

**THE YOUTHFUL**  
THOSE THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME.  
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**THE LILY.**

CONSIDER, O ye doubting one,  
 This lowly, truthful preacher;  
 Do not its useful lesson spurn,  
 Or from its humble preaching turn,  
 God chose it for a teacher.  
 And though it does not toil or spin,  
 Its fair and beauteous raiment;  
 Not all the wealth of Solomon  
 Could buy so rich a garment.

Almost six thousand years ago,  
 It bloomed with Eden flowers;  
 But smiles as sweet 'mid want and woe,  
 Where thorns abound and thistles grow,  
 Amid our faded bowers.  
 There's not a spot of gold, or blue,  
 That's missed among its leaflets;  
 Or purple shade, or silver hue,  
 Or starry stamens, fresh, and new,  
 Within its glossy calyx.

God bathes its little cup with dew,  
 While earth is softly sleeping;  
 And when the morn, with golden beam,  
 Returns, amid the grasses green,  
 Its fragrant buds are peeping.  
 Then shall our loving Father e'er  
 Forget his lowly children,  
 When helpless birdlings of the air,  
 And fragile grasses, claim his care?  
 No, never; when we trust him.

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**COMING EVENTS.**

If it were known that some celebrated or noble personage was about to visit our country, from Europe, some king or emperor, with all his pomp and display, how soon would the curiosity of the people be aroused, and the young especially would greatly desire to have a view of the proud potentate with all his pageantry.

Something more than twenty years since, it was published throughout the world that the Lord of Heaven and earth was soon to visit this earth in all his glory, and that he would then take to himself his people; the living would be translated, and the dead would be resurrected, and all the righteous would be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. At first many believed through fear; others from vain curiosity accepted the message; and some accepted it from love to the Creator, and desired greatly his appearing. But as time wore away, and the message assumed a more practical form, and all were called upon to reform their lives, many stepped aside from the path, and hoped he would not come at present, as it might interfere with their plans and pursuits.

Those who moved from motives of mere fear or curiosity did not hold out, but returned to the

world again, and the coming of Christ lost its interest with them, because they did not love him, nor admire his character.

To those of the readers of this paper who still take an interest in the coming of Christ, we say, Press forward in the ways of wisdom; for all her paths are peace. And if there are any whose interest is lessening in this subject, we say to you, Return, and seek the Lord; for the time is very short in which you may repent.

Do not forget that the notice we have received of the soon coming of Jesus is no idle rumor, but a reality, a blessed reality, if you prepare for it; if not, it will be terrible indeed. What is there here for you to live for? Here are biting frosts, and chilling rains, and winds, and snows. Here are hunger, and want, and famine, and poverty, and sickness, and pain, and death. Here are war and pestilence. Here are earthquakes, and hurricanes, and terrible whirlwinds, carrying destruction and terror. Here are robbers and murderers; and the world is filled with wicked men, so that even life and property are unsafe. And will you set your affections upon this ruined earth? But suppose it were not so, be it even pleasant to you, rest assured it is soon to be desolate.

Soon the voice of God will call forth the sleeping saints, and earth will give up its dead. The bodies of the saints will come forth. Some of those who died before the flood were buried by the breaking up of the earth at that time, deeply in the earth; some of them repose beneath the mountains, but this will not impede their resurrection. Mountains will be removed, and earth rent asunder for them. The good who are entombed beneath the deep ocean bed will come forth; not one of the people of God will be lost.

Ah! the earth will then present a forlorn and desolate appearance. Its charms will then be gone, when the good are taken from it, and the bodies of the wicked lie unburied upon its surface, cities in ruinous heaps, navies decaying at the desolate wharves, warehouses in ruins, and the once valuable merchandize mouldering in neglect and exposure. Banks with vaults full of gold and silver are safe, for there is no thief to steal away the hoarded treasure, nor is there any more a call for the issue of its notes. The locomotive will not send forth its shrill whistle again, nor will the sound of the shuttle and the loom be heard, but an awful stillness reigns where before was bustle and busy life.

The cottage of the peasant and the palace of the king, the hovel of the poor and the mansion of the rich man, all lie in ruinous heaps. The great earthquake levels cities and villages, towns and hamlets, forts and arsenals, and all lie in one common ruin, and not a human being left on the wide earth to mourn the terrible fate of all things earthly.

Dear youth, are you in danger of loving the world? fix in your memory, as you feel the chills of winter or the burning heat of summer, as you see the march of death and decay all around you, that you cannot by any means make for yourself a permanent home here.

Look above. There is One who is worthy. He gave himself for you. He loves you. Love him in return. He is lovely. He is infinite. He is wise and just. He is pure and holy. He is merciful and true. He is coming soon for his dear children. Ask him to adopt you as his child, if he has not already done so. If he has, love him more than ever. Draw nearer to him. His love is purifying, ennobling. Amid earth's charms, do not forget the things we have mentioned which lower the value of present joys. In Christ, in Heaven, there are no drawbacks, no evils; all is unmixed good there. Look beyond the present scene.

