucky	27	3571	1723	6,956.45	5606.85
Tennessee River	23	1925	642	3,399.00	1806.75
	162	15,848	9451	43,598.67	12,073.70

Comparative Book Sales for Corresponding Month Last Year.

Conference	1918	1919	Gain	Loss
Alabama	\$ 4,990.30	\$13,261.77	\$8,271.47	\$
Mississippi	13,898.95	12,515.60		1,383.35
Louisiana	3,286.40	7,465.85	4,179.45	
Kentucky	3,003.15	6,956.45	3,953.30	
Tennessee River	555.75	3,399.00	2,843.25	
	\$25,734.55	43,598.67	19,247.47	
	70 per cent gain.		V. O. COLE.	

the Lord to spare her life till I came again, and He had done it. The man seemed very pleased to see me, and said he had been afraid something would happen so I would never get back with the book. The woman has been chewing tobacco, but has worried

over it for some time, and they had been trying to find from the Bible whether it was wrong or not. After we had conversed on the subject a few minutes, she said she was going to stop using it, by the help of the Lord, and

asked me to pray for her. They also said they were searching for the truth, and asked for more literature on this truth. Such experiences as these repay me many times over for my efforts of the summer."

We feel encouraged to see the way everyone is taking hold of this Harvest Ingathering work. The money is fairly pouring into the treasury of the Lord. I hope everyone will apply the question, "How much have you done?" to his individual self. Do not think about what some other member in the church is doing,*but see to it that you are doing what the Lord is expecting of you. Do not forget the lesson the Saviour gave while on earth of the buried talents. The following is the list of those having reached their goals, or gone above, since the last report:

Mrs. Ella B. Brown.*

Mrs. Nora Schroader.****

Mrs. F. T. Jacobs.****

Herbert Hoover.*

Lonnie Schroader.*

EDITH CUTLER.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE

Alabama News Notes

The colored campmeeting is now in session here in Birmingham, having the largest attendance that we have ever had. The outside interest is excellent, the tent being more than filled every night.

Brother C. T. Burroughs, our Home Missionary Secretary, is now visiting the churches in the southern part of the State in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. A letter from him states that several of the churches have set their goal in this campaign at more than \$5.00 per member. Remember our Conference goal is \$3,600.00.

John Gardiner and Norman Waters are spending a few days in Birmingham, on their way to Guin, where they have about \$5,000.00 worth of "Bible Readings" to deliver.

Miss Panza Garrigan left the office for a two weeks' vacation. She will spend the most of her time visiting her friend, Miss Keate, at Summerdale, Alabama.

Elder J. F. Wright returned last Sunday from attending the campmeetings at Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and Jackson, Tennessee. He reports excellent meetings at both of these places.

Brother M. L. Wilson reports that he has been very busy since campmeeting looking after the interested ones in Sheffield.

Eld. Wight, Professors Staines and Thompson and Brother Cole are in the city attending the colored campmeeting this week.

Most all of our colporteurs have ordered their books and are now ready for their fall deliveries. I trust that all our people will remember these workers in their prayers as they are placing the books in the homes of the people.

"Why On Earth Do People Smoke?"

He sat amid a cloud of smoke;
No sound the evening stillness broke.
His little son was sitting by,
And every now and then would sigh.

Tommy, stretched on the garden chair,
His eyes so bright, his legs so bare,
Then opened wide those wistful eyes,
And, in a tone of great surprise,
Said, "Father, dear, don't think I joke,
But why on earth do people smoke?"

His father leaned upon his book,
And then put on a puzzled look:
"My boy, I do not know at all."
And then he let his features fall,
And, giving him a playful poke,
He slowly said, "Why don't you smoke?"

The saucer eyes came bigger still,
And then with tears began to fill:
"I have tried hard, but found I couldn't;
You mustn't think it's 'cause I wouldn't;
I did try hard to learn it, dad,
But, O, it made me feel so bad!
I longed to smoke before I tried,
But, O, I thought I should have died!"

His father smiled, and then again,
With emphasis, the question came,
"But, father, dear, don't think I joke,
Why ever do the people smoke?"

Then came the answer, low and clear:
"You puzzle father, Tommy, dear;
But, just to keep you from suspense,
I think it is 'for want of sense.'"

