

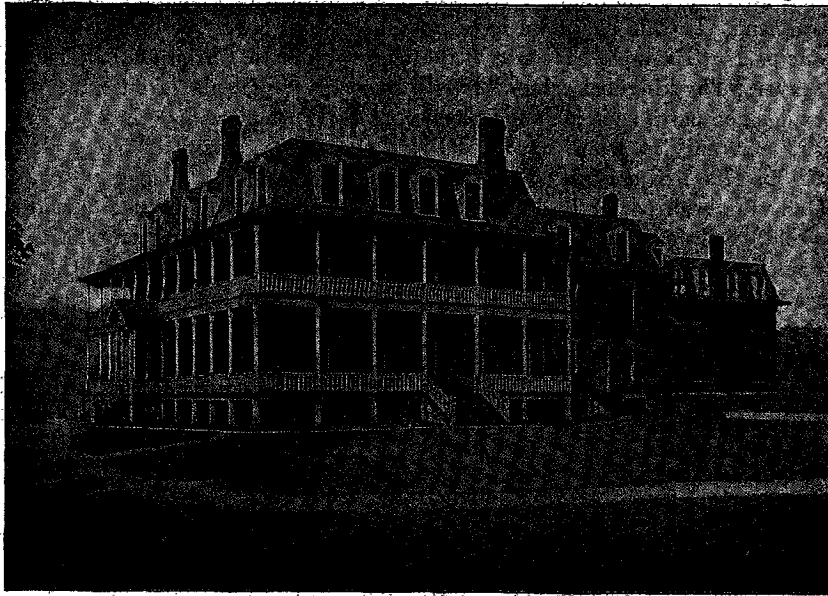
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"Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another."

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## Mt. Vernon Academy

### COMMENCEMENT.

The fifth annual commencement of the Mt. Vernon Academy was held in the chapel at 8 o'clock on the evening of May 12, 1902. The room was crowded, as a large number of Mt. Vernon citizens were present. The chapel was handsomely decorated for the event. Blue and yellow, the class colors, were displayed about the pulpit and the motto, "Semper Paratus" (Always prepared) was suspended over the pulpit in blue and yellow.

The exercises were opened by a selection by the chorus, "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting," led by Prof. Chas. Welch. Scripture reading by Elder W. H. Wakeham. Invocation by Prof. J. W. Loughhead. A piano duet by Miss Elsie Weaver and Mr. Glenn Wakeham, after which Elder I. J. Hankins gave the following address:

#### THE POSSIBILITIES OF LIFE:

He who spake as never man spake was a perfect, an ideal, educator. In

His life were manifest the fruits of a true education—a life of blessed ministry. He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. As He is, so are we in this world; for as the Father sent Him, so He sends us. To understand the true object of life, and how to obtain it, we must study the Pattern. Nothing ever baffled His wisdom or His skill. His life, His character, His work produced in the minds of men constant surprise and wonder. The most learned could not resist the wisdom with which He spake. The most artful and powerful temptations of men and demons could not induce Him to commit a wrong act. Even His enemies were forced to admit this; for when He publicly challenged them with the question, "Who of you convinceth Me of sin?" they were silent.

The life of Christ was a perfect illustration of human flesh under control of the Divine mind. But what does all this mean to us? It means this: That His source of wisdom, light and blessing is the fountain from which we also may draw. He says: "I have made known to you everything that I have learned from

my Father." This statement is worthy of careful study, and is full of encouragement for the young man who is hungering for knowledge. In the Word of God this precious treasure is stored. The entrance of that Word, not simply a knowledge of it theoretically, giveth light; and the word hidden in our hearts will keep us from sin, yea, since all spiritual blessings have been given to man, why then may we not walk even as He walked? why may we not do as He did? why may we not be for signs and wonders, and thus testify to the world that the gospel is indeed the power of God unto salvation?

Character building, after the true Pattern, is the noblest work of life. It is the result of right thinking, of a right education; for as a man thinketh, so is he. But the education must be after the divine order, if the character reaches the Divine standard. Success in this work is due to painstaking industry, even in the minutest details of life.