JOS. CLARKE.

### GOD IS LOVE.

"He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love." 1 John iv, 8.

DEAR CHILDREN: We all believe there is a God that made the heavens and the earth, and the things that are in them; that he is almighty, all-powerful. He existed from all eternity—eternity in the past, and will continue to all eternity to come. Many look upon him as being a God of vengeance, one who delights in the punishment of those beings which he has created. But I wish to show you that the word standing at the head of this article, is one of the attributes of the God we worship.

Please read carefully the following texts from the Book of books. We will select a few from the writings of the beloved disciple, who leaned on Jesus' breast at supper. It seems that the Holy Spirit chose this lovely man to discourse upon this very subject. It would do you all good to read his writings over and over again. Now turn to the fourth chapter of 1 John, 19th verse: "We love Him because he first loved us." Now, how are we to know that he loved us? Let this same good man answer, John, xv, 13: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Now suppose you were to die for some crime which you had committed. No chance for you to be pardoned; but you must die because you had done wrong. No way of escape. You were guilty, and you must suffer. Just at this point some friend comes and offers to die for you. And should he die in your stead, and you be released, would you not think that this friend was a friend indeed? Certainly you would, and that justly, too. Well, this is just the condition you are in. You have sinned and are condemned to die. Now read: "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only-begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." John iii, 16, 17. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." And Paul says, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for the ungodly." Rom. v, 8. Now it seems to me that here is manifested the very perfection of love, the height and depth, the length and breadth, of love; that is, if love can be measured. We see here presented before us such love as our poor, feeble minds cannot altogether understand. We can talk of it, can illustrate it, as I have, by supposing one friend to die for another; but to think that the great God, that being who is high and lifted up, who inhabiteth eternity, should so love us, a race of rebels, as to give his only son to die for us, oh! isn't it won-

derful. Should we not love such a God? Yes, I think I hear you say. But you wish to know how. Well, this same apostle tells us, 1 John v, 3: "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments;" and "He that saith I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." Chap. ii, verse 4.

Oh! then, if we would love God, such a good being, and not be found liars in his sight, let us keep all his commandments. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth." 1 John iii, 18.

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### STRIVING FOR LIFE.

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: Time is rolling swiftly by. Every day brings us nearer to the coming of the Lord; when he that is holy will be holy still, and he that is filthy will be filthy still. Do we realize these things as we should? Are we making that preparation we shall need to stand before him in peace? There is a great work for us to do. We must have the entire victory over every sin. Self must be brought down, and all the evil passions of our hearts must be subdued, and our hearts filled with the love of God. The enemy is ever ready to lead our feet astray. He will leave no means untried. We cannot get the victory in our own strength; but in the strength of the Lord we can overcome. He has promised that his grace is sufficient for us, and that he will never leave nor forsake those that put their trust in him. Then let us be in earnest, and put forth every effort to gain eternal life. It is worth striving for. The pleasures of earth are fleeting. They are but for a moment, and then they are past and gone. We cannot enjoy them long, at best. Then let us choose that better part that shall never be taken away from us. Endure a little longer, and at last receive a crown of life that fadeth not away.

R. N. DAVIS.

Woodstock, Me., March, 1868.

### LETTER TO THE CHILDREN. No. 1.

DEAR CHILDREN: I have never talked with you through the Instructor before, but I have thought of you a great many times, and have seen some of the readers of this little paper, and I hope they are all trying to serve the Lord. Do you know what it is to serve the Lord? Is it to say you want to do his will, and then go right on and do those things that please yourself, and forget what you had said about serving the Lord? Oh, no! dear children, that is not the way; but I am afraid I have seen some of you do this very thing.

Do you ask how you may know when you please the Lord? Jesus tells us in his word that if we keep his commandments, our heavenly Father will love us, and that he (Jesus) will love us, and will manifest himself unto us as he does not to those who do not try to serve him. He will give us his Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts, and it is blessed, dear children, to have the Spirit of the Lord, for then we feel that the Lord accepts us as his children.

Do you not want to be children of God? Do you have the sweet Spirit of Jesus in your hearts? Now as Jesus has promised to dwell in our hearts if we will obey him, will you not try from this time to do only those things that will please him? You can try to please the Lord in all you do. When father or mother speaks to you, you can listen, and be

ready to cheerfully do as they wish. Does sister want you to do a favor for her, try to help her. Be kind to all. Try to make those around you happy, and Jesus will notice every little act of kindness.

It will all be written down in Heaven. Kind angels will love you, and Jesus will love you, and will manifest himself to you if you trust him. Remember he has told us that if we would ask for the things we need that he would give them to us. Now we all need his Holy Spirit to help us to do right; so we should ask him for it, believing he will do just as he said he would, and he will give it to us. How many of the readers of this little paper will try and pray more than they ever have before, and see if it will not be easier to do right? Jesus will help you. He has promised to, and his word never fails.

