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"Every man who conducts himself as a good citizen, is accountable alone to God for his religious faith, and should be protected in worshiping God according to the dictates of his own conscience."—George Washington.

Notes on Greek Words.

There are many texts of Scripture which as they literally stand in the original present deeply interesting thoughts, often more striking than in the common version. One such passage occurs in Romans 8:19,—"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

In this verse the Greek for "earnest expectation" is one word, and its name is "apokaradoki," and the signification is very expressive. The meaning is, "To watch with the head stretched out, to keep an eager look-out." (See Bagster's Analytical Greek Lexi-

con.) Now this is just what those who are "waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body," should do. We should watch the fulfilling signs and tokens of the soon-coming deliverance with our heads craned out, as, by faith we peer into the future. Are we doing this? This expressive word only occurs in one more text. Phil. 1:20.

Another interesting passage is Matt. 28:20, which contains the great promise of the Saviour: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The Greek term here for the word "alway" is "pasas tas hemeras," which means literally "all the days."

Now let every trusting soul bear in mind that the Lord Christ has promised to be with his children in all kinds of days. They may be days of sorrow and grief and temptation, but the great Head of the church says, "I am with you all the days." Let us bear this in mind when the blue days come, and the heavens above seem like brass, that the Saviour has promised to be at our side. He says, "I am with you."

Another most wonderful promise is Heb. 13:5,—"For He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." In the Greek, the promise that the Lord will never leave his people is exceedingly emphatic. There are four strong negatives in the phrase. Literally the clause should be translated thus: "No, no, no, I will never forsake thee." This is the Lord's omnipotent guaranty to every believer. Then let us ever lean on his word. It is strong enough for all creation to rest upon.

A very important scripture, for

all who wish to be overcomers, is 1 Cor. 9:26,27,—"So fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection." In this text the word translated "keep under" is exceedingly expressive. In Greek it is "hupoopiazō," and its literal meaning is, "To smite one with the fist in the face under the eye; to beat black and blue." The metaphorical sense of course is to severely discipline one's self, to subdue the baser passions, to be pure.

Now let us consider that the great apostle Paul said this of himself. Were his example followed there would be no lapses from virtue in the ranks of ministers. How carefully his words should be studied.

A very encouraging text is 2 Cor. 4:8. Paul here gives his experience. He says,—"We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed." At first sight one may not discover much difference between the words "troubled" and "distressed." But as used by the apostle the thought is a fine one. The Greek word for "distressed" is "stenochoreo," and is defined by the lexicons to mean "to be in such straits one cannot act; to be in a cramped position so one cannot stir."

The figure is taken from those who contended in the ancient games in wrestling contests. To be "distressed," would mean to be in the grip of an antagonist so one could not move, or make any resistance. And while Paul states that he was troubled by the enemies of truth, yet he testifies that the evil one could not get such control but that he found liberty and freedom in God. And this

may be the experience of every believer.

G. W. AMADON.

Stand in Your Place.

Each one of us is personally responsible to God for the attitude we take in connection with his work. We read in "Testimonies," Vol. 6, pages 41-42, as follows:—

"None of us should go to the camp-meeting depending on the ministers or the Bible-workers to make the meeting a blessing to us. God does not want His people to hang their weight on the minister. He does not want them to be weakened by depending on human beings for help. They are not to lean, like helpless children, upon some one else as a prop. As a steward of the grace of God, every church member should feel personal responsibility to have life and root in himself. Each one should feel that in a measure the success of the meeting depends upon him. Do not say, 'I am not responsible. I shall have nothing to do in this meeting.' If you feel thus, you are giving Satan opportunity to work through you. He will crowd your mind with his thoughts, giving you something to do in his lines. Instead of gathering with Christ, you will scatter abroad.

"The success of the meeting depends on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. For the outpouring of the Spirit every lover of the cause of truth should pray. And as far as lies in our power, we are to remove every hindrance to His working. The Spirit can never be poured out while variance and bitterness toward one another are cherished by the members of the church. Envy, jealousy, evil-surmising, and evil-speaking are of Satan, and they effectually bar the way against the Holy Spirit's working. Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing is guarded by Him with such jealous care. Nothing so offends God as an act that injures the influence of those

are doing His service. He will call to account all who aid Satan in his work of criticising and discouraging."

Now is the time for us to do our part and prepare our hearts to receive the blessings of God and be a blessing to others at the camp-meeting. God will surely do His part if we will only perform that which devolves upon us.

E. L. RICHMOND.

Which Are You.

There are two kinds of people on earth to-day,

Just two kinds of people, no more, I say.

Not the sinner and the saint, for 'tis well understood,

That good are half-bad, and the bad are half-good.

Not the rich and the poor, for to count a man's wealth,

You must know the state of his conscience and health.

Not the humble and proud, for in life's little span,

Who puts on airs is not counted a man.

Not the happy and sad, for the swift-flying years

Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.

No; the two kinds of people on earth I mean
Are the people who lift, and the people who lean.

