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

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TELL ME ABOUT THE MASTER.

Tell me about the Master,

I am weary and worn tonight;
The day lies behind me in shadow,

And only the evening is light—
Light with a radiant glory

That lingers about the west;
My poor heart is a-weary, a-weary,
And longs like a child, for rest.

Tell me about the Master,

Of the hills He in loneliness trod,
When the tears and the blood of His
anguish

Dropped down on Judea's sod;
For to me life's numerous milestones
But a sorrowful journey mark;
Rough lies the hill country before
me;

The mountains behind me are dark.

Tell me about the Master,

Of the wrongs He freely forgave,
Of His love and tender compassion,

Of His love that is mighty to save;
For my heart is a-weary, a-weary

Of the woes and temptations of life,
Of the error that stalks in the noon-
day,

Of falsehood, and malice, and
strife.

Yet I know that whatever of sorrow

Or pain or temptation befall,
The infinite Master has suffered,

And knoweth and pitieth all.

So tell me the sweet old story,

That falls on each wound like a
balm,

And my heart that was bruised and
broken,

Shall grow patient, and strong, and
calm.

—Our Young Folks.



"If Christians should shrink back
at every contrary wind that blows,
they would never make their voyage
to heaven."

SPIRITUAL FOOD.

Wm. Covert.

Every creature that lives must eat. Without food life will not abide. Good food, properly eaten, is by the system assimilated, and growth and strength is the result. There must be something for the spiritual life corresponding with food for the physical in order that spiritual strength be maintained. Bible reading and Bible study is admirably adapted for this purpose. No one can long maintain a spiritual attitude, who does not feed upon the living word. The one who neglects this word will as certainly become spiritually weak as the person who neglects to eat proper food will become physically weak.

Some people read the Bible a great deal, who study it but very little. These do not get much strength from their reading because they do but little effective thinking. Others seem to think they are studying God's word when they are asking questions concerning the Scriptures. As well might the person expect to grow strong from the food he should eat by hearing some lecturer talk about it, as to expect to grow strong on God's word by having somebody explain it to him. He should do the thinking for himself. He must eat his own food, and let it be assimilated by his own system in order to get its benefit.

Spiritual growth does not come to any great extent by doctrinal study. Discussing theological problems is very poor pasture for the soul. A person is most likely to become lean by such feeding. Not that the study of doctrine is of itself hurtful, but those who engage largely in it too often do so merely for intellectual and not spiritual purposes. That study which feeds upon Jesus is the kind of study which appropriates the life of Christ, and gives strength to the student. Jesus admonished His disciples to eat His flesh and drink His blood that they might have His life. It is by study that Christ is eaten. This

brings into the soul the power of the vitalized word. To get this most successfully requires a direct approach to God through His living word. Faithful study of the Bible itself is the most essential way of getting spiritual strength. Many writings are good, but the Bible is best. It should be studied much more than most Christians do study it. Our facilities should be so consecrated to God as to become the faculties of the divine mind. Submitting the mind to God so that He through His spirit operates our thinking, enables us to think the thoughts of God. Only when we think the thoughts of God, do we think truthfully.

It is as Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." It is possible to study God's word in such a way as to have Jesus in all our thoughts. The apostle, writing in regard to this theme, said that we are to grow up into Him in all things. In Him we are complete and separated from everything else. Thus one comes in naked touch with the mind of the Lord, and so gets hold of the sweetness of truth. The invitation is, "Taste, and see that the Lord is good." One has said that the spiritual truths are more to be desired than much fine gold, and cheaper than honey and the honeycomb. Feeding upon such sweetness brings about a spiritual condition which is full of divine pleasure. To attain to this height in Christian thinking requires much more study of God's word than is usually bestowed upon it. Unless there is an improvement in study, few will become "strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might."—Wisconsin Reporter.