M. A. NEWMAN.

### COME UNTO ME.

We are coming, we are coming,  
Hasting, Jesus, at thy call;  
In the dewy time of morning,  
Ere the dark'ning shadows fall.  
We are coming, dearest Saviour,  
With our willing hearts and true,  
Out of every tribe and nation,  
Out of every clime and hue.

We are kneeling, we are kneeling,  
Here, together, at thy feet,  
Cheerful vows of service sealing;  
Strength to keep them we entreat.  
Little pilgrims are we, starting  
On a rough and dangerous way;  
Grace in all our need imparting,  
Hold us, Jesus, here we pray.

We are singing, we are singing,  
Songs of gladness as we pass;  
For thy love, in us distilling  
Like the showers upon the grass;  
For the home in Heaven preparing  
To receive our weary feet;  
For thy smiles, our pathway cheering,  
Songs of praises we repeat.

We are running, we are running,  
Dearest Saviour, after thee:  
Show to us the way thou'rt going;  
All thy footprints, make us see.  
We are very weak and sinful,  
Easily enticed astray;  
Satan watches for our halting;  
Keep, oh! keep us in the way.

We are coming, we are coming,  
Speeding onward to thy throne,  
Where in majesty thou'rt waiting,—  
Waiting to receive thine own.  
Out of every tribe and nation  
We are gathering at thy call,  
For thy glorious coronation,  
Jesus, Saviour, Lord of all.—*Child at Home.*

### AN EXHORTATION TO THE YOUNG.

I WOULD say to our young friends, Now is the time to get ready for what is coming. I believe we are living in a very solemn time. We have no time to lose in getting ready for the coming of Jesus. It is late in the day. The dark night of trouble is fast coming upon this world, and if you would escape these troubles, you must not do as the world around you. You must seek the Lord with all your heart. Come out from among your worldly playmates; or, if you go with them, you must show by your life that you are a Christian, and are going to follow Jesus, that you may live with him forever in Heaven.

If our young readers could realize the work now going on in Heaven, where Jesus is pleading before the Father for us, I know that many would make a new start to serve the Lord; and many who have long been in the way, would consecrate themselves anew to this work.

I never, in all my experience in connection with this work, felt the necessity of seeking the Lord earnestly, as I do now. I believe with all my heart if we as a people do not advance here, and improve the present opportunities of gaining strength, we shall be lost—forever shut out of Heaven. Oh! think of this dear youth, and arise. Open the door of your hearts and let Jesus come in. He has long been waiting and knocking for admittance, but some will not attend to this message. Angels weep over them. We are having, many of us, our last chance, and as we value eternal life and a home in Heaven, we shall improve the present time.

How many of our young readers will make a new and determined effort with me from this time, to gain the haven of eternal rest. Not lay off our armor; not cease to watch or pray; but ever stand at our post. Be faithful, and very soon our Saviour will come and say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

If there are others who thus feel like coming up to the help of the Lord, let them speak out their desires to each other through the Instructor, and stir each other up in the good way.

A. GRAHAM.

*Battle Creek, Mich., 1868.*

### TIDE MARKS.

IT WAS low tide when we went down to Bristol, and the great, gray rocks stood up bare and grim above the water; but high up on all their sides was a black line that seemed hardly dry, though it was far above the water.

"What makes that black mark on the rocks?" I asked of my friend.

"Oh! that is the *tide mark*," she replied. "Every day, when the tide comes in, the water rises and rises until it reaches that line, and in a great many years it has worn away the stone until the mark is cut into the rock."

"Oh!" thought I, "that is all, is it? Well, I have seen a great many people that carried *tide marks* on their faces. Right in front of me was a pretty little girl, with delicate features and pleasant blue eyes. But she had some queer little marks on her forehead, and I wondered how they came to be there, until presently her mother said, "Shut down the blind now, Carrie, the sun shines right in baby's face."

"I want to look out," said Carrie in a very peevish voice.

But her mother insisted, and Carrie shut the blind, and turned her face away from the window. Oh dear me! what a face it was! The blue eyes were full of frowns instead of smiles, the pleasant lips were drawn up in an ugly pout, and the queer little marks on the forehead had deepened into actual *wrinkles*.

"Poor little girl," I thought, "how bad you will feel when you grow up, to have your face marked all over with the tide marks of passion," for these evil tempers leave their marks just as surely as the ocean does, and I have seen many a face stamped so deeply with self-will and covetousness, that it must carry the mark to the grave.