Wherever you go, you will find the world's masses

Are always divided in just these two classes.
And oddly enough, you will find, too, I ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.
In which class are you? Are you easing the load

Of overtaxed lifters who toll down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear
Your portion of labor and worry and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in *New York Journal*.

"Secular power has proved a Satanic gift to the Church, and ecclesiastical power has proved an engine of tyranny in the hands of the State."

"Liberty of conscience requires liberty of worship as its manifestation. To grant the former and deny the latter is to imprison conscience and to promote hypocrisy and infidelity. Religion is in its nature voluntary, and ceases to be religion in proportion as it is forced. God wants free worshipers and no others."—Dr. Philip Schaff.

Forgive.

What is it to forgive? We will give one definition from Webster, "To overlook an offense and treat the offender as not guilty." We all readily recall what our Saviour said in that ever memorable Sermon on the Mount, Matt. 6:11-15, from which we learn we cannot hope for pardon of our sins unless we exercise the spirit of forgiveness towards those who have wronged us. Then, too, we have Christ's example in asking the Father to forgive those who were instrumental in His crucifixion. Luke 23:34.

But the writer is not going to discuss the question from the standpoint of intentional or deliberate injury, but one where the result is the same as though intentional—a case where the person knew what the act was but did not know what the final result would be. In this case we could not look upon the offender in the same light we would in the other, but nevertheless it brings keen suffering and grief. We grieve because it is so and we see no way to obtain relief, and we silently bear the almost intolerable burden till some day, that person who was not knowingly guilty, and has been separated from you perhaps for long years, has been laid away—their life work ended. Then you realize that the possibility of some day talking it over with them is past and that the matter stands between you and God alone, and you know in your heart the offender has long been forgiven and that that numb pain of the heart should be forever put away, and you begin now to look forward to that happy reunion where past griefs and sorrows and trials will never again be remembered or come into mind. Why is it that we cannot, or do not, love the things that are behind and live in the future instead of the past. There are so many blessings it is the privilege of the Christian to enjoy in this life.

"While you have the light, be-

lieve in the light, that you may be the children of light." John 12:36. "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness." v. 46. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14:27.

"Be still, my heart, these anxious cares
To thee are burdens, thorns and snares.
They cast dishonor on thy Lord,
And contradict his gracious word:
Brought safely by his hand thus far,
Why wilt thou now give place to fear?"

"He who has helped thee hitherto,
Will help thee all the journey through;
Though rough and thorny be the road,
It leads thee home, apace, to God;
Then count thy present trials small,
For heaven will make amends for all."

A. B. C.

Better Than a Scrap Book.

Take a strong letter envelope; write in a bold hand across one end the title of subject enclosed; place all clippings bearing upon that subject inside, and write in smaller hand the heading of each slip enclosed.

When, by changed conditions, an article becomes obsolete it can be rejected and a fresher one substituted.

Under headings Miscellaneous may be placed titles of different articles or paragraphs enclosed.

A large number of envelopes might be prepared and filled in that way. (I have twenty of them.)

These envelopes can be carried in a leather case that would not be cumbersome. In this way any subject or any particular article on the subject can be quickly found. Try it.

A. SMITH.

"Leave the matter of religion to the family altar, the church and the private school, supported entirely by private contribution. Keep the church and state forever separate."—U. S. Grant.

Memorizing Scripture.

An Arab chieftain once said to his boy: "My son; hasten thou to the spring and bring me a basket of water." The boy went, but always before he could return to the tent the water leaked out, until at length he came back to his father and said, "Although I repeatedly filled the basket, the water would not stay." Then his father, taking the basket, said, "My son, what you say is true. The water did not stay; but you see how clean and pure the basket is. So it will be with your heart. You may not be able to remember all the precepts you hear, but to keep trying to treasure them will make your heart pure and fit for heavenly use."

Is not this true as regards committing to memory parts of the Bible? Although the mind may not be able always to retain all the choice, rare passages, if they are allowed to even pass through the mind, they leave, like the crystal water, a cleansing effect, preparing the heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and making it fit, also, for heavenly use.

Let us, then, I repeat, see to it that our boys and girls and little children commit to memory the golden text, the choicest Psalms, and such verses as have in them power to overcome sin, give hope in time of doubt, solace in hours of affliction, thus becoming, as it were, a garment for the soul, which shall forever clothe, protect, and shield.—Selected.

A Report.

The Lord has given me many precious experiences since I began my work in Grand Rapids. I know that the Lord called me here. Have been busy from the very first.

The people seem to be hungry for the truth. I desire to live so close to the Lord, that he can speak to their hearts through even me.

I am more and more thankful for a humble place in this closing

work. Those who can not get out to do much work, can pray for the workers that they may receive power from on high to witness. Their prayers will be answered if sent up in faith, and they will meet someone in the Kingdom of God, who will be there because of their earnest prayers.

Remember the work in Grand Rapids at the Throne of Grace.

MRS. CLEORA GREEN.

The Mothers' Counsellor.