A visitor once called on Michael Angelo to see how he was getting on with a statue. "I have retouched this part—polished that—softened this feature—brought out that muscle—given some expression to this lip, and more energy to that limb." "But these are trifles," remarked the visitor. "It may be so," replied the sculptor, "but remember that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle."

Life is a workshop, and Christ is the great Architect and Master Workman. Men are not statues, however, but living temples in whom the image of God is to be fully restored. Through our submission and co-operation, the great Restorer is renewing our minds, changing our hearts, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ, and so purifying our lives, that His mind may fully control us, and that His will may be fully wrought in us and through us. Till then, we shall not be able to perfectly glorify God, and

to accomplish fully the work which He has committed to our hands. The possibilities of life are measured by man's ability and by his opportunities; and his ability depends largely on his education. Horace Greeley once said that "a good education, including a good trade, is a better outfit for a youth than a grand estate with the drawback of an empty brain."

The world estimates a man's ability by his success in a certain trade, business or profession. The Lord estimates ability by the success of our ministry to our fellow-men. Knowledge is power, and all power is of God hence the power to do good can only accompany a knowledge of good; and this knowledge comes alone from God. But we must also have a knowledge of the needs and conditions of men in order to apply our knowledge in their behalf. This brings the example of Jesus again before us. He "went about;" He associated with the people, and thus He found in the multitudes of needy, suffering humanity, ample opportunity for the application of His knowledge, which is all summed up in the words, "doing good." If our education is of the right kind, we will desire—not to exhibit our learning, or to glorify self, but—simply, and in the simplest manner, to do good.

The man or the woman, therefore, who is capable of doing the most good, possesses the highest education. The world's standard of education is not God's standard. Some of the highest graduates of colleges and universities are almost helpless, as far as the practical duties of life are concerned; they are hardly able to wait on themselves, much less to minister to the needs of other people. Life in reality is intensely practical, but with many today it is very superficial, if not artificial. There is great need of reform on the question of education, for men have almost entirely lost sight of the true idea.

The strength of a state depends upon the character of its men, and the character of its men depends on their education. The only true government on earth is the Divine government, and the only true citizens are the subjects of that government. They obey its laws because of supreme love to the Law-maker; and because they love their neighbor as themselves.

The gospel of the Kingdom, which

will be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations before the Lord comes, gives equal rights and equal happiness to all who will receive it. It translates men from the kingdom of darkness into a kingdom of light; from a kingdom which rules by force from without to a kingdom which rules by love from within. Self-government is the only true government. In this again we have but one perfect Example. He taught that prayer, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven," not only in word, but in deed; for in His life only has the will of God ever been perfectly done in this world. So when we go forth today to preach the kingdom of God to the world, the principles of that kingdom should shine forth in our lives; then our message will be with authority and with power. Another has truthfully said that "a Christian life is not an imitation but a reproduction of the life of Christ." His was a life of service, of faithful, earnest, persevering labor for others. Neither was He a respecter of persons. His message was to high and low, to rich and poor, to Jew and Samaritan. A few were gathered from the multitudes, who received His words, and gave up all to follow Him.

In obtaining an education, it is well to have a definite object in view, and yet we must be careful not to be so narrow in our conceptions of our chosen work as to restrict our usefulness. Doubtless many, I trust all in this school, are preparing for missionary work. You are going forth as educators, as teachers of the people. You are going to hold forth the Word of Life so that men may both hear and see that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation.

The word has repeatedly come to us that we must "educate, educate, educate!" To educate is to instruct both by precept and example. But we can teach only that which we do know. What then shall we teach? The Saviour says, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. This is exceedingly broad. Think for a moment of the range of subjects in Christ's teachings.