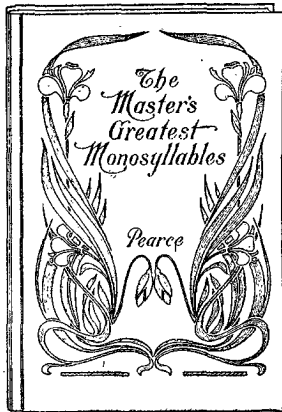


"You might as well try to hear without ears, or breathe without lungs, as try to live a Christian life without the spirit of God in your heart."

"Faith makes all things possible; Love makes all things easy."

"It is good to run short that we be drawn to Christ with our necessity."

Our Canvassers.



"The Master's Greatest Monosyllables" appeals to the highest nature of its readers. It is an unsurpassed reclamant of lukewarm and backslidden Christians, and a good stimulant to the most spiritual; a beautiful little work containing words of life, the living truth that never dies, and one that is appreciated by all classes. To read it means getting nearer to Jesus. Price, 50 cents. Postpaid.

SOME OF MY EXPERIENCE.

I have thought for some time that I would like to tell the Visitor family some of my experience in selling "Christ's Object Lessons." At the camp meeting held in Dayton, O., I agreed to take ten books. When I received them I decided to do all I could to get my neighbors and friends to buy them. The first one I sold was to one of my neighbors. He said he could read the Welsh much better than the English, but he would take the book. I have sold seven to stock buyers. One stock buyer bought one and I saw him afterward and he said, "You said that was a good book, but I think it is a real good book." One Sunday a stock buyer came to look at my stock, and I told him I had something that I would rather sell him than a horse, although it was only \$1.25. I showed him the book and told him what it was for, and he said, "I do not read the Bible." I said, "You ought to, for it is the best book in the world." He said he had a very good wife at home, and I told him to take a book for her and see if she would not enjoy it. He bought a book and about four weeks afterward he came again, and he said he had been reading the book and it was

good. One morning as I was going out to work I met a stock buyer and he wanted to know if I had anything to sell, and I told him that I was not quite ready to sell my cattle, but I had something else that I would like to sell him. So I showed him Object Lessons and told him the name of the author and that the book was a gift to our schools, etc., etc., and he said he had read some of the author's writings and he bought a book. As I deal with men in a business way I have made it a point to try to sell them Object Lessons. At four different times I took Object Lessons with me when I went to our county seat (Van Wert) to transact business. I sold three each time. I sell them to my friends and to people that I do business with. One banker gave me a dollar on the debt, but did not buy a book. I have had \$23 given me to help pay for the materials in the book. I now have out 75 Object Lessons, and I want to make it 100. I do not want to quit at that, for I want to sell all I can and thus help pay our school debt. I have had many rich experiences as I have tried to interest the people in this, the Lord's work. I want to urge all our people to put forth an effort to sell Object Lessons. You can sell them to the banker, merchant, stock buyer and all with whom you have dealings. Make special efforts to get your friends to buy the book. If all will put forth earnest efforts we can soon pay our school debt and then sing the "Song of Jubilee."

B. W. VAN EMAN,
Elgin, Ohio.

(For the benefit of those who want to help in this work and feel that they cannot on account of their business, we would say that this brother has sold Object Lessons and carried on his business, too, for he has made selling Object Lessons a part of his business. May this be an incentive to others to "go and do likewise."—Editor.)

CANVAISSERS' REPORTS.

G. P. Gaede—Book sales, 2 Marvel of Nations, 1 Daniel and Revelation, 4 German Christ's Object Lessons. Value, \$9.00.

H. C. Oberholtzer—Book sales, 5 Christ Our Saviour, 3 Berean Library, 2 Easy Steps, 2 Best Stories, 1 Coming King, 8 Glorious Appearing, 1 Bible. Value, \$11.20.

GIVE THE CHILDREN YOUR COMPANIONSHIP.

