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

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A FRIEND OF MINE.

Whenever I seem down-hearted,
Reflecting an inward frown,
From Jesus I've departed,
Oh, help me to smile it down;
And tell me about Him, brother,
Who causes your face to shine;
I cherish Him like no other,
For He is a friend of mine.
Don't speak of His love so lightly,
Nor thoughtlessly whisper His
name;
Don't place Him with things unsight-
ly,
From glorious heaven He came.
Don't heedlessly scorn His mocking,
In inner emotions enshrine;
Don't grieve Him with Pharisee
mocking,
For He is a friend of mine.
If ever you meet a mortal
Astray on the path of life,
Oh open a welcome portal
And shelter his heart from strife;
Ah, then will your life flow faster,
And never for love repine.
In Jesus the blessed Master,
That soul is a friend of mine.

—Robert B. Thurber.



(Extract from a lecture given by
W. H. Wakeham, Aug. 13.)

If the people on this ground are not a missionary people, they stand for nothing in this world. If they do not stand at the head of the reformatory movements of the world, then they are not fulfilling their mission. Souls are dying all around us. Right here among us men and women are going to destruction, physically, mentally, and morally, simply because they know nothing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. My sub-

ject this afternoon in this lecture is gospel temperance, and first I will read a few texts which set forth the principles of Temperance as believed in by this people. "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear to my saying. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Here is the true secret of health. There is no direct power of healing outside of the power of God, and that power is manifested in His word. "For they (thy words) are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh." Now there is a close relation between health and temperance. Health, real health, spiritual and physical, is dependent upon the word of God. To possess that health, we must live in harmony with the laws of health set forth in that word. Immunity from sickness of any kind, depends on living in harmony with the word of God.

Third John 1:2. "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." The Lord is just as anxious for us to be in good health, even as thy soul prospereth." The Lord is just as anxious for us to be in good health physically as spiritually. The Gospel for this time is a gospel of physical health as well as spiritual health. The Lord wants a perfect people when he comes. We believe that there is power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ to heal the body as well as the soul. God wants us to be perfect men and women physically. "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting Holiness in the fear of God." In order to be perfect Christians, we must have good health. Perfect Holiness includes cleansing from bodily impurities, as well as from spiritual filthiness. In order to be able to

present the temples of our bodies clean before the Lord, we must do just what the Word of God says. What is the great danger of these times? Intemperance. Intemperance. Intemperance not only in a few things. Is a man temperate just because he abstains from the use of alcoholic liquors. Far from it. A man may be intemperate in anything. A man may be intemperate in eating, or drinking or working, or anything else. A man may even be intemperate in resting. "And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares." These are the great dangers of the present day. Now let us read a text in Corinthians, 9th chapter, and the 25th verse: "Now every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things." Temperate in all things. Then what would be a good platform of Gospel temperance? Total abstinence from all things that injure the body in anyway and a moderate and wise use of those things that are provided by the Lord for the nourishment of our bodies. That would be a good broad platform.

Now this people as a people are working toward that platform. As long as forty years ago light began to come on this question to this people. First, the use of alcoholic liquors was abolished; then tobacco was discarded as a filthy and defiling thing. Then we went a little farther and discarded the use of pork, for the reason that the Lord has said that pork was unclean for a Jew, and what wasn't good for a Jew, wasn't good for a Christian. Then it was discovered that tea and coffee contained an active intoxicating principle, and it's use was left off. So you see we are "tee-totalers," in the broadest sense. Then the use of meat was discarded, because in the beginning, the bill of fare provided

for man did not include the flesh of animals, and in the earth made new there will not be any meat to eat, for they "Shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord," and we want to return to original principles as soon as possible.



West Elkton, O., Sept. 8, 1902.

We pitched our tent in this place ten days ago, and have had a sermon or Bible study every evening, and a day meeting each first day. Our attendance has been from 40 to 150 with the best of attention. There are no saloons in the place and the people are very orderly. There was a rumor among the people, when we first came here, that we were Mormons, which made them unsocial to us for a time. But that has worn off now and they are not so distant. But the inconvenience of not having an organist, that we can depend on, is a great detriment to our meetings and an embarrassment to us.