It has been the work of Satan to obscure the light and to pervert the truth of the gospel. He has succeeded so well, that with many, error now stands for truth, light for darkness,

and Satan in the place of God. But the time has come when Satan's counterfeits must be exposed, his character unmasked, when light and truth must be restored to the world, and the Creator himself set forth as supreme. To this work of reform God calls every true disciple. It is His last invitation to the world. It is a work which should enlist the interest and hearty co-operation of every professed Christian. But such a movement will also arouse the wrath of those who decide against the truth. Hence the necessity of being clothed with the complete gospel armor, and of knowing how to use effectually the "sword of the Spirit." This campaign has been planned by the Lord of Hosts, and He will lead the army, not to defeat, but to victory. The conflict will be short, but sharp. It will test the courage, the loyalty, the faith, the love of every one, from the commanding officer to the most obscure soldier in the ranks. Satan not only perverts truth, but he hates those who love truth. He will do all in his power to prevent them from hearing truth.

If the people were as ready to hear the gospel as they are to visit theatres, operas, and other places of amusement, how quickly and how easily might the last warning be given to the world! In cities, in towns, and in country places they would come in crowds. But alas! the minds of the masses cannot be reached in this way. They are intoxicated with the pleasures of the world. But the Lord's hand is not shortened. His resources are equal to every emergency. By His special providence, this message of light, this last gospel invitation to men, has been published in attractive form, so that it may be taken to the homes of all classes. We may also go to the homes of our neighbors, and read the Bible with them, faithfully pointing out those truths that have been so long obscured. Here and there we find an individual whose heart responds to the word, who is willing to give up all and follow the Saviour.

But when a man with a large family and a small salary, is brought face to face with God's holy law, and realizes that obedience requires the giving up of his position and his salary, it requires a courage born of genuine faith in God to follow his convictions. Here the man who has borne to him

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BIBLE WORKERS' INSTITUTE,  
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TEACHERS' NORMAL.

From time to time our attention has been called to the importance of maintaining church schools, until the most of us have come to recognize the church school work as a very important part of the third angel's message. Now one of our greatest needs is competent teachers. The churches are calling for more efficient teachers. And they have a right to demand the very best that can be secured; for,

"The very best talent that can be secured is needed to educate and mould the minds of the young, and to carry on successfully the many lines of work that will need to be done by the teacher in the church school."—Test. Vol. vi., p. 200.

That all who enter this work need some special preparation to fit them for efficient service, is appreciated by all who have given the subject careful thought. And so, after much prayer and careful consideration by both the Mt. Vernon Academy Faculty, and the Ohio Conference Committee, we have decided to hold a School Teachers' Normal, beginning June 17, and continuing from five to eight weeks as the interest may demand, or the circumstances indicate. This school will be under the supervision of the Academy faculty and the Conference committee. The instructors will be men and women who have had actual experience in the things to be taught, and so will be able to give just the practical help that is needed for those engaging in the church school work.

The place where this school will be held has not yet been definitely determined, but this will be announced in succeeding issues of the Visitor. Every person expecting or desiring to engage in the church school work in this conference should immediately begin to plan to attend this church school teachers' Normal. Most liberal terms will be offered to those who are considered competent to take this course of training to fit them for the

church school work. We should be pleased to correspond with any who desire to avail themselves of this opportunity to get special help in the church school work. Detailed information will be given to all who apply.

Address W. H. Wakeham, Educational Sec.

### OUR BIBLE WORKERS, AND THE CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS' NORMAL.

Why should our Bible workers attend the Ohio Bible Workers' Institute and Church School Teachers' Normal?

1. Because every Bible worker should be fully informed concerning, and in harmony with the forward movement along educational lines, and able to throw their influence in favor of Christian education in the churches or in new fields wherever they may labor.

2. Because we hope to enlist many of our Bible workers in the church school work. This may not at first seem advisable; but let us consider a few facts. The leading text book of a church school should be the Bible; and "here children are to be instructed in the special truths for this time, and in practical missionary work."—Test. Vol. vi., page 203. Now who should be better fitted to give such instruction to our children than the Bible worker, who for years has been teaching the special truths for this time? Again, the church school teacher should be able to work for the church, enlisting the co-operation of the parents in the work of Christian education. Who can do this work better than those who have had experience in working with, and for the churches, especially in our large cities?

3. Because many of our Bible workers have had experience in teaching in the public schools in the past; or have taught for years in our Sabbath schools; or have conducted children's meetings in connection with tent efforts, or at our camp-meetings. All of this has given them an experience that is invaluable. Why should we not utilize some of this experience in the church school work, especially now when there is such a crying need for experienced church school teachers?

