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"Faithful is he that promised who will also do it."

What has God been doing for you? You praise him for what he has done. But what has he done? Do you know? Can you tell?

Remember that although the Father always heard the Son, ye in the agony of the garden His ear was apparently deaf to the cries of the tested Son.

"You who are kept by the power of God." Blessed thought! "Through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed * * * at the appearing of Jesus Christ." Glorious Hope!

How do you measure your religion? By emotions? They are transitory. By feelings? They are deceiving. By revelations and dreams? Sometimes they prove to be mental hallucinations. By the Word of God? It liveth and abideth forever.

Are you really anxious to prove every promise of God? Faith and obedience are the two essential elements in putting promises into operation. Our experience has proven every promise which we have tested upon this basis to be true. It is indeed blessed. Praise to His name!

Did we hear you say that you do not believe in "fasting"? Test it on gospel principles and see, whether or no, any spiritual benefit is to be derived therefrom. Think you the Scripture saith in vain, "But thou when thou fastest?" The Bridegroom is taken away and then shall they fast.

Loose your love for lost souls—if you have ever had it—and you are on a spiritual decline. If you have never had a love which stretched hard after the lost, hasten to look about and see where on the spiritual horizon you are located. The calling of the called is to seek and save that which is lost. Men and women who are in the order of God are ambassadors of "God manifest in the flesh."

OUR HOPE.

There are some things relative to the Christian religion which nature cannot understand. All the powers of the human intellect can only classify them as belonging to the mystical realm. Nevertheless upon these mysteries depend great things. They are the fundamental principles upon which rests the entire structure of Christian faith and hope.

Paul said; "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished."—1 Cor. 15:17,18.

Incredible as it may seem, and so far out of the realm of philosophical and psychogical research, this truth which we accept only upon the authority of so called "incredible, mystical revelation" must remain the basis of the Christian's hope. Upon the rejection of this principle, Christianity must dissent to cooperate.
SO WOULD I LIVE.

In midst of men and time, so would I dwell,
As seeing Him who is invisible;
As caring not for fleeting things external;
As prizing the enduring, the eternal;
As living not to gain the world's poor favor,
But only, always for my Lord and Saviour;
As if, with eyelids closed, I saw before me
The exceeding great eternal weight of glory,
That makes earth's brightest beauty fade away,
That makes earth's highest honors dross and clay;
So would I live, as near to heaven's portal,
Reaching for joys desirable, immortal.

—Selected.

For the EVANGELICAL Visitor.

CITY OF GOD.

"Glorious things are spoken of Thee O City of God."—Psalms 87:3.

All who engage in the service of God with a meek and lowly heart will learn by experience that the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ is a satisfying portion to the soul, because "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the Life that now is and of that which is to come," (1 Tim. 4:8.) and "Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."—Prov. 3:17.

Yet, judging from the type of our Christianity as exemplified by thousands in these latter days who profess to be the followers of Christ, there can be but little happiness because they are shorn of their spiritual strength by conformity to the world; and, like the ancient Laodiceans, neither cold nor hot.—(Rev. 3:15.) Such God has declared he will spue out of his mouth.

There is a great lack of consecration on the part of our ministry because they are so closely allied to the world by seeking popularity, losing sight, to a very great extent, of their mission in winning souls to Christ. Thus it may be said, "like priests, like people;" for the minister may be considered the index to his membership.

God wants "beacon lights," "way marks," "ensamples of the flock," to stimulate the laity and lead them to higher attainments in the divine life.

"Holiness becometh thine house O Lord forever,"—Psalms 93:3; So it is evident there is nothing we need so much as the baptism of the Holy Ghost on the ministry. Then the laity would soon become electrified and aroused from her lethargy; for in many places the line of demarcation can scarcely be distinguished between the church and the world. Yet it is written that God's people are a distinguished people from the world.

God has chosen the Church as the medium by which souls are being born into the kingdom of Christ. But we never knew of a consumptive mother giving birth to a healthy child.

The present lukewarm state of the church may be assigned as the principal reason why there are so many spurious conversions in these latter days, they being "born of the will of man" only, and not of God.

God wants a Holy Church embued with the spirit of the Divine Author, as it is "his will even our sanctification." (1 Thes. 4:3), and the Savior promised to give "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over."—Luku 6:38.

Wherever this state exists in the church, sinners will tremble and frequently fall as "Dagon before the Ark." David said, "Many shall see it and fear and trust in the Lord."—Psalms 40:3.

The very sight of holy, consecrated Christians in many instances has brought conviction to the hearts of sinners, reflecting the image of our divine Master.

It is the privilege and duty of every Christian to become so closely assimilated to Christ as to have continual fellowship with the Holy Trinity, and "have our conversation in heaven from whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."—Phil. 2:20.

