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**THE TEST.**

The time of trial comes to all,  
That tests the soul as by a fire,  
We halt between the spirit's call  
And our own worldly self-desire.  
'Tis then one Light will show the way,  
One rule will make our duty clear;  
To think upon the Christ and say,  
"What would He do if He were here?"

All other rules may fail; but this  
Applies to every word and deed.  
You cannot wander far amiss,  
If you its golden precept heed.  
Let him become your constant goal  
And when divergent paths appear,  
Propound this question to your soul:  
"What would He do if He were here?"

"Do unto others as you would  
That they, in turn, should do to you."  
'Twould make mankind a brotherhood  
If all unto that charge were true.  
When dealing with your fellow man,  
There's safety by that chart to steer.  
There's equal safety in this plan:  
"What would He do if He were here?"

But there are actions that relate  
Unto ourselves and us alone.  
Upon our shoulders rests the weight:  
Effects and issues are our own.  
No Golden Rule guides here to right;  
And while we pause in doubt and fear,  
That thought breaks like a flood of light:  
"What would He do if He were here?"

What would He do? To be like him!  
The hope of that makes life seem sweet;  
Although our paths through life are dim,  
'Twould be a lamp before our feet;  
And as we turned to it, 'twould be  
A growing flame from year to year,  
To light us to Eternity—  
"What would He do if He were here?"  
—J. A. Edgerton.

**GENERAL ARTICLES.**

**CHRIST OUR EXAMPLE.**

Condensed sermon preached by Elder F. M. Wilcox in Denver. Sabbath, May 31.

"Wherefore seeing we also compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endureth such contradiction of sinners against himself lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."—Heb. 12:1-3.

The character of Jesus Christ has many phases, and we cannot here consider all of them, but will look at a few representative phases and from them gain lessons which will help us in practical life. If we cannot get help from viewing the Christ-life, then our relationship with God is not what it should be. If our religion must be abstract—a mere theory—it is of no value, but this need not be so, our religion may be a practical one. We lose much in passing over the human phase of Christ's life—his manhood. God and man met in the human and divine. If I look continually on Christ as a God, that places Him above me, and I cannot grasp the power with which He went through His daily experiences as a man. Unless I can get hold of God as a man and bring Him into my experience, I have gained nothing from His earthly life.

In Isa. 42:2 and 3, we have presented the character of Christ in these words: "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall

he not quench; he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."

A few of the phases which seem most impressive to me, I will consider here:

1. THE LORD WAS A MAN OF MODESTY.—He was not a street brawler; such an attribute was distinct and separate from His character, for there was nothing loud or coarse in Him.

In meeting a person we are impressed first by his deportment; next by his dress and then by his speech. Christ possessed all these attributes in their perfection. We cannot conceive of Him as being bold, brazen, coarse or crude; but on the contrary, as modest, unassuming, unpretentious, refined and quiet. When we get this view of Christ, will not these same attributes be seen in our lives? When we behold them in Christ, will they beget the same in us? If so, they will be the means of taking all the crudeness and coarseness from us. We often think we can bring our lives into the proper mold by studying books of decorum, but we cannot do this unless we get a view of Christ which will bring a change of heart. We never rise above our ideals. The reason we occupy so low a plane is because we have a low ideal. We never go beyond the model we set up in our own lives. I once knew a sculptor who had finished a fine piece of work, and he said on viewing it, that he could never go beyond that, because he had reached his ideal. If we set up a standard in our lives, we can never go beyond it, but if Christ is there, He will inspire us to go on and on until we reach the perfect standard.

2. CHRIST POSSESSED DIGNITY.—While He was meek, yet He was dignified. No pretense or assumption or cheapness were ever a part of His life. God wants us to be rid of these traits that we may be possessed with Christ's

dignity. We cannot think of Christ becoming angry and stopping to reply to the insult of an enemy, or entering into a dispute. No, Christ was contending for greater principles of righteousness and truth, and he had not time for the petty things of life.

3. **THE LORD WAS CONSIDERATE.**—He had regard for others. "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench." In the world there are many bruised reeds broken down by our forgetfulness, and the smoking flax is quenched because we do not take time to fan the dimly burning ember into a flame. Christ saw a spark of life still left in the poor woman's heart, who had sinned grievously. There is too much self righteousness in the world today. We sin, and say it is a respectable sin because the world does not look down upon us, but may it not be that some of the sins which we call respectable will rise up and condemn us in the last day?

