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How Does It Seem To You?

It seems to me I'd like to go
Where bells don't ring nor whistles blow,
Nor clocks don't strike nor gongs don't sound,
And I'd have stillness all around—

Not real still stillness, but just the trees,
Low whisperings or the hum of bees,
Or brooks' faint babbling over stones
In strangely, softly tangled tones.

Or maybe a cricket or katydid.
Or the songs of birds in the hedges hid.
Or just some sweet sounds as these
To fill a tired heart with ease.

If 'twere n't for sight and sound and smell
I'd like a city pretty well;
But when it comes to getting rest,
I like the country lots the best.

Some times it seems to me I must
Just quit the city's din and dust,
And get out where the sky is blue—
And, say, how does it seem to you?
—Eugene Field.

Take Time to Talk With God.

"If you would have the rich treasures of heaven, you must have secret communion with God. Unless you do this, your soul will be as destitute of the Holy Spirit as were the hills of Gilboa of dew and rain. When you hurry from one thing to another, when you have so much to do that you cannot take time to talk with God, how can you expect power in your work?"

The reason so many of our ministers preach tame, lifeless discourses is that they allow a variety of things of a worldly nature to take their time and attention. Unless there is constant growth in grace, we shall be wanting in words suitable for the occasion. Commune with your own heart, and then commune with God. Un-

less you do this, your efforts will be fruitless, made thus by unsanctified hurry and confusion.

Ministers and teachers, let your work be fragrant with rich spiritual grace. Do not make it common by mixing it with common things. Move onward and upward. Cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and of the spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord.

We need to be converted daily. Our prayers should be more fervent; then they will be more effectual. Stronger and stronger should be our confidence that God's Spirit will be with us, making us pure and holy, as upright and fragrant as the cedar of Lebanon."—Test. Vol. 7.

The Essentials of a Home.

The first essential of any home is that the members of the home have mutual respect and love for each other. Without this to begin with there is no use trying to make a home. No matter what else may be done, neither money nor genius can make a home until the persons that constitute the family love each other and have a friendly interest in each other, and day by day the vital relations between them are strengthened.

The father must be on terms of comradeship with the boys. The mother should be the trusted confidant of the girls. A father who takes pride in playing the gallant and protector of his daughters will not only find them eagerly responsive to his attentions, but will have some of the best times of his life in acting as their companion and guide, whenever occasion affords opportunity.

We knew a family of boys once who used to address their mother as "old sweetheart." They thought

her the nicest looking woman in town, and the mother enjoyed their entire confidence. This is exactly as it should be. This is exactly as it must be if there is to be in reality any home.

The daughter who must go away to find a confidant, who tells her secrets only to a neighboring friend, such a girl in reality has no home. The boy who conceals from his parents numerous little peccadillos only to tell them to some one else, is to be pitied far more than if his father were a poor man or his mother an ignorant woman.

It is friendship, love, mutual confidence and natural affinity that make a home. Such a home may have a leaky roof, or may be under a heavy mortgage, but it is a home, nevertheless. Some of the poorest and meanest homes in the land have fraternity. They cling to each other, they enjoy each other's company. The mother thinks there is no other man on earth the equal of her husband, although he may be a dirty, shiftless fellow. The father holds a similar opinion of his wife, while she may appear to other women as only a very ordinary, coarse woman.

The father and sons are boys together. The mother and daughters are girls together. Their hearthstone is the scene of daily intercourse, although the furniture be cheap and the rooms small and dingy. Anywhere they happen to camp out is to be heard song and laughter, good cheer and friendship.

There is no more use trying to make a home without a large element of love than there is to try to build a house without a foundation.
—Selected.

"None but a whole-hearted Christian can be a true gentleman."

Importance of the Sabbath-school Work.

Is the Sabbath-school work important? In answer I will cite a few quotations from the Testimonies taken from the little book entitled "Sabbath-school Work." "There is earnest work to be done in our Sabbath-schools. It is a nice and IMPORTANT work to deal with minds, to leave a right impression, to give the right mould to character." Again we read, "The Sabbath-school, if rightly conducted, is one of God's great instrumentalities to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth." How important it is then that our schools be conducted in a right manner,—that officers and teachers have a connection with the Living Vine that they may be instruments in God's hands to enable them to bring souls to a knowledge of the truth. What work is more important than that of saving souls?

Here is another quotation: "Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's word, they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished. The Sabbath-school, when rightly managed, possesses marvelous power, and is adapted to doing a great work, but it is not now what it may and should be." Though the Sabbath-school has made advancement since the foregoing was written, and is still making advance strides, there is yet much to be done. And who is going to make the Sabbath-school what it may and should be? Will we sit down and fold our hands and leave the task entirely to the secretary of the Sabbath-school Association, or will we do something to aid her? Does the work of making our school such a school devolve on the superintendent alone? Can the officers and teachers make the school? What would a school be without scholars? Let not any of us get the idea that we are so insignificant that we can do nothing to aid. We show by our very

presence that we have an interest in the school, and that fact alone may be an incentive to some one else to do likewise. Each one exerts an influence either for good or evil, and if we show no interest in the Sabbath-school, is not our influence for good weakened in consequence? On page 20 of the book already mentioned we find this: "The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ." How glad we ought to be that God has given us such an opportunity to work for him, and how we should strive to set the right example in order to exert the best influence in our school!