Take care, little folks! and whenever you give way to bad temper, remember the "*tide marks*."—*Little Corporal.*

## Youth's Instructor.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., JUNE, 1868.

As we are preparing the reading matter for this number of the INSTRUCTOR, arranging this, condensing that, and penning our own humble thoughts for Christ's little ones, we can hardly refrain from saying aloud, God bless each and every reader of the YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR! Will this little paper, for which there has ever been such an abiding interest, be the means of bringing any of the dear youth to Mount Zion? Oh! we hope so. It is a pleasant thought that some of the heavenly seed which from month to month is flung into the garden of the mind, will spring up and bear fruit, precious and lovely, to the glory of God.

Dear readers, we hope to meet you in the kingdom of God. There we shall sing with the angels, and with all the host of the redeemed, ascribe praise to Him who has died for us. It will be but a little while that we shall stay here. Jesus will soon come. And oh, how much we all need the grace of God in these sinful times. For this you must pray. Strive against sin. Believe that God for Jesus' sake forgives you from day to day. Keep a clear conscience. And as the apostle says, have your minds fixed upon the mark of the prize of the high calling in Christ Jesus. Avoid the society of the corrupt and vicious. Be respectful to superiors; courteous to strangers; obedient to parents, and kind to all. Again we say, God bless all the readers of our little paper.

### WHAT TO STUDY.

Most of the readers of the Instructor, doubtless, spend a portion of their time each year in attending school; this is well. The more enlightened our minds, the better the service that we are prepared to render to God. But what do you study? Probably every branch coming within the range of a common-school education is pursued by our young friends; still there is another study that we want *some of you*, especially, to take up as soon as possible. It is mentioned by the apostle Paul in his second letter to Timothy, the second chapter and fifteenth verse. Here it is: "Study to show thyself approved unto God." This is a branch which is neglected by too many, ay, I fear even by the readers of the Instructor. Reading, writing, geography, mathematics, and the higher branches, are all good, but, as mere sciences, they do not give us any knowledge of our moral natures. And it is our moral powers that need to be cultivated and strengthened, full more even than the intellectual.

It is the study of our hearts, dear youth, and of our fallen condition in the sight of Heaven, which leads to humility, and brings us in a position of acceptance in the sight of God. This is the end that each should aim to attain. We might have all the

learning of a Byron or Chesterfield, so that we could write eloquently, in verse or prose; but if, like them, we had neglected to study to show ourselves approved unto God, we should at last be wretched and miserable. Let us each make the study of individual acceptance with God the daily study of our lives; then our profiting will appear to all, and for it the heavenly Teacher will finally give us a place with him on his throne.

### A NEW FEATURE.

EXPECTATION has been on tip-toe with all our readers for some time, in hope that the INSTRUCTOR would soon be published twice a month. At the recent session of the General Conference this matter was again taken up, and, as a result, the children and youth are to be furnished with reading even oftener than semi-monthly. A weekly entertainment is to be spread for our young friends. But how is this to be done? Are we to have a weekly INSTRUCTOR? Oh! no, not exactly; but a department is to be opened in the *Advent Review*, and one of its large pages is to be filled each week with reading especially adapted to the lambs of Christ. This will certainly give reading enough, even for those who are starving hungry. In the meantime the INSTRUCTOR will make its regular visits once in four weeks as before. May its pages ever be instructive, and a blessing to its readers.

### THE HUMAN BODY.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS: I propose to have a talk with you this morning about yourselves, that is, about your bodies; and I want each little reader of the Instructor to think I mean his or her body. Now let each one of you look at himself or herself and see how your body is made. You see it is composed of several parts, all of which are joined together. First is the head; then comes the neck; then the trunk of the body; attached to the upper part of the trunk, are the two arms with the hands and fingers; at the lower part of the trunk the legs are attached, and at their extremities you find the feet and toes. All these parts are covered with skin, and from the skin of the head grows the hair. The skin and hair is all you can see of your body, but you know that the body is partly composed of bones and partly of flesh; this you can tell by feeling of your head, and arms, and sides, and ankles, and feet, as well as your hands. You see how hard the bones are, and how soft the flesh is.

The bones are joined one to another with a joint that lets the bones move just as a door or chestlid moves on its hinges; this you can see by opening and shutting your hand, or by swinging your arms or legs. The bones, when joined together, make the frame of the body, just as the timbers of a house, when first raised, make the frame of the house; and all the use they are of is to support the body, to hold it in position when we stand up or sit down; and the object of the joints is to enable the body to move about. The flesh is mostly composed of muscles; the color of these is red, like the red lean meat you have seen when animals have been killed. A portion of the soft part of your bodies is a fatty substance very much like the fat of animals,

but this is not living flesh, as I shall explain hereafter.