The new tent and lamps, furnished us, make a nice outfit; and I trust the time will soon come when the economy and propriety of a proper musical help will be seen. We have to meet the people where they are, or not meet them at all. We are of good courage and hopeful of results; but it is early yet to forecast the measure of immediate success; yet many have already given verbal assent to what has been presented and there is no open opposition.

May the Lord guide to His glory.

Yours for the truth,

Chas. A. Smith.

Jas. H. Smith.

Coal Grove, Lawrence Co., O.

We commenced our meetings at this place Sunday evening, Sept. 7. This is a suburb of Ironton, about three miles from that city, and seven miles from South Point, where meetings were held before camp-meeting. We are not "without the camp," but nearly so, for just the waters of Ohio separate us from our neighbor state. It was reported that there was much prejudice in the place, and as soon as the tent was pitched we met numerous groups of

people discussing us and our work. Reports were not true, or God has overruled, for the first meeting was largely attended.

The people are interested and friendly. At the second meeting the tent was full, and last night over a score could not get seats. Today we are making more seating capacity. Our tent is new, but not large enough. The message is no small thing, for God is in it. When the signs of the coming of the Lord were presented the people were stirred and it is the talk of the vicinity. We are not only encouraged because of the number who attend, but are thankful that God is manifesting his power through us.

We ask for the prayers of the brethren for this part of the vineyard, that the work may result in "bright jewels to shine in the Saviour's crown."

R. R. Kennedy.

R. B. Thurber.

Tedro, Fulton Co., O.,

Sept. 10, 1902.

In harmony with the direction of the Conference Committee we came to this place Sept. 1st, and after securing a pleasant location in the center of the village, on the public school house grounds, we pitched our tent and commenced meetings the evening of the 3d. The attendance was good at the first and although the evenings have been cool the attendance has steadily increased. The dear Saviour is causing our hearts to be stirred and drawn nearer to the great heart of God, as we present the solemn message that he has called us to give.

We ask those who are praying for the advancement of the closing message of God, to remember the work at this point.

Francis M. Fairchild.

Fred M. Fairchild.



SHE TOUCHED HER.

Some rude children in Madagascar were one day calling out, "A leper! A leper!" to a poor woman who had lost all her fingers and toes by the dread disease. A missionary lady who was near by, put her hand on the woman's soldier, and asked her to sit down on the grass by her. The woman fell sobbing, overcome by emotion, and cried out: "A hu-

man hand has touched me. For seven years no one has touched me."

The missionary lady says that at that moment it flashed across her mind why it is recorded in the Gospels that Jesus touched the lepers. That is just what others would not do. It was the touch of sympathy as well as healing power.—Selected.



EN ROUTE FOR EGYPT.

The readers of the Visitor are doubtless aware of the fact that Elder W. H. Wakeham and family have been recommended to make Egypt their field of labor. Since camp-meeting they have been very busy, making preparations for their departure. For seven years Elder Wakeham has been connected with the Mt. Vernon Academy as Bible teacher, and most of that time has been elder of the Mt. Vernon church. Sabbath, Sept. 13, he preached his farewell sermon, basing his remarks on 2 Pet. 1:16-19.

Sunday, Sept. 14, several friends accompanied the family to the station, where they took the train en route for New York city. They expect to sail Sept. 17, via steamship "Philadelphia." Let all the readers of the Visitor remember the dear family at the throne of grace, that the Lord may give them a safe voyage, and bless them in that far off land, and at the great harvest day many sheaves be gathered from that part of the harvest field, as the result of their faithful labors.



OBITUARY.

Robinson—Mabel Robinson died Sabbath, Sept. 6, of consumption, at the home of her parents on Arch street, and was buried Sept. 8, in the cemetery at Clyde, Ohio. The funeral was conducted from the Adventist church. Mabel confessed Christ before her death and died in hope. This is the third member of this family who has been called away by this dread disease. The words chosen as the basis of helpful counsel were, "There is hope in thine end saith the Lord, that thy children shall come again to their own border."—Jer. 31:17.