When our work on earth is done we have the assurance of having honor, and entering mansions prepared for us by the Savior.—John 14:2. The "City of God" may be termed the Metropolis of Jehovah, where He reigns as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords; as He says: "Heaven is my throne." Among all nations, kings, emperors, and presidents have their magnificent palaces with all their grandeur. But there is none so glorious beyond description as the "City of God." We have the dimensions and descriptions given by the Revelator in the 21st chapter. (Theologians tell us that heaven is fifteen hundred miles square.) The streets are paved in pure gold, and no night is there; no need of the sun, moon, or stars, neither shall we need any candles, for the glory of God shall be the light of that city. There we shall see the King in His beauty and be associated with angels, prophets, apostles, and all the redeemed together with our loved ones whose memory we cherish with so much tenderness. There we shall sing the memorable song, "Unto Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and made us kings and priests unto God the Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever."—Rev. 1:5-6.

"And God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away"—Rev. 21:4. Then shall we see with our own eyes the "Glorious things which are spoken of thee, O City of God," and know for ourselves "what it is to be there."

Yet amidst the ecstasy of joy in beholding the city and its inhabitants, we shall exclaim, "The half was never told" and know that this place
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shall be our eternal abode. To God alone be all the glory.

"O land of rest for thee I sigh,
When will the moments come,
When I shall lie my armor by
And dwell in peace at home?

"No tranquil joys on earth I know,
No personal sheltering dome.
This world's a wilderness of woe,
This world is not my home.

"To Jesus Christ I sought for rest:
He bade me cease to roam.
I'll fly for succor to his breast
And he will conduct me home."

Yours in Christ,

JOHN FOHL.

Chambersburg, Pa.

For the EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

MISSION WORK.

By Charles Baker of Nottawa, Ontario.

MISSION work is the greatest work ever inaugurated on earth. It was instituted by no less a personage than the Son of God. Christ was the first missionary, being also a perfect pattern for all succeeding workers. Before His exit, he commissioned his disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." etc.—Mark 16:15. The echo of these words is audible today. They have lost none of their power and if heeded are accompanied with the same blessing as when first uttered.

Mission work is the most sublime work that man can be engaged in. There have been so many great works undertaken and accomplished by man, but none to compare to mission work. Its operation is not confined to a certain place or people, but its field of labor is "wherever man is found."

The aim of the mission is twofold. One is to raise man from an immoral to a moral condition. The other—which is the prime object—is to point man to Christ so that he may be raised from his sinful state and brought into the glorious liberty of God's children. The former is accomplished by education. The latter by preaching Christ and him crucified. The spirit of the commission is the life of the church. That organization which neglects mission work fails to perfect the design for which it was intended. The words, "Go ye," etc., are as forcible-to-day as in the days of old. The church which makes no effort to carry out the import of the commission is putting its light under a bushel, and unless it repents and goes to work its "candle-stick will be removed out of its place."

The opportunities for the true missionary are tremendous. They were never so many, never so urgent as now. New fields are opening up every day. The Macedonian cry is heard from nearly every land. The day of the Lord is hastening on with its awful realities. These undeniable truths should stir the hearts of our beloved Brotherhood from one end of the land to another.

The Brotherhood never has been adverse to mission work. The perplexed question has hitherto loomed up before them. Where shall we get the men and the means to carry on the work? The means, we believe, could be obtained and would be forthcoming at the shortest possible notice. Our people as a rule are all fairly well to do and are liberal in giving for charitable purposes and no doubt would also be willing to sacrifice a portion of their means for this noble cause. But the men; where are they to come from? It is true there may be some who think they are called of God, but whether the church would approve of such we cannot tell. One thing we know, frequently those who imagine they are called of God as missionaries or evangelists are the least competent for such a great work.

The calling of the missionary is of God. "And he gave some apostles; and some prophets; and some evangelists; and some pastors and teachers."—Eph. 4:11. Again, "And how shall they preach except they be sent?"—Rom. 10:15. The church is, or ought to be, like a well ordered household where the parents and children work together for the mutual benefit of each other. If each or some of the members of a family would take their own course and do as they please, that family could not prosper. So with the church.

If the missionary, or evangelist, or the various officers of the church, would go and teach or do as they please, the church cannot succeed. It is the duty of the church to decide upon, and appoint the missionary, the evangelist, and the officers of God's house and to define unto them clearly their sphere and their field of labor. None ought to be sent except faithful men who have proven themselves worthy of such a trustworthy and responsible position. Further more, the missionary and the officers of God's house are not "lords over God's heritage," but they are servants; and as servants it is their duty to submissive unto the church.