Perhaps some one is now ready to

inquire, do you expect to turn all of the Bible workers into church school teachers? I reply that it is not the wish of the Ohio Conference Committee to dictate to any one what his or her individual work shall be; but we hope that a large number will see the importance of the church school work enough to consecrate their lives to the cause of Christian education in the most needy departments. And so we want every Bible worker to attend this summer school that they may come in full touch with our educational work, and be enthused with the spirit of it. And we are ready to express our convictions that if every Bible worker in our state should enter the church school work next fall, the cause of God would not suffer in the least by such a movement.

But, some may ask, do you think the Bible work is a failure, and should be dropped? By no means. Permit me to offer a few suggestions. There are many younger inexperienced persons who might not be successful in teaching a church school under existing conditions who could do acceptable work in new fields as Bible workers; for all experience teaches that it is much less difficult to teach the special truths for this time in new fields than it is to work in old fields of labor. And so, dear Bible workers, we are simply asking you to engage in a more difficult work, for which your past experience has fitted you, that others may come in and have the experience you have had.

Again, when a Bible worker goes into a church to teach a church school she will see many opportunities to give Bible readings that she cannot possibly fill. Then she will begin to look around for help, and will find members in the church who will (with a little help and encouragement such as the Bible worker is fully competent to give) be able to meet and fill all such opportunities. This will result in great blessings to the members of the church as a whole. And thus the Bible worker will stand as a true educator, and in a short time will be giving more Bible readings through the members of the church than she could possibly give herself were she to devote her entire time to the work, and teach the church school besides. So that the Bible work instead of being diminished will be

greatly multiplied.

The time has come when every worker must be an educator, a trainer of workers. In this way the message will go with rapidity and power.

W. H. Wakeham.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY.

From 2,000 churches comes a call for well-trained teachers. Wherever there is a church there should be a Christian teacher. It cannot be expected that a person educated in the public schools will know how to teach a Christian school without making a study of the principles and methods to be applied when the Bible is the basis of the education. Justice demands that teachers have an opportunity to take some training. This fact has appealed to the General Conference Committee, to Conference presidents and educational laborers and the way has been prepared for such a training.

From June 12 to August 20 there will be held at Berrien Springs, Mich., on Emmanuel Missionary College farm, a summer school for teachers and Christian business men. Tuition is free, rent is free, and a student's only regular expense will be for board. Board will be served on the European plan.

Has God called you to teach? Do you know of persons who should be in the work but who are not because they are in need of training? All such persons should read the announcement of the summer assembly. Send for one for yourself and friends.

Address E. A. Sutherland, Berrien Springs, Mich.



NOTICE.

In view of the increased cost of stock, it has been decided by the stockholders of the Pacific Press Publishing Company to make a uniform rate on Our Little Friend of 45 cents for five or more or more copies. This rate will go into effect June 1. We trust that all will remember this when ordering Our Little Friend.—Ohio Tract Society.



NOTICE TO ALL THE WORKERS.

We desire all the workers to let us know what kind of tracts they will want in their tent work this summer.

Mail has so increased on tracts that it will be necessary for the workers to order a larger quantity so they can be sent by freight or express. We desire to know, so we can lay in our supply. Please let us hear from you immediately.

Ohio Tract Society.



Killbuck, Ohio.

Dear Welcome Visitor—I would like to say a few words in reference to the Object Lesson work. When this work first started I sold a few copies to my employes without any trouble. I have not done anything since, until recently. Brother J. O. Miller came here in the interest of the Object Lesson work, and wanted me to enlist, so I made up my mind to go out and try. I knew that I could do nothing of myself, so I sought the Lord to go with me.

I spent two days canvassing and took 13 orders. When I meet a man that I have been dealing with, I sell the book from a business standpoint. I sell the book to others on its merits. I find this to be an easy matter. One lady said she did not want the book and told me not to waste my time in showing her the book; but I appeared not to hear her. When I came to the parable of the seed sower and told her of the love of Jesus and how He left His exalted position in heaven and came to this dark world to tread the winepress alone, I looked up and found her in tears, when just a little while before she had so stoutly refused to look at the book. She took the book.