D. E. Lindsey.



"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

Mt. Vernon Academy

West, Elkton, O., Sept. 6, '02.

In the light of the experiences of the past, brightened by the testimonies of the Spirit of God, I desire to present some thoughts for the consideration of my brothers and sisters, old and young, located at Academia, Ohio, and especially the ordained ministers residing there, the faculty of the Academy, and officers of the departments of Conference whom the providence of God has gathered about the Academy.

Dear Fellow-Workers in the "Third Angel's Message"—The importance of the institution of learning providentially placed at Mt. Vernon, emphasized by the relation it sustains to the cause of God at this time, makes its interests a sacred charge to us, who are in the order of the Lord in any way closely connected with it, which will test our faithfulness in the Message itself. And besides, we have most of our highest home interests involved in its success, and the maintenance of its highest moral and spiritual character.

The influence of our homes upon the school and of the school upon our homes, is a consideration which cannot be overestimated nor too carefully considered. And now that the church school has been made a department of the Academy this bond of mutual interest and responsibility is greatly increased. If wise counsel shall prevail, and this responsibility rightly discharged by all parties, it will be a source of great help to homes and school work in the education of our children and the preparation of laborers for the work which is so dear to our hearts; but if the reverse shall result, it will be an incalculable hinderance and curse. With this close connection it is self-evident that the home discipline will largely affect the discipline of the school and vice versa. There is great necessity that all concerned be regulated by mutual consideration founded on principles which are in accord with the divine standard which all have accepted in their submission to the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. In carrying out these principles to the mutual advantage of the school and the home, no schemes which affect other homes

or the school should be taken up, or arranged for, without counseling first with all who are to be affected by it; and if it cannot be mutually agreed upon, it would be best to abandon it. The success of the cause of God is of infinitely more value than the carrying out of some selfish scheme for pleasure or to have our own way. In fact this is an element in our education, without which God is dishonored, and Satan enthroned. The arranging for parties or gatherings and inviting children without first consulting the parents or faculty of the school or parties having charge of children, should not be tolerated, for in doing this the disobedient, unruly element in the home and school always lead out and trouble and burdens of anxiety to the parents and faculty, and corruption of discipline will result.

Parents and guardians of children should always be consulted before invitations are given that would take the children from the homes. The lack of regard of this principle brings strife among families, and estranges children from their parents.

There is another class of gatherings that I am constrained to take a decided position against and appeal to our ministers and church people everywhere to unite with me in an active influence against, and that is the custom of "belling" a couple at the event of their marriage. Marriage is an institution of divine appointment, and every barbarous, un-Christian act associated with it, in the minds of our children, has a tendency to degrade its sacredness to them and increase the spirit of lawlessness in them and in the community; and if there is a people on the earth who should more than any others be the conservators of that which is pure, honest, lovely and good report, it is Seventh Day Adventists, and especially those who have the moulding of characters of those who are to represent Christ in the perfecting message of the Third Angel.

We are in great need of a higher standard of living, of thought and judgment. But how shall it be realized if the lawlessness of the worldly element prevail about our institutions of learning. We are responsible for the moral atmosphere which surround them and especially so

when it issues from our own homes. Loyalty to principle, well seasoned with the wisdom which is from above, is the great need in all our institutions and relations. I trust that every soul connected with the work of the Message will appreciate the responsibility of that relation, and rise to the emergencies of the situation and time, in relation to our children and schools.

Yours in love,
Chas. A. Smith.



"I LEFT HER TO GOD."

In West Africa a society in England has a school for the poor native children. One day in that school a little girl struck her schoolmate. The teacher found it out and asked the child who was struck:

"Did you not strike her back again?"

"No, ma'am," said the child.

"What did you do?" asked the teacher.

"I left her to God," said she.

A beautiful and most efficient way to settle all difficulties, and prevent all fights among children and among men. We shall never be struck by others when they know that we shall not return the blow, but "leave them to God." Then, whatever our enemies do or threaten to do to us, let us leave them to Him, praying that He will forgive them and make them our friends.—Selected.



READ THIS SLOWLY, AND
THINK.

Does my life please God?

Am I studying my Bible daily?