Parents do not, as a rule, sufficiently appreciate the value of their own personal companionship as a factor in the bringing up of their growing girls and boys. A parent is apt, while giving his children a great deal of many other things, to give them but little of himself. But the little girl who is so favored through the years as to have her mamma for friend, playmate and companion, rarely, if ever, goes wrong when she grows up. And the boy feeling the subtle tie of the camaraderie between his parents and himself is "grappled" to home, and its pure and ennobling associations, as with "hooks of steel."

John Habberton, in a late article, relates the following incident of a preacher, who, when consulted by a father about a bad son over whom he had expended great agonies of prayer, but whom otherwise he had left to his own devices, said: "My friend, your prayers won't do that boy any good unless you give him a good bit of your own companionship. Make yourself actively his friend, taking an interest in all his affairs, and he won't ask for bad company."—Annals of Hygiene.



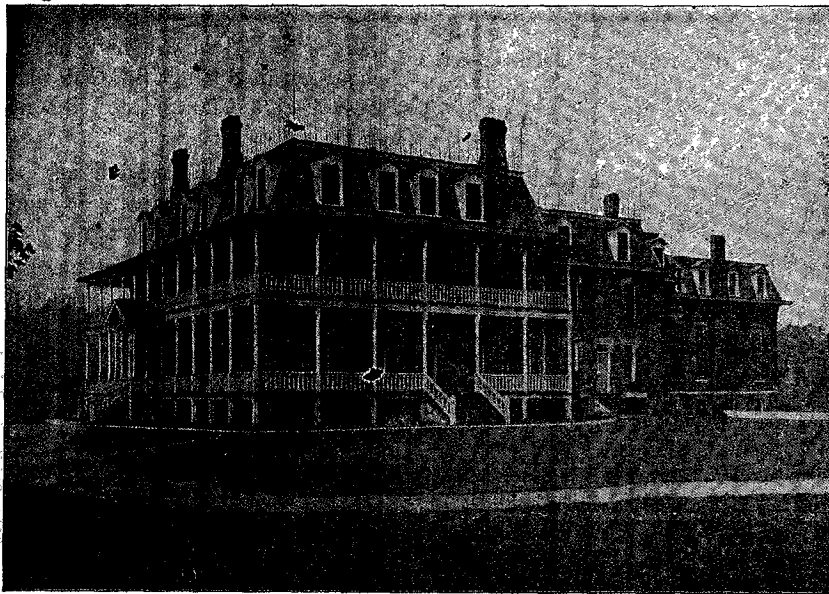
OUR FAULTS.

At our birth, the satirical elves
Two sacks from our shoulders suspend;
The one holds the faults of ourselves,
The other the other the faults of our friends.
The first we wear under our clothes,
Out of sight, out of mind, at the back;
The last is so under our nose
We know every scrap in the sack.
—Household Words.



THE POET'S "HEALTH REFORM."

No flocks that range the valley free,
To slaughter I condemn;
Taught by the power that pities me,
I learn to pity them.
But from the mountain's grassy side,
A guiltless feast I bring;
A scrip with herbs and fruit supplied,
And water from the spring.
—Goldsmith.



MT. VERNON ACADEMY.

THINGS NEW AND OLD.

(Continued.)

"In that He saith, A new covenant, He hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away."—Heb. 8:13. We have seen by one study in our first article that the "pattern" is the "old," and the things represented are the "new." The principles are eternal, and therefore are never old. Man in his natural condition is, in relation to the spiritual kingdom of God, as a child who knows not its parentage, nor the privileges of an heir, serving under "tutors and governors" which are appointed by the father until such time as the father shall appoint.—Gal. 3:1-3.