If there is anything that is hard for us to bear it is the fact that a friend turns against us in the time of trial, but Christ had this experience with the disciples. He came to them and found them asleep when He was called to pass through the greatest of earth's trials. But He only excused them with these words, "The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." He remembered that they were weary. One of the most valiant of Christ's disciples declared his willingness to go with Christ even to death, yet he was among those found fast asleep. But he was not even rebuked by the Master. We would have said that he deserved a rebuke, but the Lord only looked on him. There was something in that look that went straight to Peter's heart, for he went out and wept bitterly. Christ's look as nothing else served to change Peter's heart and make of him a new man. How did Christ relate himself to Peter after His resurrection? He was the only one of all the disciples to whom the Lord sent a personal message. The Lord knew the heart struggles of Peter, and when Mary gave him the message, do you not think it made his heart leap for joy? He knew the Lord had not forgotten him, and that prepared the way a little later for the Lord to appear personally to Peter, and do you not believe that Peter then confessed his great sin? It seems to me I can see him falling down before the Saviour, begging his forgiveness and the Lord raising him up, assuring him of the same.

4. **CHRIST'S ATTITUDE TOWARD**

**HIS ENEMIES ON THE CROSS.**—Instead of giving one angry reply to the jeers and taunts He received on the cross, the Saviour lifted His eyes to heaven and said, "Father, forgive them?"

When someone does us a wrong we feel nervous and all wrought up over it, but we have never been treated as Christ was treated. God grant that we may manifest the same spirit that Christ manifested toward an enemy.

5. **CHRIST WAS A BRAVE MAN.**—"He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth." I suppose Christ longed for companionship—for the fellowship of friends. How often we have thought in time of trial that if there was only one person in all the world that could understand us, what a consolation it would be. As a man, Christ stood all alone. In the Garden of Gethsemane we see the manhood of Christ tremble on the brink of the precipice. He went away alone to pray, expressing His agony, yet complete resignation; His determination to drink the bitter cup. How many times have we had the same spirit of resignation? If the trial was not removed have we not complained against it? May the Lord help us to pray, "nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done." In the Saviour's trial, the attitude of the disciples was unchanged; they only added cowardice to their former indifference, fleeing from Him. There will come a time when we must stand alone as Christ did, when it will seem that all have forsaken us and fled. O, may we look away from the human to the divine. Before Christ's experience was complete, it seemed to Him that even God Himself had forsaken Him, and that must have pierced His very heart as He said, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It was enough for Peter to turn away from Him; for the disciples to forsake Him, but now it seemed that even His Father had forgotten Him. In this Christ was a brave man. He stood unflinchingly for the right.

6. **CHRIST WAS A SOCIAL MAN.**—He attended a wedding with the one purpose of bringing before the people the truth. We find Him in the home of Lazarus making a social call, and Mary sitting at His feet, learning of Him. We find Him in the house of Simon the leper at a dinner party; with His disciples on the mountainside to take a much needed rest. It was when He was alone with the disciples that He explained all that He had said to the multitude.

In every relation in life, we should

ask this question, "What would Jesus Christ do?" May we bring Christ into our every experience—into the little things of life, and then the gospel of Christ will be indeed precious.

#### A Year of Disasters.

[Copied from "Literary Digest."]

Well nigh 100,000 souls have been swept into eternity since the beginning of the present year by a remarkable series of disasters, according to the *Chicago Tribune* which keeps a record of such things. The list covered by the *Tribune* includes only those disasters occurring before May 20. The prophets who predicted that 1902 would be a year of disasters, were correct. They have been in the habit of uttering these prophecies year after year without results, but this year they have been verified though but five months have passed. Nature has not been so busy with her force of devastation for many years past as she has been during the first five months of the present year. Volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, storms, tornadoes, cyclones, floods, avalanches, tidal waves, snow-slides and water spouts make up a total of 50,505 lives lost by nature's elemental disturbance. If to this were added the lives lost by agencies over which man has more or less control, such as fires, mine disasters, explosions, railroad accidents, and vessel wrecks, it would be increased to over 60,000 and this takes no account of individual lives lost in this country, which would bring the grand total up to about 100,000 lives lost in the short period of five months. "In the presence of these great natural convulsions, man is powerless and probably always will be."

#### FIELD REPORTS.

##### Durango.

The work here is progressing nicely. We have been holding meetings in Animas City a suburb of Durango for some time.

The Lord blessed in the ministration of His Word and five dear souls embraced the truth for this time. We had the privilege of using the Presbyterian church, and will continue to hold meetings in the same building, Sunday and Thursday evenings indefinitely.

We are making preparations to work this place thoroughly this summer, using "Object Lessons" as an entering wedge to break down prejudice; also using a club of *Signs* in connection with our work.

We expect to pitch a tent here for

the summer, hold a series of meetings, and finish up with a good camp-meeting. We hope our brethren will keep this in mind and attend so as to make the meeting a success.