The bones are very stiff and strong, like pieces of wood, and can be moved, but they can do nothing themselves, and can only move when something else moves them. The muscles are attached to all parts of the bones in two sets. Every bone has at least one pair of muscles attached to it, and most of the bones have several pairs attached to them; but both ends of a muscle are never attached to the same bone. One end is attached to one bone, and the other end to another bone. The muscles are composed of two kinds of material, one of which is red, and the other white. The white substance is very strong, and is the part that is fastened to the bone. This white substance is the part we call the cords: You can feel the cords of the leg under the knee, when the knee bends forward and backward, and you can see the motion of the cords of the back of your hand, when you open and shut your fingers. The white cords can do nothing, but the red part of the muscle can do something; it has a very peculiar work to do—a work that cannot be performed by anything in the world except muscle; it can contract and make itself shorter. Every pair of muscles are so attached to the bones that when one contracts, or becomes shorter, it pulls one of the bones to which it is fastened in one direction, and when the other muscle of the pair contracts, it pulls the bone right the opposite way; so with every pair of muscles. In my next letter I will talk further about your bodies.

Your friend,  
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HUMILITY.

What is humility?

One who is continually thinking of his virtues, and excellences, and good deeds, cannot be humble; but a humble person is rather inclined to think of his own frailties, and his sins, and besetments, and guard against them.

How may we know if we possess humility?

If we are easily offended, if we are troubled when we are inferior to others, or because others receive more honor than we, if we are pleased with the flattery and the compliments of others, and tried when we do not receive them, it is a mark of pride, and shows a lack of humility.

What other marks are there of this kind?

If we love to talk of others' failings, and compare ourselves with them as much the best, and think how different we are from them, and how much superior our lives are to theirs, and think highly of ourselves, and little of others.

How is humility to be gained?

By a deep repentance of sin, and then keeping a deep sense of our unworthiness continually in view.

How shall we best remember our unworthiness?

By such a remembrance of our sins as shall constantly remind us of what we were before we repented, and thus realizing what we soon shall be if we forget what sins we are in danger of committing.

What effect will this have upon our characters?

It will lead us to love God who forgives us for Christ's sake, and who gives us his Spirit; our hearts will be broken in view of past sins, and so fearful of committing them again that we shall walk with fear, with trembling, and then God will lead and guide us by his Spirit.

JOSEPH CLARKE.

A good name will shine for ever.

BEAUTY.

BEAUTIFUL faces, they that wear  
The light of a pleasant spirit there,  
It matters little if dark or fair.

Beautiful hands are they that do  
The work of the noble, good, and true,  
Busy for them the long day through.

Beautiful feet are they that go  
Swiftly, to lighten another's woe,  
Through summer's heat or the winter's snow.

Beautiful children, if rich or poor,  
Who walk the pathways sweet and pure  
That lead to the mansions strong and sure.

—Child's Own Magazine.

BIBLE LESSONS FOR LITTLE CHILDREN.

BY JOSEPH CLARKE.

LESSON EIGHTEEN.

THE TOWER OF BABEL.

Teacher. As Noah's family increased, what did they do?

Child. They were scattered abroad upon the earth in families. Gen. x, 1-32.

T. Did they all speak the same language?

C. They did. Gen. xi, 1.

T. What did they wish to do?

C. To build a great tower.

T. Did they attempt this?

C. They did.

T. Why did they build this tower?

C. To get a great name in the world.

T. Did God approve their plan?

C. He was displeased.

T. Why was he displeased?

C. Because of their pride of heart.

T. How did he frustrate their plans?

C. He confused their language.

T. How could this stop their work?

C. They could no longer understand each other.

T. Are there many languages spoken now?

C. There are hundreds of different languages.

T. Do you think the builders of this tower were surprised?

C. They were no doubt astonished and terrified.

T. Did this put an end to the work?

C. It did.

T. Can men resist God?

C. Not a moment.

LESSON NINETEEN.

TOWER OF BABEL.—CONTINUED.

Teacher. Are there any remains left of the tower of Babel?

Child. It is supposed there are.

T. Where is this ruin found?

C. Among the ruins of ancient Babylon.

T. What is it called?

C. Birs Nimrod.

T. What was it formerly called?

C. The temple of Belus.

T. What is it called by the Jews?

C. Nebuchadnezzar's prison.

T. What is said of it now?

C. It is the most stupendous and surprising mass of the ruins of Babylon.

T. What does the historian Herodotus say of it?

C. He said it was the same with the tower of Babel.

T. How great was the distance around it?

- C.* Half of a mile.  
*T.* How high was it?  
*C.* It is said to have been six hundred feet in height.  
*T.* Of what was it built?  
*C.* Of large brick made of bitumen, dried in the sun.  
*T.* How high is it now?  
*C.* About one hundred and sixty feet.  
*T.* What did the builders of this tower intend to do?  
*C.* To make it the capital city of the world.  
*T.* How long is it supposed that they labored upon this building?  
*C.* About twenty-two years.  
*T.* How long was this after the flood?  
*C.* Some four or five hundred years.  
*T.* What is this tower now?  
*C.* A ruinous heap of rubbish.  
*T.* What lesson does this teach?  
*C.* A lesson of humility.