—Selected.

The Faith of a Little Child

We quote the following from the Pacific Union Recorder:

"A lad asked at prayer-meeting that those present would pray for his older sister that she might be led to read the Bible and pray. His request was complied with, and immediately after the company arose from their knees the boy left the place and hastened home. Afterwards the leader met him and asked him if he he was not rather rude to go out as he did. He replied with some feeling that he did not mean to be rude, but he wanted very much to run home and see how his sister would look reading the Bible for the first time in her life. This illustrates the faith of all who pray aright; they expect results and they see them. The lad was not disappointed, for when he reached home he found his sister reading her Bible, a thing she had never done before."

The master tells us that "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom." Matt. 18:3.

One of the chief objects of man is to make for himself a name—a reputation. But when Christ became a man, He "made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant." The Word says to the Christian, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." As our example, "He humbled Himself," and what was the result?—"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name," So all who follow Him in humble obedience to the commandments of God will inherit eternal life and a part in the honors attaching to His name. Then humility of heart and life is the sure road to a truly great name.—Signs.

Have Patience

"Seventy times seven." What a test! Does Jesus actually mean that we forgive an offender four hundred and ninety times? Yea, more, for this number is only a play on the number seven, which Peter mentioned as a possible limit to our endurance. It enjoins unlimited patience and a willingness to bear with the ill-deserving, in the hope of winning them to a nobler spirit.

This is God's way with us. He suffers long and is kind. His love never faileth. Patience is born of love. How continuously the parent is called to bear with the child? What hope would there be for the child if this were not so? It is doubtful if people often thank God for His patience. "His loving-kindnesses are ever of old." His tender mercies are the basis of our hope.

In all our dealings with others we should become possessors of God's patience. "Be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." The weak need our patient help. Sin and ignorance need it. No one can minister to any human infirmity without it. Patience is an intelligent virtue. It comprehends the situation. It measures the want and capacity of the individual needing assistance. For this reason it is able to pity, and give sympathy, and wait and forgive.

Patience implies complete self-mastery. Aggravating trials are enough, it is said, "to provoke a saint." But patience is a saintliness that rises above provocation. The equipoise of some people, in the face of every kind of ill treatment, is marvelous. It demonstrates the great spiritual fact that God's strength may possess our weak hearts; that we can become so indwelt by His

Spirit as to hold impatience and passion under constant and complete control. That there are such people in the world is sufficient to show that there might be more, and that we may belong to the number.

Patience is always hopeful. It believes enough in the lost to labor for their recovery. It makes its possessor optimistic also regarding the outcome of his own trials. He sees the smile of God behind every cloud. He has confidence in the final outcome of life. He prefers rather "to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." No "hard times" can daunt his courage or overthrow his faith. Patience with others, with circumstances, with all forms of trial, disappointment, and ill, is the Christian's duty, nay, more, his high privilege and glory.—*N. Y. Observer.*

The Home Study Habit

This is a habit to form if you cannot go to school. And the Fireside Correspondence School was organized to help you form this habit. The President of the General Conference says: "I believe this school is conferring an unspeakable benefit upon our people."

For full particulars write today to the Principal, C. C. Lewis, Takoma Park, D. C.

A good woman once laid her hand upon the head of a little orphan boy, with these words: "Danny, be a good boy; strive to be a good man. You can just as well grow up a noble, useful man as to be a nobody." She shook his grimy little hand, and passed on.

Years after, during the war of the Rebellion, the husband of this lady was in a Southern hospital, where he met this same little boy, now a noted surgeon. The surgeon pressed the hand of his visitor as he said, "The words of your wife, under God, were the means of making me what I am today."

All the misery we see or know is the result of sin's bondage. All sickness, all want and woe, all crime and iniquity, all suffering, oppression, injustice and fraud, all misery and poverty, all death and mourning, are only various forms of sin or the results of sin. The bowed forms, the whitened locks, the wrinkled faces, the darkened eyes, the feeble steps, are the whip-scars and gye-marks of the cruellest tyrant earth ever knew—sin.—*Signs.*

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God's Answer

Robert Hare

Not always "Yes," Jehovah answers when we pray!
Sometimes He bids us wait—another day
Will suit His purpose best!
And He may answer "No" to our request!
But whether "Yes," "Another time" or "No,"
What meets His will is best for me below.
And so I cast my all upon His guardian care—
His hand is strong and He will help me bear!
Some time, His love will answer every prayer.