The man who undertakes mission work ought to be a man in the fullest sense of the word. One who is but recently born into the kingdom is not a fit person for such a great work. The "Novice" as Paul says is not a fit person to be elected as a Bishop, and we may safely add, is not a competent person for a missionary. Above all, the missionary ought to have a good Christian experience. The "foundation" of his Christian experience ought to be firmly laid upon the Rock, which is Christ, by true repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."—Heb. 6:1. Then again, he ought to be a personal participant of the doctrine of bap tisms, and of laying on of hands."
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wrath. Lay hold of the hope set
before you in the Lord Jesus Christ.
There is no other way to heaven.

W. R. SMITH.

THE WAY OF ESCAPE.

IT is a comforting thought, as well
as a blessed truth that the all
loving Father never designed any of
his trusting ones should be over­
come in life's conflict by the spir­
tual foes of darkness.

Dangerous perils often besiege
the citadel of the soul, threatening
to capture and destroy it in terrible
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vengeance of satanic power, are hurled at the beautiful castle of
mansoul as though he would wreck
it in overwhelming disaster.

Walls of trouble are permitted to
be built up around the imperiled
ones as though depriving them of
all hope of rescue or escape. Some
would even have us vainly believe
that God is a silent and disinterested
spectator of the stirring scenes be­
ing enacted here on earth in the
spiritual warfare between the powers
of light and darkness. Yet such is
far from the truth.

The Holy Scriptures and the ex­
periences of God's chosen ones are
replete with the various and wonder­
ful deliverances which the divine
Father has wrought in behalf of his
tempted and oppressed children.
The blessed Lord is never at a loss
of means to employ in making a way
of escape for his people, whether by
the hand of a Moses, identifying
himself as one with them in a fiery
furnace, or sending an angel for the
rescue of an imprisoned Peter.

To the Christian, in the hour of
need and temptation, a faithful un­
seen watcher is ever near—a present
helper—to give deliverance or grace
to endure. At such seasons the
heart is uplifted in prayer, the only
true way of escape from all his
troubles.

When the soul is cut off from all
earthly help there is always an out­
let upward. Satan can never root
over the walls of trouble which he
builds around the faithful followers
of Jesus. The line of communica­
tion extending heavenward is ever
open for the descent of divine help
and grace. Foes and gloom may
surround us on life's desert plains;
yet the blue of heaven shines clear
and bright above, a token of God's
everlasting love and care over and
for us.

The sweet promise is yet true,
"Call upon me in the day of trouble
and I will deliver thee and thou
shalt glorify me." God's way for
his people's escape is by way of the
throne of grace; for it is not by our
own might or power that we prevail,
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these matters, living within our means and giving no occasion for such talks by the world.

Mr. B. recognizes the power there is in Christianity yet he is connected with a business that helps to ruin men’s lives and makes gamblers and drunkards of them.

Let us pray for him and others who are hearers but not doers of God’s will. This communication is submitted with the hope that it may incite every reader who is a Christian to be honest in all their dealings giving no occasion of offence to their fellow men. Yours in hope of His appearing. Enos H. Hess.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

EXPERIENCE.

When I was converted, sixteen years ago, I was very happy. My mouth was filled with praises to the Lord. There was much shown to me that I should do, but I did not obey, thinking I could take an easier way; then I could please man and myself. I soon found, however, that I was not pleasing anybody, not even myself. I knew the Lord was not pleased because I was not happy and had no peace.

I went on for quite a while and then was brought down with sickness several times. There I thought I became willing to obey Him. There were, however, so many hindering causes that I could see no way open for me, but then I received encouragement and prayed that the Lord might open my way. He brought me down very low with sickness and that made me strong in the Lord as I never was before. I was fully determined to obey, let come what will. The trials came thicker than ever. I kept my eyes fixed upon Jesus and I got along very well.

Some of my friends thought I would die when I was baptized, but as I was coming out of the water I was praising the Lord and went home rejoicing. I have not been sick since. Praise the Lord! It will soon be five years since I am in the fold, and I can say that a Christian life is a happy life. I find it so, although I must say that I have been quenching the Spirit to some extent. When in church, the power of God would come down on my body so forcibly that I would hold myself down to the seat. I thought I would displease my brethren and sisters if I would shout for joy. Several months ago I promised the Lord that I would quench the Spirit no more. Just as I said that I shouted, and now I shout whenever the Lord wants me to do so. Sometimes at my home. The Lord is everywhere. It seems every time I shout I receive more joy. It is glorious to obey Jesus. Brethren and Sisters I can’t tell you the joy and peace I have in my soul. It is glorious. Praise the Lord for what He is doing for me! We are taught in God’s word if we first seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, all these things shall be added unto us. I can say He gives me everything I need. I am not worthy of it. I give the glory to Jesus. Pray for me that I may be kept humble at Jesus’ feet.

Abilene, Kansas.

Hetty Kready.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

HOLINESS.

Purity of heart means more than a mere profession. Holiness is purity of heart and dispositions freed from sin; sanctified affections; piety and goodness. Many Christian professors lack this important part and many do not believe in it.