W. F. HILLS,  
WM. KENNEDY.

#### Grand Junction.

The work of God in this place is still onward. Since coming here, the Lord has blessed our labors in reviving the members of the church, and in the conversion of ten dear souls, all of whom have or soon will join us. There have also been several who have united by letter, thus strengthening the church; the membership now numbers over sixty. The attendance at our regular Sabbath service has increased about three-fold.

The Sabbath-school is an interesting part of the work here. Its membership is between seventy-five and eighty; one third of this number is found in the children's department where they have a room to themselves during the recitation hour. This room is fitted up with a large black-board on which the lessons are nicely illustrated. It has also small tables, chairs and a complete kindergarten outfit, which are greatly appreciated by the lambs of the flock. May 10, a small Sabbath-school was regularly organized at Palisade. This is the result of Sabbath-school missionary work performed by members of the church here. To the Lord be all the praise.

L. A. SPRING.

#### FROM A CANVASSER.

Nashville, Tenn.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS of Colorado, Greeting:—Last December, myself, companion and three little ones took the train for the wonderfully neglected Southern Field, not knowing where we would locate. On reaching here we found a very busy people getting ready to accommodate the delegates to the Conference. I saw that I must have a knowledge of how to work for the people, so gave most earnest attention to all the Conference proceedings.

As soon as I found that Nashville had never been systematically canvassed, I felt that I should stay right here and go to work. We located, and I began canvassing for "Desire of Ages." I found the people in a terrible condition, but many of them felt that they must have that book. I did well in taking orders, but only delivered a book occasionally. I stood only on God's promises. I left Colorado to come here on God's promises,

and I knew He was with me all the way, and would provide for our necessities if we would trust and work in obedience. I was sure God wanted me to come to the Southern field, and I am glad that I came. It is a very hard field but I enjoy being in the hard places. Surely God has been with us all the way.

Brethren, there is a vast territory here in which people know nothing of the third angel's message, and they are so glad to hear and read.

I have made a success but I could not have figured out how it could be possible, but brethren, there is no such thing as failure when we walk with God.

We need more canvassers who know how to trust God for the necessities. Remember us at the throne of grace.

WM. J. KEELE,  
MRS. MAY KEELE.

### THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

Conducted by MRS. G. F. WATSON.

#### The Use of Funds.

I think we all realize that our schools need the inspiration of a real burden for the work in far-away lands. Such a spirit is exactly in harmony with the purpose of the school. What is the study of the Word of God worth unless the members learn that what they receive must be passed on to others? We do not want the members of our schools to get into the habit of making a small donation each Sabbath, with no thought for the missionary object of the gift. If this matter is rightly placed before our schools, a spirit of self-sacrifice may be created in the hearts of all, even the small children.

With all our work, we must not pass by the question of finances. The school should be encouraged to give as large a proportion of their donations to missions as they can without crippling the work of the school. A large part of the Sabbath-school money goes for the purchase of supplies that many families are abundantly able to buy for themselves and for their children. If all who can do so were encouraged to place in the Sabbath-school treasury each quarter the price of the supplies used by his family, in addition to the regular Sabbath contributions, it would very largely increase the amount given to missions.

I don't know but that it would be a good plan to write a letter to the parents urging that the children be given the opportunity to earn a little money, and that then they be taught what

proportion belongs to God, and also teach them the debt they owe to those who know not the gospel. In this way the children would learn a lesson that they do not learn when their parents simply give them a few pennies to give in the Sabbath-school. Of course we shall have to be careful not to give the idea that children should be taught to expect pay for all their work, but I am sure that many of them are losing some very helpful lessons by always giving of their parents' money, and never having any of their own, to test their love for the truth.

I trust that the plan of having an occasional missionary exercise in the Sabbath-school will result in an increased interest in the work in foreign fields, and also in increased contributions. Some may think that we have the missionary society to work up that interest, but there are many who are never reached by that agency, and our school service is better adapted to all ages than any other service we have.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER,  
Sec. S.-S. Dept., Gen'l. Conf.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

From Elder Spicer Who Went as a Missionary to India.

DEAR CHILDREN:—I want to tell you that the offerings which you and others are making from Sabbath to Sabbath are bringing into the truth out in the foreign fields grown people and children, who in turn are working and giving. The children here in America with Christian parents and Christian schools, and with a knowledge of God and the Bible, are rich indeed in comparison with the millions of children in Africa and Asia who are taught in their youngest childhood to worship idols. In India, for instance, parents take their little ones into the idol temples where the images are hideous and frightful; and though the little ones are terror-stricken, they are taught that they must worship these gods, or else the gods will kill them. Nowhere in the dark lands of the East have the people any thought of a God that loves them. They worship their gods because they are afraid of them. Think then what a glad message we have as we go in among these people, telling them that God loves them. That is what the great heathen world wants to hear.