In the great representation given us in Israel under the law given us by Moses (Jno. 1:17; Luke 16:16) the time appointed by our heavenly Father was when "He sent forth His son." But in the reality, as each principle applies in each individual life, it is whenever, by the sending forth of the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, we are no more servants, but sons, and therefore, heirs of God. And the principle applies not only since God sent His Son into the world, visible in the flesh, but in all generations of the world where faith in the world of God was exercised, there the same change occurred, from the natural to the spiritual; from the "old," to the "new;" from the condition of a servant to that of a son and heir.—I Cor. 15:44-50. We have in this scripture the plain statement

that the spiritual was not first, but the natural, and the spiritual afterwards. The head of the first, or natural, was Adam; the head of the second, or spiritual, was Christ. And each man becomes an heir of God, must be the image of both.—Jno. 3:5-7. Yet in both of these conditions, every man is under the government of God, and measured by His law. In the first or natural inherited from Adam, is a condition lower than the law; (for the law is spiritual) therefore, not able to perform the requirements of the law. This is the old covenant condition, which brings forth her children to bondage.—Gal. 4:24. Every man, Jew or Gentile, is by nature under the old covenant condition as represented in Ishmael, born of Hagar; and again by Israel under the law from Sinai. "For that which is born of the flesh is flesh." An again, "The carnal mind (the mind of the natural, fleshy man) is enmity against God." These scriptures all present us with the same great truth—that every man is under the old covenant until brought into the new, and that the old covenant is necessary as a primary training, as under a school-master to bring every one to Christ in the new covenant relation to God. But when this event in human experience is reached, the condition is changed, and the "Seed to whom the promise was made" is come to that soul, and the law, or covenant which has been the means of bringing that result, has performed its appointed work for that soul; but is just as nec-

essary to every other soul until the close of probation.

So we see that the principles of the old covenant are universal in the world over all men. Yet they are not understood and applied except as they are revealed in God's great illustrated lesson, presented in and by the descendants of Abraham. For the Scripture says to Abraham, "In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." And again, "Salvation is of the Jews." That is, Abraham and his seed are God's channel by which He sends salvation to the world. And the Jews, being the agency by which the blessing of salvation comes to the world, are first in the responsibility; therefore, it is said in Romans, 2:9, 10, "To the Jew first, and also to the Gentile," whether they do evil or work good.

So while the lesson is illustrated to the world in outward manifestation of both covenants, at the close of the "seventy weeks" allotted to that people, the object lesson was completed for them and for all the world. Since that, the scribe instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, sets forth the "old" in the object lesson; and the "new" in the universal principles operative in all the world.

CHAS. A. SMITH.



TEN THINGS NEVER TO BE REGRETTED.

- Living a pure life.
- Hearing before judging.
- Thinking before speaking.
- Harboring clean thoughts.
- Standing by your principles.
- Being generous to an enemy.
- Stopping your ears to gossip.
- Bridling a slanderous tongue.
- Being square in all business dealings.

Putting the best construction on the acts of others.—Selected.



"I expect to pass through this world but once, if therefore, there be any kindness I can show, any good I can do, any help I can give, let me do it now; let me not defer it, or neglect it, for I will not pass this way again."

"God's government is often mysterious, yet always righteous."

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk with the Spirit."

THE WELCOME VISITOR

THE CALL.

God is calling young men and women, who value the truth of the Bible above all earthly possessions, and who are willing to sacrifice self for the purpose of saving others from the ruin which is soon to come upon the world, to go forth in His work. Dear reader, if you are not willing to take up the work of God there is something wrong, for the works of this world are all to perish and only those things which are spiritual will stand in that day.—Mal. 4th chapter.

If your minds are absorbed in obtaining the riches of this world, in the world's harvest sorrow and destruction will be sure. If it is a good time to make money at worldly callings, it is a good time to seek souls for the Master. If you love the work of God take it up, but if you love the world better stay in it and do not be a hindrance to the work and a stumbling block to those that want to be true to their Master. It is written, "Though precious time and talent have been spent in caring for and pleasing ourselves, the hand of the Lord is stretched out still, and if we will work today in His vineyard, scattering His invitation of mercy broadcast through the world, he will accept our service. How many will you work for, that they may reach the haven of rest, and share the commendation, "Well done, good and faithful servant?"