When God led me out of darkness into light He impressed it on my heart to search the Scriptures and to follow Jesus in all things regardless of what the people would say contrary to His teachings. I can truly say I love the Lord with all my heart and my neighbor as myself. I had a good many things to give up and overcome before I had perfect peace with God. I had to bridle my tongue which was the hardest thing to overcome.

We read in James 3:8; “But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.” If anyone said anything to me and I tried to take my part I would feel as though God were angry with me. I had a hard struggle to get to where God wanted me, but the Lord has opened my mouth and bid me use my tongue when working for His cause. I can never see the Bible or the commandments explained away by unbelievers and God has wonderfully blessed me in holding up his cause.

Dear readers if any of you feel that God wants you to come up higher, get out into the fullness of God’s love and you can win souls for Jesus when living up to what you profess.

An article appeared in the January 15 number of the Visitor which is on the right road to Holiness. It is headed, “Keep Your Mouth Shut.” I can truly say that if Christian people could only see the many poor sinners who are watching your every word when things go wrong and you are tempted and tried, you would let your “yea” be “yea” and your “nay” be “nay” for it behooves us to fulfill all righteousness. Ofttimes we can preach a powerful sermon to sinners by keeping our mouths shut.

Many say they are afraid to make a start for fear they cannot overcome their besetting sin. Just call on God in time of temptation and He will perfect you in holiness. The Lord forgave my sins, baptized me with the Holy Ghost, and sanctified me through obedience to the Truth, I could not be sanctified until I yielded in obedience to all God asked me to do.
I am sorry to see so many professors who can not bridle their tongues and have a harsh way of speaking to their family. Christ was firm in all his talk but always mild. Let us pattern after him and win more souls for Jesus. Pray for me that I may be kept faithful.

From your unworthy sister,

EVA SAWYER.

Jubilee, Iowa.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

BIBLE STUDY IN WINTER EVENINGS.

The long winter evenings are here. Work is laid aside and we wait for the welcome spring. This should remind us of the coming of our Lord. Can we say, "Welcome Lord." We should because of present salvation.

But how are we spending these evenings? Does cheap, trashy literature take the place of the Holy Bible and church literature? If so, it will result in spiritual declension. Let us, who claim the faith, diligently study the blessed Word of God and properly digest it so that it may profit us. It is food to the spiritual man.

Reading itself will, however, not suffice. If food were ever so good, the eating alone would profit us nothing. When properly digested it gives nourishment to the body. Just so in reading the Word of God. We must study it thoroughly; by studying it carefully and prayerfully we get the proper knowledge and thereby receive spiritual food for the inner man.

Sometimes we have heard people say the Word means just what it says; and so it does. That is not saying, however, that we understand all. Sometimes an explanation is necessary. (I don't believe in spiritualizing the Word all to nothing.) Many read the Word and form an opinion without having the proper meaning. To illustrate: St. Matthew 6:17, where it says, "But thou when thou fastest." Someone understand that they should not eat anything for a few days. If this were the true meaning, it would not agree with the "chosen fast." of Isaiah 28:6. The Word does not contradict itself, but fits together nicely. If it does not agree there is something wrong with our understanding. Would their be any service in eating nothing for a few days? That would be intemperance. We should be temperate in all things. When thou fastest (when thou hast sorrow insomuch that thy appetite is so impaired that thou hast no desire to partake of strong food or meat as was the case with Paul when he was about to be shipwrecked) then anoint thy head and wash thy face as usual. Don't put on more than what is real; that thou appear not unto men to fast. We who have had great sorrow know what real fasting is and the quicker we could eat our full meals the better it was for our frail bodies. "That thou appear not unto men to fast" is understood to mean that we should not make a mere pretense of fasting.

One more Scripture; John 3:5. "Except a man be born of water and of the spirit." When we read over such Scriptures we form an opinion and think we have it all solid. But when Nicodemus heard this he began to think and said, "How can these things be?" He wanted an explanation and got it; and we should accept the same. It commences at verse 14 and teaches that a genuine believer in Jesus Christ is one who is born into the will of God, the great love of God is shed abroad in His heart; he will have a hungering and thirsting after the righteousness of God and the Word will be searched and the least and last command obeyed out of mere love. By obedience to the Word we prove our faith. Pray one for the other.

DAVID HOSTETTER.

Jubilee, Iowa.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

FROM UTAH.

HAVING been impressed for some time to write for the Visitor, by God's help I will do so this Sabbath-day, as we are deprived of attending religious services here excepting in the Morman church; also a Presbyterian assembly in the vicinity.

How I long for the Brethren, home, and friends and wish I could be in their services. Although no Brethren are in Utah that I know of, yet I find Jesus very precious to me. Christ is my Savior and he is here with me, and when we have Jesus in our hearts we have what the world cannot give. He is everywhere if we only are his disciples. How we ought to love and obey him because he "paid the price and set us free."