The children of India are learning to read, and very often as we distribute our simple leaflets in their language, it is the children who must read them to

their parents. In many heathen villages you will find the young boys, and sometimes the girls, reading our tracts aloud to the grown people, swaying back and forth as they read, after the custom of the country. People in heathen lands do not have as much to read as we in the United States, and frequently a crowd of people will gather round a reader to listen.

Perhaps some of the children have heard Jim's letter read, which appeared in the April *Missionary Magazine*, and have seen his picture in that number. (If convenient, have this letter read and show Jim's picture.) Jim was taken into our Matabele Mission from the heathen community, and taught the knowledge of the Lord. He is now a teacher, teaching others. You will see from his letter what the truth has done for one African boy.

We count on you, children, as missionary workers at home, and we hope to find many of our young folks, even as youth, out in the needy fields one of these days. We need the young people in the mission fields, and we want them to fill their fathers and mothers so full of the missionary spirit that many a family will yet be transplanted into the dark lands abroad.

W. A. SPICER.

## NOTES AND ITEMS.

Brother C. M. French is engaged in public school work at Crawford.

Eld. Richards is visiting the churches in District number 4, prior to opening tent meetings at Ouray.

The Denver Sabbath-school has under its care two branch schools which are progressing nicely.

Bro. J. H. Landrum wishes two hired men—Sabbath keepers—to work for him. Address him at Merino.

Eld. Watson Ziegler was with the Idaho Springs church Sabbath, June 7, at which time several candidates expected baptism.

Eld. Watson spent Sabbath, May 31, with the Boulder church. He reports progress there in the work for "Christ's Object Lessons."

If there is a blue cross on your ECHOES wrapper, you may know your subscription has expired. Will you not renew at once?

Are there any in your church that are as yet not receiving the ECHOES? If so, can you not obtain their subscription? Price only 25c.

Bro. Kennedy has just returned to Durango from Farmington, N. M., where four more are keeping the Sabbath. We are glad for this good report.

Elder G. W. Colcord spent a few days in Denver recently. His health is improving, and he hopes to be able to continue in the church school work this fall.

We are glad to be able to give to our readers in this issue a condensed report of Eld. Wilcox's sermon which was so much enjoyed by the Denver church, Sabbath, May 31.

MARRIED.—Miss Bertha Simpson and Wm. Wiley, in the Denver church, Tuesday evening, June 10, 1902, Eld. Watson Ziegler officiating. ECHOES extends congratulations.

A letter lately received from Sister Branch states that they have reached New York, and have had a pleasant journey thus far, having been afforded the kindest of treatment from strangers.

Bro. W. E. Huffman has just closed a successful term in the public schools in the San Luis valley, and called at the office on his way from Boulder, where he has been spending a few days in recreation.

Eld. Mackintosh reports that a splendid Sabbath-school convention was held two weeks ago at Monte Vista. Recently two souls were baptized, and the work is onward throughout the whole district.

Two students from Union College, Brethren Allen and Owen, have come to our state to canvass during the summer. They have had excellent success in the book work, and we are sure they will be a great help to us in our line.

What are you planning to do with the Coronation *Signs*? It is surely one of the best numbers to sell that has ever been placed before the public. It will be especially attractive to English people in view of the coming coronation of King Edward. The paper is now ready. Order at once.

We call the attention of our readers especially to the article entitled "A Year of Disasters." Can we not, as a people, see in this a fulfillment of the signs of the times? In view of this are we increasing our pace in giving the message now due to the world? Have we done our duty toward the 100,000 who have suddenly perished by means of disasters? This is a solemn question.

## Obituary.

Brother W. E. Fisher, elder of the Trinidad church, fell asleep in Jesus, May 20, 1902. He was born in Ray Co., Mo., Oct. 10, 1854, aged 47 years, 7 months and 10 days.

Bro. Fisher moved to Trinidad from his native state, twenty-four years ago, where he has since resided. He accepted the truth of the third angel's message twelve years ago. He leaves a wife and seven children to mourn his loss. He has been the means of accomplishing much in the service of the Master.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 57:12.

C. H. BATES.

HOOVER—After a lingering illness and much patient suffering, Nellie, daughter of Brother and Sister H. L. Hoover, aged 16 years and 3 months, peacefully fell asleep in Jesus in the early morning of June 3, 1902, at Albuquerque, N. M.

She committed herself to the loving care of her Saviour, and was baptized by her father two years ago. The Christian love in her heart beamed in every feature of her face. Her father, mother, one sister and a brother mourn but not as those who have no hope. Funeral services were held at the family residence, conducted by Eld. McGee (Christian minister), using John 11:25-26 as a basis for his remarks. She was buried in the Fairview cemetery at Albuquerque.

F. O. NEWCOMB.

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