LESSON TWENTY.

ABRAHAM AND LOT.

- Teacher.* Who was Abraham?  
*Child.* The oldest son of Terah.  
*T.* Who was Terah?  
*C.* A descendant of Shem, Noah's eldest son.  
*T.* How far from Shem?  
*C.* Of the ninth generation. Gen. xi, 11-26.  
*T.* How old was Shem when he died?  
*C.* About six hundred years of age? Gen. xi, 10-11.  
*T.* Did he live in Abraham's time?  
*C.* He lived till Abraham was one hundred and fifty years old.  
*T.* How far was Abraham from Shem?  
*C.* His descendant of the tenth generation.  
*T.* Was Shem a very good man?  
*C.* He is said to have been.  
*T.* Were the instructions of so old and experienced a person of value to Abraham?  
*C.* No doubt they were a great help to him.  
*T.* Should the young listen to the counsel of the aged?  
*C.* Certainly, if they are good men.  
*T.* What opportunity had Shem of knowing the will of God?  
*C.* He had enjoyed the instruction of his father Noah, and the society of Methuselah, who had been under the instructions of Adam.  
*T.* How old was Shem when Methuselah died?  
*C.* About one hundred years.  
*T.* Was Abraham a good man?  
*C.* He was. Gen. xviii, 19.  
*T.* Do you think that those long-lived men had great opportunities of getting wisdom?  
*C.* They had.  
*T.* It is thought by some that they were far below the people of this time in respect of mental power. What do you think of this?  
*C.* We think that they would look with pity upon the wise men of our times.

LESSON TWENTY-ONE.

ABRAHAM AND LOT.—CONTINUED.

- Teacher.* Was Abraham a man of learning?  
*Child.* It is said that he was.  
*T.* Did God approve of Abraham?  
*C.* He valued him highly. Gen. xii, 2-3.  
*T.* Who was Lot?

- C.* A son of Haran, Abraham's youngest brother. Gen. xi, 27.  
*T.* How was he related to Abraham?  
*C.* He was a nephew of Abraham's.  
*T.* How was Lot related to Terah, Abraham's father?  
*C.* Terah was Lot's grand-father.  
*T.* What did Terah do?  
*C.* He left Ur and went into Canaan. Gen. xi, 31.  
*T.* Did he go alone?  
*C.* He took his sons Abraham and Nahor, and his grand-son Lot. Gen. xi, 31.  
*T.* Where was Haran, Lot's father?  
*C.* He died in Ur of the Chaldees. Gen. xi, 28.  
*T.* How old was Terah when he died?  
*C.* Two hundred and five years. Gen. xi, 32.  
*T.* Human life had been cut short since the flood. How much longer was Noah's life than Terah's?  
*C.* It was more than four times as long.  
*T.* Under whose care was Lot now placed?  
*C.* Under his uncle Abraham's care?  
*T.* What did God command Abraham to do?  
*C.* To leave his relatives and country, and go to a land which God would show him. Gen. xiii, 1.  
*T.* Did Abraham obey the Lord?  
*C.* He did. Gen. xiii, 4.  
*T.* Who went with Abraham?  
*C.* Lot and all that belonged to them both.

Letter Department.

JAMES D. YOULL, Manchester, Iowa, writes:

I write a few lines to you for the first time. I am 13 years old. I like to read the little letters from the children. We live 30 miles from any Sabbath-keepers. I am reading the Bible through.

No doubt all the youth, and many older persons, too, love to read the "little letters." Read your Bible with care and reverence; it is the word of the great God. May he bless you as you read.

MARY L. HEMINWAY, Mechanicsville, Vt., writes:

I am 13 years of age. My parents have taken the Instructor for me a number of years; I now pay for it myself. I am reading the Bible through by course. I hope, through obedience to the word of God and the instruction of his servants, to be enabled to meet the Instructor family in the better land, where "sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more."

That is right. King David refused to offer a sacrifice to the Lord that cost him nothing. How many children of 13 are trying to pay for their own Instructor? The "Instructor family" is a large one—a great many children in it. We fear we shall not see them all in that happy land. Read your Bible, and love the Saviour, and he will bring you through.

SARAH J. ZOLLINGER, Monroe, Wis., writes:

I love our little paper very much. I have been taking it about three years. I think it is just what the children need; it teaches so much truth. I am trying to keep all the commandments of God, and get ready for the coming of Jesus. I go to Sabbath school and try to learn my lessons well. I am eleven years old.

SAMANTHA A. ZOLLINGER, same place, writes:

For the first time I try to write a few lines for the Instructor. I am eight years old; I love the Sabbath school, and am trying to learn all my lessons well, and love the Saviour and keep all the commandments, that I may have a right to the tree of life, and enter in through the gates into the city.

And may the Lord help these little sisters to help one another. Be kind; obey your parents; love the Saviour, and all will be well with you.