I have not seen a brother or sister since I left Gaiwa, Kans., September, 22, last. Had quite an experience on my way out here. I was looked upon as being peculiar. Met with a lady the second day asking to what people I belong. After telling her, she inquired about our doctrine, dress, etc. I told her that the Bible was our book. It is the Word of God. It teaches us to sacrifice all unnecessary things, to be cleansed from all fleshly lusts, and build on Christ the solid rock. I also said that I was led in this way by my dear Savior; that I was not willing at first but found no peace with God until I gave up my stubborn will to him. I tried to evade it in many ways; but the clouds got so dark and the burden grew so heavy that I could not see my way out. At last I said, Lord thy will. Then I felt happy, could sing and pray, and brightness surrounded me. The
world might laugh or say what it pleased. I have a soul to save and have peace.

The lady then remarked that she could easily put her jewelry away, but she could not wear that "little white cap." Yes, I said, there are crosses to bear. I often think of these lines:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone
And all the world go free."

She began to sing the song and I joined with her. I felt the nearness of Jesus and could sing it in the spirit in which it was written.

That evening the report came of a wash-out on the road. We were obliged to lay over at New Castle, Col. I had the choice of getting off at Glenwood Springs, (thanks for the kindness of the conductor) but because of my child being asleep, having baggage, and being 10 o'clock at night I chose to stay in the car. The last lady left the train at Glenwood Springs and the surroundings were indeed unpleasant. Mountains all around, the bright moon and stars above, and a few uninviting foreigners in the car. I just said: Lord here I am. I prayed him to keep me from harm. I was so glad that the dear Savior was with me. After committing myself to God I had a peaceful sleep, woke up in the morning unmolested, thanking the Lord for his watchful care over me.

We were delayed four days; returned through Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction to Denver to take another road to Salt Lake City. After spending a week on the way, we were met by my husband at Goshen, Utah, and taken to our new home about six miles from this place. This valley is just opened for settlement, an irrigating canal being opened last summer.

Leaving the depot, my husband told me that his sister's family are the only folks, besides us, living in the valley. I thought I cannot stand it; I'll get homesick. I prayed God to keep me, my husband being off to work some days from morning till night, my little girl and self alone, no neighbors within four miles excepting his sister's family and she sick in bed.

Under these circumstances I felt the nearness of God and had sweet communion with him. I would think, Jesus and I alone. Some times I would become dissatisfied but would take up my Bible or the Visitor and read. In that way I would gain new courage and be happy again. I never read much in the church paper before I came to Utah, but under these circumstances I find it a great help to me, some times wishing it were larger. I find consolation in hearing of those who are from home—brethren, sisters, and others—for the cause of Christ, leaving friends, home, and even church associations.

My mind is drawn much after the missionaries since I am in Utah. I feel more than ever the need of missionary work being done since I see the work which is being done here, although every town has a Mormon church in it and other churches in some. Pleasant Grove has a Presbyterian church and a school in it. The population is over 3000, nearly all being Mormons or "Latter Day Saints" as they prefer to call themselves. Their way would not be safe for me although they claim to be God's chosen people and their glory in heaven will be brighter than that of any one else. That is what Joseph Smith, the founder of their church wrote. They believe in the book of Mormons, which he wrote, the same as we believe in the Bible.

Polygamy is quite common among the older people. Many of the heads of their church have two and three wives. I feel that a great work might be done here among these people by showing the light and leading them to God.

I like it real well here, but in March, when my husband's school closes, we will return to Goshen to the farm. We live in the same house with a Mormon family. They are nice, sociable people. The lady of the house said they are going to convert us to Mormonism. I said they could not do that as I have found "Jesus," and my home is with a people which are dear to me.

I invite Brethren coming this way to stop with us. May the Lord direct some this way. I praise God for his goodness and for his power to keep. I desire to become more consecrated to his will. He has a work yet for me to do and I pray that I may move at his bidding. I do pray that I may be cleansed from all iniquity so that I may have the assurance of a clean heart.

My earnest desire is after it. My earnest desire is for my husband who is yet unconverted. Your sister in Christ Jesus.

AMANDA PHILLIPPI.

Pleasant Grove, Utah, January 24, '97.

When I feel that I am become cold and indisposed to prayer, by reason of other business and thought, I take my psalter and run into my chamber, or, if day and season serve, into the church to the multitude and begin to repeat to myself—just as children use—the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and, as I have time, some sayings of Christ or of Paul, or some psalms. Therefore it is well to let prayer be the first employment in the early morning, and the last in the evening. Avoid diligently those false and deceptive thoughts which say, "Wait a little, and I will pray an hour hence; or, I must perform this or that." For, with such thoughts a man's quiet prayer for business, which lays hold of and entangles him, so that he becomes not to pray the whole day long—Martin Luther.
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An inquirer asks: "Could not some one inform us through the columns of the VISITOR how a man must be born of water?" Who will respond?