We have thirteen members in our church, and nearly half of them are either aged or too young for the work, but we will all do what we can. Myself and wife have sold and taken orders for thirty books. I trust that all will take courage and go forward in this work. Let us remember that it was when Saul was little in his own eyes that he was appointed to be king over Israel. By the help of the Lord we expect to sell our quota.

G. C. Quillin.

Bowling Green, Ohio.  
Sunday, May 11th, I attended

of the Sunday-schools in Bowling Green, and the minister invited me to speak to the people, which I did, and the people seemed to be hungry for fresh food from the throne of God.

I let the Lord have His way and He fed the people. The minister announced another meeting for that evening. As he could not be there he turned the meeting over to me and told me to do the Lord's will.

The noise went abroad and the church was well filled. My text was Mal. 4:5, 6. After the discourse I told them about Object Lessons and the result was I sold four for cash and took one order, and others said they would tell me later what they would do. I am of good courage in the work.

G. P. Gaede.

CANVASSERS' REPORT.

G. P. Gaede—Delivered 5 Object Lessons. Orders, 1 Object Lesson. Value, \$7.50.

F. E. Wagner—Orders, 15 Coming King. Value, \$15. Delivered 21 Coming King. Value, \$21.

Mary Hubble—Orders, 4 Gt. Cont., 6 Coming King, 27 Life Boat. Value, \$15. Delivered 3 Gt. Cont., 5 Coming King. Value, \$13.25.

Fred C. Webster—Orders, 12 Object Lessons, 9 Steps to Christ. Value, \$19.50. Delivered 64 Object Lessons, 2 Coming King, 6 Steps to Christ, 1 Sunbeams. Value, \$87.

G. W. Spies—Orders, 9 Coming King, 3 All Sorts, 7 Primers, 1 Cats and Dogs, 1 Glorious Appearing, 1 Bible. Value, \$16.75. Delivered, 15 Coming King, 10 Primers, 1 All Sorts, 1 Cats and Dogs, 1 Glorious Appearing, 1 Bible. Value, \$22.

W. E. Bidwell—Orders, 7 Object Lessons, 3 Steps to Christ, 2 Primers, 8 Best Stories. Value, \$13.75. Delivered, 1 Steps to Christ, 1 Primer, 2 Best Stories, 1 Testament, 492 pages of tracts. Value, \$2.26.



We understand that the Dayton and Springfield Sabbath schools each held a convention recently. The Sabbath school at Green Spring will hold one May 23-25. We hope that these schools will send a report of these conventions to the Visitor, and thus encourage others in this good work.

The Conference Committee held a meeting Tuesday, May 13.

the light also needs an unwavering faith in the promises, in order to give necessary encouragement at this critical moment. It may be that upon this decision the salvation of souls is resting. As soon as the decision is made, then Satan renews his efforts; for it angers him when his subjects join the ranks of King Emmanuel. Suppose this brother does lose his position, and has no means of supporting his family; will the Lord forsake him? At this point the education of a gospel worker is brought to a practical test. What can be done for this man who is thrown out of employment, and does not know how to employ himself? If from a practical knowledge of some business or trade, this man could receive some suggestions and some instructions, he might easily be put in the way of supporting himself and his family, independent of an employer.

A knowledge of square-root, of algebra, of Greek and Hebrew is all right in its place, but it would be of no special value in an experience of this kind—and every one who has labored successfully in gospel work can testify that such experiences are not uncommon.

A practical education in domestic economy is also most essential. By economy I mean now the curtailing of expenses. If daughters could make the clothing for the family, it would save many dollars in a year. If they knew the best, the most healthful kinds of food, and how to prepare them, they would save sickness and doctor bills, and thus also full time and full strength for labor would be gained. Christians spend thousands of dollars in furnishing their homes which might be saved to carry the Bread of Life to the famishing. Improvised, or home-made furniture, will many times answer the same purpose, and be equally comfortable, though perhaps not so ornamental as the expensive articles purchased in the shops. However, the home-made furniture has another advantage—it gives the boys employment for both minds and hands, which is no small consideration in family government. The boy who can repair his own boots, can mend a broken wagon or plow, and can even set a broken bone in an emergency, is the boy who has had the true idea of education. He has the kind that is useful, not merely ornament-

al. But he will be an ornament in society, just the same. All these practical things, and many others, which your own study and experience will suggest, constitute an important part of an all-round education; yes, a practical Christian education.