How many will help to crown with glory, and honor, and eternal life? The Saviour calls for workers. Will you volunteer?

W. E. BIDWELL.



FOR INDIVIDUAL MISSIONARY WORK.

We understand that a recent ruling of the Postoffice department prevents our churches from mailing papers to their readers, at pound rates. If there were no other plan which could be adopted to remove this difficulty, it would be a serious obstacle to missionary effort in the remailing of the Sentinel—the work which so many of our people have been doing for years. This good work certainly must be done, and in order that it may, we suggest the following plan:

Where a club of five or more Sentinels is taken, we will mail each of these magazines to addresses which

the church (or individual) may furnish, at the rate of 20 cents for three months, and the addresses can be changed every three months if desired. So for \$20 per quarter a church could have 100 copies of the Sentinel sent three months to 100 different addresses, and we will do all the work of mailing. Then the next quarter the 100 copies could be sent to 100 new addresses. On the same basis if a person or a church can only afford five copies, we will mail them to the addresses they may furnish, three months for \$1.00.

It is, of course, expected that the correspondence with these individuals will be kept by the members of the churches just the same as though they were mailing the papers each month.

What a field there is for this kind of work! Who can use 100 copies or less? Shall we not have a hundred churches who will send us lists of 100 names to whom the Sentinel shall be sent for the next three months? How many names will you furnish and pay for the papers to be sent them?

Address The Ohio Tract Society or the Sentinel of Christian Liberty, 11 W. 20th St, New York City.



The mistake we are making is to teach and preach that the reception of the Holy Ghost is a blessing, an influence, an endowment, a power, a something. It is not any or all of these; it is no thing. He is a person, and as such must be received, and not as a blessing of any name nor kind. Receive ye Him, not a blessing. No, no! not anything so low, but the third person in the Godhead—divinity received by humanity. He is not an act nor an experience, but an abiding—"another Comforter"—a new personage that comes into your life, and comes to stay and control. Don't make such a mistake; thousands have made it, and lost all. Blessings go; the Blesser stays. Receive Him, and no one else, nor anything less.—Selected.

"A sound heart is the life of the flesh."

"Commit all your secrets to no man; trust in God with all your heart, but let your confidence in friends be weighed in the valley of prudence."

"Rejoice in the Lord alway; and again I say, Rejoice."

NEWS AND NOTES.

Elder J. G. Wood will have charge of the work in Springfield, Ohio. His address is 175 Clark street, Springfield, O.

Brother M. C. Kirkendall has returned to Ohio. His health is much better, for which he is thankful.

Since the General Conference sessions last April one hundred and four missionaries have been sent to other lands by the Seventh-Day Adventist Mission Board, and others are soon to follow.

We believe that the readers of the Visitor will be interested in reading Brother B. W. Van Eman's experience in selling "Christ's Object Lessons."

Remember the Canvassers' institute that will be held in Columbus, O., Feb. 6-16, 1902.

Any one knowing the names and addresses of isolated Sabbath keepers please send them to this office, as we desire to send them sample copies of the Visitor.

Have you renewed your subscription to the Visitor?

We hope that all the workers will send in a report of the week of prayer services.

Wanted—A good S. D. A. farmer with a small family to take charge of the Industrial School at Juniata, Lalladega Co., Ala. For particulars, address Supt. Industrial School, Juniata, Ala.



BRIEFS.

"Keep the tongue from evil, and the lips from speaking guile."

"Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him."

"There is necessity for diligence in prayer; let nothing hinder you."

"Make every effort to keep open the communion between Jesus and your own soul."

"Be humble or you'll stumble."

"Years ago a Prince of Saxe-Gotha whenever he thought that one of his ministers or judges was not what he ought to be, used always to send him Psalm 101 to read."

"The soul of man depends on God to keep it in the true orbit, just as the earth depends on the sun. Sever man from God, and he starts away in darkness and disorder."