It awakens in us special gratitude when our needs are supplied from "we know not where" especially when it comes just on time, in answer to prayer. Praise His Name!

We will be pardoned for making a second call for back numbers of the VISITOR for May 1, 1896. We have in response to our first call received but one copy. Can you favor us? It will be a favor indeed.

Bro. Amos Burkholder has moved from our midst, leaving Abilene on the 9th inst., for Arizona where he and his family expect to make their future home. May they be as a "city set on a hill" in the Arizona mission.

As we go to press we are apprised of the death of H. M. Engle, (eldest brother to our father) of Marietta, Pa. As we are informed, his death occurred on the 7th inst., and funeral held on the 11th. Thus, one by one, death lays claim to those whom we have loved.

In the midst of an occasional unpleasantness we are cheered by the many words of commendation to our labors. We need not apologize for the defects noticeable in the work, especially to those who have known us from our youth. We move forward, however, with the consciousness that the work is the Lord's. We have no concern as to how long we shall labor in this capacity. To us it will suffice to know that we have done what we could and have had God's approval.

On the 28th and 29th of January it was the privilege of the people of Abilene to hear, during four sessions, some statements relative to Foreign Mission work. Miss Carrie Bates, of the Christian Alliance and who herself has spent seven years of practical work in India, made mention of some truths which may indeed be food for the thoughtful. We believe the lady to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and the simplicity of her bearing and self-sacrifice in the work carry force to the following statements and queries which we rehearse.

1. Among 208,000,000 Hindoos are to be found about 38,000,000 gods. 2. Much zeal is displayed in missions without actual knowledge of needs, privations, and preparations necessarily to be considered by prospective missionaries. 3. The true laborer is (a) emptied; (b) conscious of being a debtor.—Rom. 12:15. 4. Why did not God give this privilege to angels? 5. We must be true and tried at home if we would be of any use in a foreign field. 6. Do you pray for the heathen—in prayer-meetings? 7. Live churches in active work—where are they? 8. Scatter if you wish to gather. 9. Why do you not pray for the heathen? Are you really afraid God will send you?

WHO WILL GO!

SINCE our "appeal" in the VISITOR for foreign mission workers, we have had applications from east and west by such whom we believe to be worthy and are called of God to give themselves to the foreign work for which we praise the Lord. We feel hopeful that active work can be commenced this spring; and, since we believe the Lord has been speaking to other hearts, we earnestly entreat all who are called of God to send in your applications early that the committee can organize a band of workers and begin aggressive work as soon as possible and that there need be no delay. Even while we are writing, souls are perishing.

Who will go? Let no one disobey God. Give your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. Let no one think themselves unworthy if the Lord calls. Just submit yourself and if the Lord don't want you to go he will make it plain.

Those who can't give themselves and have offerings to give will please send their donations to Elder Jesse Engle, the committee's secre
tary who will keep a strict account of all monies received and pay over to the Treasurer. SAMUEL ZOOK, Treas.

CHURCH NEWS.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS.

CHICAGO MISSION.

Sewing School and Relief Department.

Report for month, January is as follows:

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ABILENE KANS.

THE meetings in Abilene have closed January 29 after a continuation of about four weeks. The last two evenings were occupied by addresses on the subject of "Missions" as elsewhere noted. We hope the enthusiasm for holiness will be manifested both in public life and in the secret chamber. We are sure some steps have been taken toward separation from sin. The test of our faith and God's power in us will come when emotion has subsided, in the cool of the day.

ARIZONA.

FROM Glendale, Ariz., under date of February 3:—I left my home on the 15th of January, going about 240 miles south to Vera, Ill., to assist Elder John A. Stump in holding a protracted meeting. When I arrived there he had closed the meetings and gone home on account of sickness in his family. Two made a start while Bro. Stump was there. We opened the meetings again on the 19th with a good interest and continued till the evening of the 31st. During this time six profess to be saved and quite a number are under deep conviction. We hope the good seed sown in weakness will yield a bountiful harvest.

* * * Sister Clara Mishler, of Vera, Ill., also writes:—According to previous arrangements, Elder John A. Stump from Nappanee and Bro. Joseph Hoover from southwestern Indiana came to this place the 28th of December and commenced a series of meetings at Alderson chapel meeting-house and continued three weeks. The brethren came full of the power of the Holy Spirit and worked earnestly for the unsaved. May The Lord richly reward them for their labor among us is my prayer.

We had considerable bad weather the people not being able to attend meetings regularly. Five arose for prayers. Two were truly converted—a man who claimed to be an unbeliever and his wife. They are very earnest in the cause. May they be faithful and let their light shine that they may be the means of bringing many more to Christ.