ADDIE MUSSER, ordering the Instructor for a little girl, writes:

She is a little girl some nine years old, and is trying to do what she thinks is right. I am striving for the kingdom. I am determined to go live, that when Christ comes, I shall be prepared to meet him.

This is a dangerous time for the young; you will need help from Jesus to carry out this determination. May you and Lydia meet in peace when Jesus comes.

LUCIUS M. SWAN, North Bloomfield, Ohio, writes:

I love our little paper very much. I love Jesus, and I want to be like him. I am trying to obey God and keep his commandments, that I may be prepared to meet the dear Saviour. I am trying to overcome all my sins. Pray for me. I am nine years old.

Old enough to serve God and love the Saviour. He will help you to overcome, if you ask him. But don't stop "trying."

MARY L. KITTRIDGE, Norridgewock, Me., writes:

We are apt to think that older ones can bear all the burdens, take up the cross, and do all the work; but I ask, Is there no self-denial on our part? Can we not make sacrifices, too? We have been highly favored, in that we have had the light of present truth proclaimed to us; and must we pass it all by unheeded? Shall we not try to live it out in our lives? I want to have the love of God deepened in my heart, and be more watchful of the little words and acts for which I must one day give an account. I know that Satan would divert our young hearts from the truth, but let us get shielded from his power by earnest prayer to God, who is able to keep us from getting entangled with the world. We have no time to waste; therefore we should give all diligence to make our salvation sure.

Every word important truth. Lord help the young to realize it, and act accordingly.

ALBERT LAMB, Swan City, Neb., writes:

I am just learning to write. I read the cheering letters in our little paper, and feel encouraged. I love the holy Sabbath, and the truths in the Instructor.

You may well be encouraged if you love the holy commandments of God and the coming of the Lord Jesus. If you are faithful you will soon meet the happy children all together, on the great white cloud, where Jesus will sit when he calls them to himself. Blessed thought! We want to see many children there.

NETTIE PIERCE, Alden, Minn., writes:

I have been a reader of this dear little paper for the past year, and love it very much. I wish it would come oftener. It came in my ma's name last year, but I've earned this money myself, and wish it to come in my name this year. I am ten years old, and hope to be able to pay for it every year, as I do not like to be deprived of its instructions. I love its Bible lessons, and am thankful for all its teachings.

Lord bless you, Nettie, and help you to hold out as you have begun. If all the children would try to pay for their Instructors, they would prize them more than they do now.

ALTY A. SEVY, Greenbush, Mich., writes:

I prize our excellent little paper very highly, and look for the time when it will come oftener. I like to study out the scriptural exercises. It encourages me to read the letters in this little paper. I mean to live out the truths of God's word, and keep all his commandments, that I may overcome all my sins, and at last be saved with the children of God.

If you overcome your sins you will surely be saved. Children may be overcomers, too, for Jesus is their Saviour and help. Be sure you find him for yourself, and prove him yours.

Dear youth, don't rest on the faith of your parents too much. Do not think you will be saved because your parents believe. Seek the Saviour

for yourselves, and you may yet have the privilege of singing redeeming love. God pity and bless and save the children.

### DANGERS OF THE YOUNG.

THE dangers which surround the youth and children these last days are innumerable and on every hand. Turn our eyes which way we please, and we behold some snare of the enemy, spread to decoy the young, and draw their attention from weighty matters to those which are trifling, worthless, and only serve to gratify their fancy, increase their love for the vain, empty things of earth, and lure them on in the paths of sin, until no place is left in their hearts for the good and the pure. Among the many evils indulged in at the present day, and by many whom we esteem highly, is the almost universal practice of novel-reading, or reading fictitious stories; a pernicious habit indeed: one of Satan's cunningly-devised plans to excite the imagination, poison the mind, and destroy a love for good and profitable reading. My heart aches, as, from week to week, I see these worthless stories in the hands of friends I love, who read them with a keen relish, extolling their merits, while they have no relish for reading that which would enlighten them upon our whereabouts in the world's history, and stir up their hearts to feel a necessity for a preparation for the things that are coming upon the earth.

I sorrow that any who read this excellent paper, and enjoy Sabbath privileges, should still indulge a taste for such reading. I would raise my voice in warning to the youth against such indulgence. Let none think it harmless, or that they can occasionally read these works and yet love their Bibles and other good books. Shun this snare of the enemy as you would a deadly poison, for such it will prove if indulged in. Can oil and water mix? No more can you cherish in your hearts at the same time a love for both good and evil. As you value eternal life, and the worth of your own souls, for which Jesus shed his precious blood, turn from this evil, and seek pleasure in studying God's holy word, which is able to make you wise unto salvation. And may the Lord by his Spirit lead you into all truth, and save you in his kingdom.

Let parents and guardians, who realize that all books have their influence in moulding characters for good or evil, look well to the reading of those whom God has placed under their care; and while they seek their eternal welfare, protect them from this great evil.