Am I enjoying my Christian life?

Is there any one I cannot forgive?

Have I ever won a soul to Christ?

Have I ever had a direct answer to prayer?

Is there anything I can not give up for Christ?

Just where am I making my greatest mistake?

How does my life look to those who are not Christians?

How many things do I put before my religious duties?

Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?

Is the world being made better or worse by my living in it?

Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?—Presbyterian Endeavorer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

\$5,600 have been paid on the Mt. Vernon Academy debt from the sale of "Object Lessons."

The fall term of the Mt. Vernon Academy opened Sept. 10, with a very large attendance.

Miss Bessie E. Russell spent Sept. 12-14 in Columbus in the interest of the church school work.

We trust that all will remember that the "Little Friend" is 50 cents per year single copy, and 45 cents for two or more copies.

At the home of Mrs. P. Alderman in Academia, Ohio, Thursday evening, Sept. 11, Mr. Charles V. Hamer and Miss Otillia Clemen were united in marriage by Elder H. H. Burkholder. Visitor extends congratulations.

"Things foretold" is a new book by W. N. Glenn. It contains twenty-one chapters of interesting matter on the first seven chapters of Daniel. This book is adapted to children. Price, 50 cents.

The Mt. Vernon church school, which is now a department of the Academy, will open Monday, Sept. 22, under the supervision of Mrs. Otillia (Clemen) Hamer.

Miss Almeda Haughey left Academia, Sept. 14, for her field of labor in Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Mamie Wells will join her in the Bible work at that place.

We take this opportunity to thank the tent companies for their reports and addresses. We would have sent the Visitor ere this, but did not know where to send it. Let us hear from you again.

Kenneth R. Haughey is improving in health and while it will be necessary for him to remain at the Sanitarium for some little time yet, he says he is of good courage, and hopes to enter the work some time in the future.

"The Southern Watchman" is an eight page weekly paper, published by the Southern Publishing Association, 1025-27 Jefferson St., Nashville, Tenn. All who are interested in home missionary work should subscribe for this paper. By so doing you will be helping a worthy cause. Order direct from the publishers. Price, 50 cents per year.

Miss Amy Welsh, formerly a Bible worker in Ohio, is now located in Hilderbran, N. C.

If you want to give Bible readings and do not know how, just subscribe for the "Bible Training School." It is a monthly journal devoted to the interest of house to house Bible work. Published by the New York Bible Training School, Elder S. N. Haskell, editor. Price, 25 cents per year. Address Bible Training School, 400 West 57th Street, New York.

Are the canvassers off on a vacation, or have they forgotten to report?

Do you want to hear from all of the other workers? Perhaps they would like to hear from you. Please remember that your reports are always enjoyed by the readers of the Visitors and welcomed by the editor.



WISHES AND WORK.

"It seems to me that I would give anything in the world to make those keys sing as you do," a girl said one evening to a friend. The answer came instantly:

"You need not give 'anything in the world.' Two hours' conscientious practice every day for five or six years would do it. Would you give that?"

The girl flushed a little, and then looked up, half laughing. "No," she answered honestly, "I know that I wouldn't. I would get tired and give it up in three months. But I thought I was telling the truth. I didn't mean to be insincere."

We never mean to be insincere, and yet is it not true that many of our wishes are not worth the breath it takes to put them into words? For if we wished earnestly enough we should not rest content with sighing—we should set ourselves to win the things we want. In nine cases out of ten patience and perseverance would answer our wishes for us.—Forward.



ANOTHER SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY.

Read and see if this does not mean you. The Correspondence School for Nurses, connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training school, will begin a new class the first of October. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regu-

lar course at one of our Sanitariums. This is the fourth year this work has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Studies on eleven subjects are given, among which Christian Help work, and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been revised and enlarged and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is three dollars, which barely covers the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies and returning the reports to the pupils. The text-books for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in October which will continue one year (some finish in six months), and shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the Course, will be sent free on application.

Address: Correspondence Department, Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.



"Christ is pleased with his followers when they show that, though human, they are partakers of divine nature."

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man."

"For all flesh is as grease, and all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth forever."



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