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep—feed my lambs." He did not forget the children, and let us endeavor to cooperate with him and with one another to find the best methods for feeding these precious lambs of the flock. From the pulpit the truths cannot be made simple enough for their young minds to grasp the meaning, and they would fail to gain any benefit from the lesson taught. But in the Sabbath-school the language can be simplified so as to reach down to their level, and the beautiful story can be taught by illustrations and object lessons in a manner that it may sink deep into their hearts, take root, and bear fruit by and by. Many a person looks back to those lessons taught in childhood and exclaim, "There I first conceived the idea that I would like to be a Christian."

But some one may ask, why lay so much stress upon the Sabbath-school work when we have a church school in our midst where these great truths are also taught? I admit that such is the case, but that does not take the place of the Sabbath-school. Instead of detracting from the interest of the Sabbath-school, it should enhance it, for each has its separate work, and neither can do the work of the other, but they should work together. Then too the home train-

ing should not be forgotten. Here must be laid the foundation of right principles, the parents giving their hearty support to the work of the other two factors. Then the three working together will complete one grand and harmonious whole, which cannot help but wield an influence, not only in the Sabbath-school, but which will be felt in the world around them.

While we teach the children, we would not forget that we are all learners in the school of Christ. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep," and where can we find better food than in the study of these Sabbath-school lessons,—lessons so full of practical help and timely topics? After a careful consideration of them at home, meet in the Sabbath-school for mutual study—not controversy, not to display our knowledge, but from a desire to dig deep and feast upon the many good things in the Word of God. We are never too old to learn, and all through the ceaseless ages of eternity we will still be learning. The time is soon coming, we know not how soon, when these privileges we now have will all be taken from us, and we cannot have the opportunity of studying God's Word. Then let us improve the precious time now, not do ourselves so great an injustice, as well as help to cripple the Sabbath-school, by absenting ourselves from the school, or neglecting the study of the lessons. Listen to this from the Testimony, page twenty-two; "The Bible lessons which are taught in our schools are of far greater consequence than many now discern." Then let us make the best of our opportunities, and with the help of God, get all the good we can out of the Sabbath-school and put all the good we can into it, remembering, as heretofore stated, the superintendent cannot make the school. She must have the co-operation of every member. Then the Sabbath-school will surely be a success, and be the means of bringing sheaves into the heavenly garner.

MRS. STELLA McALLISTER.

From the Field.

Report of the Grand Rapids Young People's Society From February 25 to June 30.

Bible Readings held	-	59
Bible talks	-	12
Tracts given away	-	29
Papers given away	-	720
Pages of literature given out	1,598	
Pages of literature sold	-	5016
Missionary visits	-	30
Missionary letters written	-	51
Hours of Christian help work	-	15
Articles of clothing given away	-	10
Donations in cash	-	\$32.50
Donations in pledges	-	7.50
Total	-	\$40.00

We are glad to report that our young people are manifesting a greater interest in spreading the third angel's message and are gaining a deeper spiritual experience. Plans are being made and funds raised to send some worthy young person to school next year to prepare for the work. There are so many ways in which our youth may help in the Master's work. The distribution of literature, the missionary letter, the lifting hand to some poor struggling soul will all be blessed of God if we do it in the name of the one who has done so much for us. May all the societies in the West Michigan Conference join us in planning and working to further this work that God has so graciously entrusted to us.

EDITH E. BRUCE.

Mecosta.

June 16 Elder A. G. Haughey and Miss Margaret Haughey came to this place to attend our Sabbath-school convention. Elder Haughey spoke Friday evening. On Sabbath, June 17, Sabbath-school was held at 10:00 a. m., after which convention work was taken up and several topics were discussed.

In the afternoon the time was given to the children. They had recitations and songs. Elder Haughey spoke in the evening to an attentive audience, and at 10:30

a. m. Sunday he gave another discourse which was meat in due season.

At 3:00 p. m. Sabbath-school work was considered again. Several topics were discussed. The convention was a success, and I am sure that all were benefited, and I firmly believe that conventions are in harmony with the mind of God.

Sister Haughey held a children's meeting at 6:00 p. m. Sunday and it was well attended, and I think all were pleased.

The house was full Sunday evening, and Elder Haughey spoke on "The Origin and Destiny of Satan." It seemed to stir some, for many remarks have been made since.

WILLIAM SAXTON.

A Special Opportunity For The Right Man.

The property secured by Bro. J. E. White, near Edgefield, includes a well equipped cereal food plant. This plant is practically new, and is provided with a full line of cereal food machinery of the most modern make. There is a large twelve-pan oven, manufactured by Pembroke D. Harton, a three-barrel dough mixer, dough brake, power flour sifter, two grinding mills, cracker machine, and other necessary accessories and appliances usually in use in well appointed bakeries or food plants.