This is a new mission field and there is quite an interest awakened. If any of our ministering brethren travel through these parts, we would be very glad to have them stop with us. The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few. There are some very warm friends here. I think if the people here knew that we mean to establish a mission, there...
would be quite a number that would desire to go with us; and I pray that God may give the increase in his own time.

Dear brethren and sisters, I ask an interest in your prayers that we may walk carefully and be a bright and shining light to those around us so they can see that we have been with Christ and learned of him. Our Savior says we shall watch and pray for we know not the day nor the hour when the Son of man cometh. Some of us are far apart but we can converse together by writing.

“Brethren and sisters we must part
And to our calling go,
But let us still be one in heart
While we remain below.

“Below we soon may meet no more,
But we shall meet above
Where pains and partings are no more,
In the blest world of love.”

FROM THE FIELD.

ON OUR MISSION.

To the dear readers of the Visitor: We greet you in His name whose we are and whom we serve. “Bless the Lord oh my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name.”

Since our last writing we have had some blessed seasons. The meeting in the Brethren’s Meeting House at Graters Ford closed on Sunday night, the 10 ult. The Holy Ghost had been drawing the people so that the house has been well filled nearly every night excepting the first week. Never since it was built was it so crowded as on the night of the last meeting. Many of the dear saints were greatly helped to a fuller consecration and conception of the word of God. Many were led to see that the church has been too formal and has not been awake to the great command “Go ye.”

We found those here, as else-where, that are hungering after more of the fulness of the Holy Ghost baptism which we believe to be the great lack among many of our dear people. Many have been truly converted and have had a knowledge of sins forgiven, but have been living in the seventh chapter of Romans; many really believe that is the way to heaven, when their is defeat after defeat and little about victory through Jesus Christ our Lord as in the first clause of Rom. 7:25. Blessed be God that some one are having the victory while, sad to say, others become offended at the truth. The time has come when according to 2 Tim. 4:3 “They will not endure sound doctrine.” Oh that Zion may arise and shine.

After closing the meeting at Graters Ford, we held three meetings in the Masonic Hall building at the Trappe and three nights in the United Evangelical church. These meetings were not very largely attended; partly on account of other gatherings and partly on account of the weather not being favorable. There was no special demonstration of any results for good. But we gave them the Word and now leave it in the care of Him who said it shall not return void or unfruitful.

On Sunday morning, January 17, we met with the Brethren again in their meeting-house. This was our last service and was a blessed season for God’s children, especially the converts. We called it a kind of review of the meetings held, and encouraged all to prove all things and hold fast that which was good. May the Lord inspire the shepherds with Holy Ghost wisdom to feed the lambs upon the “sincere milk of the word” that they may grow thereby.

On Sunday afternoon we went, with others, to the Alms-house and preached the gospel to poor, which was a real feast to our souls. Those poor people seemed glad for the plain gospel. Some were quite broken up, and, when at the close we asked those who wanted prayers to hold up hands, many hands went up. May the Lord abundantly bless the service to those dear poor people.

On Sunday night we met, by request, with the Mennonite Brethren in Christ in their chapel at Graters Ford. We had blessed fellowship with those dear people. They seem earnest and are real self-sacrificing for Jesus’ and the gospel’s sake. There will be sweet memories with us and we trust with them of the blessed seasons we enjoyed together. May the Lord keep them humble and use them to the glory of God is our prayer.

All along the line of our work the Lord has through His children abundantly supplied all our need; and may he who hath said that a cup of cold water given to a disciple in the name of a disciple shall not be without its reward, reward each in the resurrection of the just.

Then it will be said, “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” Blessed hope to the faithful few!

After leaving Graters Ford on January 18, we went to Philadelphia and spent one day and night with Bro. P. Stover and others. On Tuesday we went to visit Bro. D. Keepors near Gradyville, where we had two appointments.

On the 21st we came to Annville, Pa., where we engaged in a meeting in the Brethren’s M. H. as previously arranged. Here the meetings have been well attended during favorable weather. Many of the dear saints have been greatly encouraged.

We are holding up a pure gospel—Christ our Savior, Sanctifier,
Healer, and coming Lord. The church here as in many other places needs waking up on the line of full consecration and missions. To the praise of God we can say that some are getting the light. May the Lord speed the day when Zion will be fully aroused to her duty and privileges. Amen! Yours in the war for souls. NOAH ZOOK.


FROM CORRESPONDENTS.

This department is introduced in order to encourage all who will to write. Have you something which will benefit the reader? Send it to us and we will use what we may think profitable.

Writing on “purity of the marriage relation,” H. Hanson of Pasadena, Cal., says: All the dangers of life ought have been taught us in our childhood and youth at home or at school. We find out when to late that our preachers, parents, and teachers have kept hid from our innocent feet the dangerous pitfalls of hell. God’s design in instituting the marriage relation was purely and not defilement.—Heb. 13:4. Children are an heritage of God (Ps. 127:3) when begotten in his order. They have a maternal right to purity and health.