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News

Notes

Sunday, Sept. 21.

The carload of furniture for the boys' dormitory is here and the boys are very anxious to move up into their new home. It is planned for them to move in this week; also to move the offices and library up to the boys' dormitory. It will keep everyone busy getting everything in readiness for the opening of school the 30th.

Miss Maude Jones, who has spent the summer with relatives and friends in West Tennessee and Mississippi, has returned to Collegedale. We are glad to welcome her back.

Warren Franklin, who has been canvassing in North Carolina during the summer, returned last Friday.

Mr. W. W. Tinsley stopped over for a few days' visit, en

route to Washington, D. C. His brother, Roger, who attended school here last year, accompanied him to Washington.

Mrs. S. K. Lea, from Cleveland, visited her daughter here one day last week.

The electric light company have the line surveyed for light and power for the school. They hope to have the current in before the opening of school. We are indeed glad to see this work started, for it means much better lighting facilities for the coming year.

Amen

A rustle of robes as the anthem
Soared gently away on the air—
The Sabbath morn's service was over,
And briskly I stepped down the stair;
When close in a half-lighted corner,
Where the tall pulpit stairway came down,
Asleep crouched a tender, wee maiden,
With hair like a shadowy crown.

Quite puzzled was I by the vision,
But gently to wake her I spoke,
When, at the first word, the small damsel,
With one little gasp, straight awoke.
"What brought you here, fair little angel?"
She answered, with voice like a bell,
"I tum, tos I've dot a sick mama,
And want 'oo to p'ease pray her well"

"Who told you?" began I—she stopped me:
"Don't nobody told me at all;
And papa can't see tos he's cryin',
And, 'sides, sir, I isn't so small,
I'se been here before with my mama;
We tummed when you ringed the big bell;
And every time I's heard you prayin'
For lots o' sick folks to dit well."

Together we knelt on the stairway,
As humbly I asked the Great Power
To give back health to the mother,
And banish bereavement's dark hour.
I finished the simple petition,
And paused for a moment—and then
A sweet little voice at my elbow
Lisped softly and gently, "Amen."

Hand in hand we turned our steps homeward.
The little maid's tongue knew no rest:
She prattled and mimicked and caroled—
The shadow was gone from her breast;
And, lo! when we reached the fair dwelling—
The nest of my golden-haired waif—
We found that the dearly-loved mother
Was past the dread crisis—and safe.

They listened, amazed at my story,
And wept o'er their darling's strange quest,
While the arms of the pale, loving mother
Drew the brave, little head to her breast,
With eyes that were brimming and grateful,
They thanked me again and again—
Yet I know in my heart that the blessing
Was won by that gentle "Amen."

—Expositor.

State of the Atmosphere and Feeling.

It is estimated that the pressure of the atmosphere upon the surface of an ordinary adult's body is not far from fifteen pounds to the square inch, a total of sixteen tons. With the approach of storms the barometer indicates the diminution of the pressure of the air, and this is frequently enough to reduce the pressure upon a person of ordinary size to the amount of one or two tons weight. As this pressure is removed, the flesh expands, and, without knowing the cause, people often experience a "puffy feeling" at such times, especially in the extremities, notably the feet. At such times, if one suffers from corns, there is great pain, due to the expansion of the flesh around and under them, while the corn does not expand. Here is both a scientific and pathological explanation of a common experience. Undoubtedly the same cause—accompanied also by electrical charges—produces those muscular pains, sometimes called "pain in the joints," which appear before a storm, and which are attributed to rheumatism. While it may not lessen the pain of your corns, it may be some satisfaction to know that it results from a purely natural process over which you have no control, and for which you are not responsible.—Sel.

"There is a dearth of kind words. There are plenty to speak words of condemnation; would there were more to speak words of cheer to earth's sorrowing ones and point them to Jesus."

"God sees the repentant sinner when he is still a great way off, meets him with forgiveness, and put upon him the robe of Christ's righteousness."