The facilities should be put into operation, as there is a need and demand for the products of its manufacture. It is the best equipped plant, and in fact the only one owned by our people, in the southern states.

Bro. White will lease or sell, on the most favorable terms, the plant to any one competent to assist in putting into operation this much needed enterprise.

The Atlanta (Ga.) Sanitarium, the Southern Sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn., and the Nashville Sanitarium will all naturally look to this factory for foods. Moreover the new Agricultural School started by Professors Magan and

Sutherland is but a short distance from this location, and there is already a sufficient demand for foods from our own people to warrant an immediate beginning, which will require but small capital. Any one interested will please correspond with J. E. White, Edgefield, Tenn.

News and Notes.

This blue pencil mark means that your subscription expires with this number.

Miss Amy Woodruff of Bauer is the organist for the tent-meeting at Robinson.

Brother Jacob Hofstra is holding a tent meeting in Robinson. He says his courage is good.

Do not forget the date of the camp-meeting—August 17-28. Begin now to prepare for it.

Miss Mable Jaffray says she is nicely located at Covert and is enjoying her work very much.

We quote the following from a letter written by W. C. Hebner: "The tent is located four miles west and one mile south of Sturgis, in the open field. The location is very pleasant. We began our meetings Wednesday evening, June 21, with about sixty out. Have held meetings each evening since with about fifty out each time, and Sunday evening June 25, there were about one hundred present. There seems to be no prejudice existing against us as yet, and the people are very friendly. We long to be where our example will lead them to the dear Saviour and his truth for this time.

"We secured our organ and a Miss Case kindly consented to play for us.

"Brother Irving had the misfortune to cut his foot with the axe, but it is getting along very nicely now.

"Pray for us and the work that we may be kept humble and do the work as God would have us."

The editor spent last Sabbath at Byron Center.

Elder A. G. Haughey spent Sabbath at Charlotte.

Dr. Clara Swain was the first medical woman missionary to India.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life."

"God will work wonders for us if we will in faith co-operate with him."

It will soon be ninety years since the organization of the "American Bible Society."

The executive committee of the conference held a meeting at Berrien Springs this week.

Miss Nellie Nelson went to Charlotte last Friday to spend a few days with some friends.

We understand that the state tract societies will handle Elder Loughborough's new book.

We understand that the Berrien Springs summer school opened with about seventy-five in attendance.

"What makes a Christian is not the theology we have in our heads, but the love we have in our hearts."

Will the secretaries of the Sabbath-schools and young people's societies please send in their reports promptly?

We hope our workers will remember that the readers of the HERALD are anxious to hear from them. Do you know what that means?

"The command, 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,' would never have been given if every provision had not been made whereby we could obey the requirement—be as perfect in our sphere as God is in his.

Within two years eighteen Yale University students have entered the world field, and more than thirty are now in preparation for some form of missionary work.

"Inward religion, without the outward show of it, is like a tree without fruit, useless; and the outward show of religion without inward sincerity is like a tree without heart, lifeless."

"The evangelist who engages in canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching before a congregation. God looks upon the faithful evangelistic canvasser with as much approval as He looks upon the faithful minister."

Wanted: At once, a good, faithful man of experience to take care of stock, garden, and look after outside work in general, around a small sanitarium. Our need for such a man is urgent but we can only accept one who can give satisfactory references. Address: Nashville Sanitarium, Nashville, Tennessee.

Battle Creek.

The funeral of Elder D. T. Bourdeau was held from the Tabernacle Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Elder A. G. Haughey conducted the services.

Elder H. Nicola spent Sabbath, July 1, with the church at Homer, at which time he baptized two persons, and administered the ordinances in connection with the regular quarterly meeting services.

Elder W. H. Wakeham, who has been laboring in Egypt, occupied the pulpit in the Tabernacle at the Sabbath morning service. He spoke of the progress of the work throughout the oriental countries, but dwelt particularly on his work in Egypt. In the afternoon he spoke to the young people, and gave a most encouraging report of his work in connection with Dr.

Keichline, who has been supported in his work there for the past two years by the Battle Creek Young People's Society.

Sanitarium.

* Brethren Prescott, Daniells and Evans favored us with a short visit recently.

Elder Wakeham spent a few days with us last week. He gave several interesting addresses to the patients and family.

Dr. Lindsey and Dr. Ross, members of the class of '05 A. M. M. C. have gone to their respective fields of labor, Madison, Wis., and New Zealand.

Brother Mackey is still with us and conducting very interesting revival meetings. Some effort has been made in the way of street-meetings down town, with encouraging results.

Miss Grace Smith and B. B. Boardman, who have conducted our gymnasium classes for some time, leave this week for Chautauqua where they will take advanced work in physical culture.

July 1 was a record breaking day for arrivals, fifty names being registered. This is considerable more than on any single day in the history of the institution. May every soul that comes within the sphere of our influence gain some knowledge of the love and mercy of Him whom we serve, and grow stronger in body and soul.

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