What is Christianity? Look again at the Pattern, our Example. Thirty years of His life were spent in manual labor. No doubt much of this time was occupied in the study of the Scriptures, in connection with the book of nature, and that in this model school He obtained the knowledge which so perfectly qualified Him for His special ministry. He was never baffled by an emergency, but always met the most ingenious intrigues of men and of Satan with calm composure, having the assurance that the wisdom of God and the power of God were His because He always did those things that were pleasing to God. Men are often shorn of their strength because they seek to please themselves or their fellow men, rather than God.

The standard of Christian life in Christ is not given to discourage us, though it might have that effect because of our repeated failures, if we did not view it in the light of Christian experience, believing that all things work together for good to them that love God. We shall always see imperfections in ourselves, but we are to remember that our righteousness will always be as filthy rags, and that only in Him are we complete.

Nothing that is worth having can be achieved without courageous, persistent labor. By the power of the will, results apparently impracticable are made possible. A young French officer used to walk about his apartments exclaiming, "I will be marshal of France and a great general." His ardent desire transformed the possibility into reality, and he died a distinguished commander and a marshal of France.

The story is told of a carpenter who was repairing a magistrate's bench with unusual care, and when asked the reason, he replied, "Because I wish to make it easy against the time when I come to sit upon it myself. And, sure enough, the carpenter lived to sit upon that very bench as a magistrate.

Man's will is free, and if this will is in harmony with the Divine will, and if he is, by faith connected with the Arm of Strength, all things are

possible; for is it not written, "All things are possible to him that believeth?" In the Christian life and work this will power is especially important, and if directed and controlled by the Divine mind, it gives us victory over self and over all opposing influences.

One of the most courageous of Christian missionaries was Wm. Carey, who labored in British India. Himself the son of a shoemaker, he was supported in his labors by Ward, the son of a carpenter, and Marsham, the son of a weaver. By their untiring efforts a college was erected at Serampore, sixteen flourishing missions were established, and the Bible was translated into sixteen languages. Carey was not ashamed of his humble origin. When at a governor-general's table, he overheard one officer ask another officer whether Carey had not once been a shoemaker. "No sir, only a cobbler," exclaimed Mr. Carey. When a boy he was one day climbing a tree, and his foot slipped, and he fell to the ground, breaking his leg. After many weeks of confinement in bed, and when his leg had recovered so he could walk without support, the very first thing he did was to go and climb that same tree. It was this dauntless courage, accompanied with the Divine endowment, that so eminently qualified this heaven-sent messenger for his life work.

The Lord has not given to every one the talents, the qualifications, or the work of a Carey, but He has committed to every man his own work. To every willing mind this work will be revealed, also the power and the grace for its accomplishment.

To somebody the call is still sounding, "Come over and help us." And the command of the Master is "Go," and delay not. The testimony comes to us in no uncertain tones, that just now is the time to work in foreign fields. Brave and loving hearts are needed—men with the power of adaptability, who will be all things to all men in order that they may win some.

In this time of national prejudice and race hatred, it would be well for us to know nothing but Jesus Christ and Him crucified. If He is revealed in us, then we can preach Him among the heathen. If His mind is in us, and holds full control, we will cheerfully go to the heathen, even to the darkest parts of the earth—if

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Providence so directs.

The Lord's hand is set the second time to gather from among the nations the "remnant" of Israel. He will set up among them an ensign, a standard, even His own law in the hearts of His new covenant people, and thus He will reveal His truth and the power of His grace, that He may be known in all the earth as the Holy One of Israel.