The hot weather season being the time of the greatest infant mortality, the July number of LIFE AND HEALTH has been especially prepared with a view of bringing to mothers instruction bearing direct upon the proper care of children and babies. It will be a blessing to every home where there are children. The leading feature of this entire issue is the care of the health of both young and old during the heated season, when sickness is most common especially among children. Associated with this counsel are important suggestions that blend with it so consistently that the whole combination forms a very practical number, and will prove to be very helpful to all who are favored with it. Let all our members consider their duty in connection with its circulation.

Work For the Blind.

The General Conference Council held in April recommended that all our conferences endeavor to place copies of the CHRISTIAN RECORD in the hands of the blind persons in their respective territories. The following description has been furnished us by the publishers:

"The CHRISTIAN RECORD is a 32 page monthly magazine printed in raised characters, for the blind, the subscription price being \$2.00 per year. Owing to the fact that a very small percentage of the blind are self-supporting, the rest being dependent on relatives or friends, the paid subscription list is comparatively small, as only about one-fourth of the 2000 copies sent

out are paid for by the subscriber. The work has been supported largely by contributions from our people and other friends of the work.

"The CHRISTIAN RECORD is the only Protestant paper published for the blind. During the nine years of its publication about 450 blind persons have accepted the truth through reading it and many others are interested. Each number of the paper contains its Bible department filled with the best articles on present truth, gleaned from the REVIEW, SIGNS, WATCHMAN and other of our papers.

"According to the statistics of 1900 there are 1946 blind persons in Michigan. Only 63 are on the mailing list. There are many more who can read and should have this paper."

Will our readers please send to the office in Otsego the names and addresses of all the blind people they know? You will see that it is necessary to provide the means for sending these papers, and may the Lord put a burden on his people to place the money in our hands for this work.

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Obituary.

CASTLE.—Died at the Portland Sanitarium, Portland, Oregon, April 4, 1908, of pneumonia, Fred E. Castle, aged 43 years, 2 months and 7 days. He was born near Battle Creek, Michigan, January 28, 1865.

For several years he had suffered much from stomach trouble. He was persuaded to undergo an operation March 13, from which he seemed to rally and for several days to all appearances was steadily gaining, but suddenly began to fail. A council of doctors was called and as the only hope of saving his life a second operation was deemed necessary. In this terribly weakened condition pneumonia set in and he was unable to resist the disease.

He leaves to mourn their loss, a daughter aged 12 years, who was

living in Portland, a father, mother, one sister and two brothers living in Michigan and a brother in Walla Walla. The writer and his little girl were the only relatives present with him in his last days. Elder C. W. Flaiz spoke words of instruction and encouragement from Rev. 14:12 to the company assembled, composed largely of helpers from the Portland Sanitarium where he had been employed as book-keeper for several months.

We laid him to rest in the River-view cemetery in Portland and sadly turned away to await the glad morning of the resurrection when he with his wife who now sleeps in Kankakee, Illinois, shall be reunited and restored to those who look for the coming of our blessed Saviour.

C. H. CASTLE.

I believe each individual is naturally entitled to do as he pleases with himself and the fruits of his labor, so far as it in no wise interferes with any other man's rights.—Abraham Lincoln.

News and Notes.

Camp-meeting, August 13-23.

W. C. Mathewson is now located in Cocksackie, N. Y.

Mrs. Minnie C. Harnden of Battle Creek visited Mrs. Margaret Hilliard last week.

Harry Sanders and Frank Hubbard of Battle Creek were callers in Otsego last week.

Have you had a copy of the Calendar for Cedar Lake Academy? If you are interested write to Fred Green, Cedar Lake, Mich., and ask for one.

The new "Christ in Song" has been delayed somewhat beyond the original expectations. We will announce it just as soon as we can supply them.

WANTED.—One thousand subscribers to the HERALD. Will you help us get them?

We have a few of the Lesson Quarterlies on hand yet, so if you have not had yours we can supply you.

Professor J. G. Lamson has accepted the position of Educational Secretary of the Iowa Conference. He takes up his duties at once.

Elder A. G. Haughey spoke to the Otsego church last Sabbath on the "Holy Spirit," or the work of the Comforter.

Oliver L. Denslow is located at 2008 Fairmount Ave., Richmond, Va. As the tent is not ready to begin meetings he expects to canvass for one of our books while waiting.

Have you had the Temperance Number of the WATCHMAN? It is full of valuable matter and is and is worthy of a large circulation. Nicely printed in two colors: five copies or more, 3½ cents each; less than five copies, 5 cents each.

The report of the Bookmen's Convention has reached us and we have mailed a copy to each of our workers and canvassers. If you have been missed let us know. Others desiring a copy will also advise us.

We have received samples of a most excellent 4 page leaflet on the temperance question, entitled, "Shall the Liquor Curse Be Continued?" Just the thing to hand out to a neighbor or enclose in a letter. Price, \$2.00 per 1000.

The revised edition of "Steps to Christ" is now ready. Prices are as follows: Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 60 cents; gilt \$1.00. There will also be two styles in leather, price to be announced later. We have a few of the former edition on hand which we will sell for 15 cents in paper, or cloth 30 cents.