M. E. REYNOLDS.

Mesopotamia, Ohio.

### EVERY BIT OF IT.

THE other evening at the prayer-meeting, many newly-converted persons, both old and young, arose to tell what God had done for their souls, and their determination to love and serve him. Among the rest, a little girl about seven years old, jumped up, her face beaming with happiness, and straining her childish voice to speak as loud as she could, she said:

"I have given my heart to Jesus, every bit of it."

Was not that a beautiful little speech? I wonder if all the older people who had risen before could say what she did,—"I have given my heart to Jesus, every bit of it."

And is not this what Jesus wants? "My son, give me thine heart," is the command of the Bible. And will he be satisfied with having only a part of it? No, indeed; he must have the whole,—every bit of it.

## INSTRUCTOR ITEMS.

☞ We are happy in being able to present such an interesting variety this month. This will more than compensate for the paper being a little tardy in consequence of the yearly meetings.

☞ QUITE a number of letters are omitted in the correspondence this month, for want of room. They will probably be inserted in the July issue. In the meantime let all the dear youth send in their little offerings, and what has merit will be published in the INSTRUCTOR, or the "Youth's Department" of the Review.

☞ UNCLE HARVEY is not on hand in season for this number. We are sorry for our readers, but so it is. In the meantime we would recommend the youth to read his article in the May number over again. These articles deserve something more than a hasty reading. They are written with care and prayer. Are they read in like manner?

☞ BRO. KELLOGG, M. D., speaks to the youth, in this number, on the subject of anatomy. This will be interesting to young health reformers. Our readers may expect occasional articles from his pen, on the subject of health reform, as he may find time to write. We shall always be glad to hear from Dr. Kellogg.

## AN INTERESTING FACT.

MR. ANDERSON, in his preface to the "Annals of the English Bible," mentions the following interesting incident:

"The English Bible, at this moment, is the only version on which the sun never sets. We know full well that it is actually in use on the banks of the Ottawa and St. Lawrence, as well as at Sidney, Port Phillip, and Hobart Town; but before his evening rays have left the spires of Quebec or Montreal, his morning beams have already shone for hours upon the skies of Australia and New Zealand. And if it is being read by so many in Canada, while the sun is sinking on Lake Ontario; in the eastern world, where he has risen in his glory on the banks of the Ganges, to the self-same Sacred Volume, many, who are no less our countrymen, have already turned. Yet all these are but as branches from one parent stock, under whose shade this version, corrected and recorrected, has been spreading by myriads for three hundred years."

Dear readers of the Instructor, reverence this heavenly book, which reveals to us the will of the great God. May it ever be the rule of your lives, and the governing principle of all your conduct. Who of you can say, with David of old, "Thy word have I hid in my heart?"

ERRATA.—On the thirty-eighth page of the Instructor, thirty-sixth line of the second column, instead of "Lamech the son of Noah," it should read, "Lamech the father of Noah." J. C.

## "IS IT I?"

In a school of five hundred scholars, one of our teachers died, and some of us attended her funeral. On the day following, our senior teacher exhorted us to take warning from this sad event, and prepare to meet God, saying, "You know not which of you may be called next to die." Upon this, one of my playfellows arose and said, "It will not be me," and sat down. Poor fellow! In a few days he was taken sick, and although not considered in danger, suddenly died, I fear without a preparation to meet God.

Children, take warning. Never be presumptuous. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Blendon, Mich.

A. SMITH.

## I WILL BEGIN NOW.

"I AM young, and my years are few, yet I am not too young to be saved. I am not too young to be lost.

"In a little while, the Lord will come, to judge the world, to reward the righteous, and destroy the wicked. He will judge me. Am I ready?

"That great day is very near! Before I can grow up to be a man, before I can become a woman, Jesus will be here! What, then, will become of me?

"I have made up my mind what I will do. I will begin now, to serve the Lord. The strength of my youth shall be his. Sin shall have no more dominion over me. I give myself, this day, to Jesus, to be his, in holiness and righteousness, forever. And this will I do: I will keep my eye fixed on the coming of Jesus, and on his great reward; and I will say to myself,—

"Till Jesus comes, I will be a faithful Christian boy—a holy Christian girl. With the Lord's help, I will be obedient, kind, and patient; I will be honest, truthful, temperate; I will be industrious, studious, diligent; I will be watchful, and full of prayer; I will keep my heart pure, and my lips and hands clean from all bad words and deeds; I will shun and hate every evil way, and never walk therein; I will work for Jesus every day, and do all the good I can till Jesus comes. I will begin today.

"This is my resolve; and I will stand to it. God be my helper."

Is this your resolve, my dear young reader?—*Young Pilgrim.*

THE three most beautiful words in our language, are Mother, Home, and Heaven.

No bad words should ever stain the sweet lips of children. Their lips were made to speak pure words of truth and love.

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