The question was asked in a recent missionary meeting, How shall we get the people to work? The reply was this in substance: If every one would faithfully follow his convictions, and improve the opportunities afforded him day by day, much more would be accomplished. What is missionary work? It is just the work that the world's greatest Missionary would do if He were in your place or mine. It is the work which we feel impressed that we ought to do, but so often neglect, or put off till a more convenient time. It is to so think, and talk, and act and walk, that we may reproduce the life of Christ.

Men have heard much about Christianity, but some are losing faith in its existence because they see so little of it. The man or the woman who does not reveal it in the home, in business, in the school room—everywhere—would better drop it from conversation, as well; for a mere profession is only acting a falsehood—it is holding the truth in unrighteousness. It is our privilege to be genuine disciples of Christ, true missionaries of the cross, gathering from all classes of society a few precious jewels to shine as stars forever in the kingdom of God.

As we look upon the rushing, crushing world, today, what are our impressions? Where is there a place that we can safely anchor, and be sheltered from the storm that is soon coming? On what ship have we taken passage on life's great sea? Who is our captain? In what port do we expect to anchor? Do we realize that this is our last voyage? and do we observe by the chart and compass that we are nearing shore? Are we trusting our captain? And do we know that he is a safe pilot? And that our ship is sea-worthy? Are we simply passengers on board, or are part of the crew?

If we are on the gospel ship, sailing under the Christian flag, with the Word of God as our chart and com-

pass, and Christ as our Captain, and if we are not merely passengers but tried and true seamen, we will soon end our voyage, and will step over on to the shores of a blessed eternity.

"Men seek for treasures of wealth untold,

They search for pearls, for diamonds, for gold;

But the riches and joys which are given to men

Who labor with Jesus till His coming again,

Will eclipse beyond measure the glories of earth—

Precious stars in our crowns, of infinite worth."

To these dear students this world may at times present some attractions, but we know that there is nothing abiding here save those things which are connected with the work of God. It is not safe, therefore, to unite our interests with anything in which heaven is not interested. The one thing in which we may center our affections, into which we may throw our entire energy, and in which we may be assured of Divine co-operation and ultimate success, is the finishing of that work which the Son of Man can do—the seeking and the saving of that which was lost. To be chosen of God for this work is an honor which the world cannot appreciate, for it sees not with the aid of His great search-light of truth.

To be freed from sin and the power of sin; to be transformed by the renewing of the mind; to be clothed with the garments of righteousness; to be translated from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light; to be accepted citizens of the King of kings; to be laborers together with Him in the closing message of the gospel; to be sons of God and heirs with Christ to the treasures of heaven; to be the actual possessors of a kingdom that shall have no end, free from sickness, sorrow and death; to be clothed with immortality in the image of God; to enjoy forever the society of the truly good and great of earth; to eat of the tree of life and to drink of the river of life; to share eternally the blessings of a world redeemed from the cruel reign of Satan; to study forever the love of God which passeth knowledge; to join the heavenly choir in anthems of praise to Him who cleansed us in His blood, and saved us by His life—these are some of the possibilities today

within our reach. How important, how imperative, that we live to glorify God, and that we faithfully perform our allotted work! Then shall we be glorified with all His saints, when He comes to receive them to Himself. Then shall we hear the "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Following the address the chorus rendered, "The Heavens Are Telling," Elder R. R. Kennedy presented the class with their diplomas. "God Be With You" was rendered by a quartet consisting of Misses Sisley, Cobban, Waite and Ellwanger, followed by the benediction, which was pronounced by Elder A. G. Haughey. The following are the names of the graduates:

Biblical—Miss Mayme Wells, Bedford, Ohio.

Scientific—Robt. B. Thurber, Dayton, Ohio.

Classical—Miss Caroline Harding, Marion, Ohio; Miss Mae Kennedy, Wheelersburg, Ohio; Mr. Virgil Fisher, Deshler, Ohio.

The following is a summary of students by states who have attended the Academy the past year:

Ohio .....	77
Michigan .....	8
Pennsylvania .....	6
New York .....	4
Illinois .....	3
Indiana .....	3
Missouri .....	2
Minnesota .....	1
Maryland .....	1
Wisconsin .....	1
Virginia .....	1
Ontario .....	1
Total .....	108

  
NOTICE.

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My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this that the trying of your faith worketh patience."