R. J. Laurer says: Meditating on Christ’s ascension I was led to think on the “Higher Life.” Some say they will not come down and give up all in order to enjoy this boon. God is so very willing to lift us up above the permissible things of earth into “lasting pleasures.” Seeing all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Let us build only on the things which will stand. He that humbles himself shall be exalted and he that exalteth himself shall be abased. How true that if we try to make ourselves appear to be more than God designs us to be, he will take ways to humilinute us. Christ the Bridegroom must be grieved to see his children unwilling to accept the good things he has offered to them freely. * The church is to day flirting with the world; it participates in what some call innocent amusements. “A city that is set on a hill cannot hide the light. The world cannot see that we have enjoyment in Christ if we pretend to find enjoyment in that which sinners enjoy. May God awaken us so that we may be found in Christ’s vineyard when he shall come.

Sister Hettie E. Pritz, of Harrisburg, Pa., writes: I feel so thankful to God to-day that he did not give me rest until I gave my heart to him even while I was yet in my youth. My heart is often made sad when I see old people who are without Jesus, and many wait until it is too late. I sometimes think if I had not given up in my youth it would be with me as with other aged people to-day. I cannot be thankful enough for this that I turned to God early, when only seventeen years old. I purpose to hold on to God, by his grace, even to death. * I had a very hard road to travel when I started, even having to leave father and mother. I cannot tell you how hard a struggle it was, but the Bible says that we must forsake even father and mother if necessary for his sake; and I had a real test of it. * I want to wear a crown and I know I can if I walk close with God and give my all for Jesus. But it takes watching and praying continually. * Now a word to the young. If you meet with trials and troubles then “cast your cares on Jesus and don’t forget to pray” for he is our only helper. Our daughter, Estella, before she died, used to speak to the young and tell them not to put religion by nor wait until on their sick-bed. Although she was only eleven years old, yet God showed to her what sin was even convicting her of pride. She expressed a desire to be a missionary and I think God certainly did allow her to be a missionary indeed. * I desire to be a missionary in my own home and neighborhood and do well the work which God has for me to do. Will you all pray that the Lord may continue to lead and that I may continue to follow in the narrow way.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

KEEP YOUR CONSCIENCE CLEAR.

EXPERIENCE teaches us that to keep the conscience clear, gives us peace, contentment, and all that tends to make life worth living and gives to death the sweetness which only the true child of God can hope for. To be perfected more in our thoughts, action, and walk in life, requires watching and praying continually. Our thoughts must be directed by thinking upon something that is beneficial and elevating. Our actions show very plainly oftentimes what our thoughts are, and will either leave us with a guilty conscience, or as Paul said to the governor, “Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and men.”—Acts 24:16.

How often we find so-called Christians who belong to the church and allow some sin to separate between them and their God. Such will, after being pardoned from their former sins, live for years with a condemned conscience, and probably meet their eternal doom in this condition. If we fail in one, we are guilty of the whole law.

The child of God on the other hand is just the reverse, having peace, happiness, and such qualities which we cannot fail to see and feel the effects thereof in the community.
where he or she resides. Let us each fill our callings in such a way that our minds will be free, and we may be permitted to hear that saying, "Well done thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

For the Evangelical Visitor.

FROM JAPAN.

DEARLY Beloved:—"Praise ye the Lord. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise Him, O ye servants of the Lord; for he is good." It is now almost a year since we arrived upon the shores of Japan. As we look back over the past, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise for the goodness of the Lord to us. It has been the best year of our lives. All glory to Jesus! We have been led by the good Shepherd out into the green pastures of His Word, and beside the still waters of life. Our souls have also been basking themselves in the sunlight of His righteousness and we feel to exclaim with the Psalmist, "Oh taste and see that the Lord is good." Blessed be his holy name!

By this we do not mean to say that we have had a time of ease and comfort, because we have had our trials and tests, but we praise the Lord for them all because we have the promise that, "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The greatest test we have had to pass through has been the falling back to the world of our spiritual children. Some have gone back to their idols, and some to their former pleasures and habits. But there are a few that are still standing true and are making progress in the new life. We have the faith that the stray ones will be brought back into the fold again. We ask our dear readers to help pray for them.

At present we teach only in the one police station and have a class of about eighteen. Whether we shall teach in the other station again we do not know as it has not yet opened. Our night and day schools are attended with much interest. We do not neglect to give them the Word and are expecting great results.

The mission in the Japanese part of the town has been moved. The place where it is now situated will enable us to reach a greater number of the people than before. The longer we stay in this darkened land, the more do we see the needs of the people. One might think, because of our seeing the condition of this people continually, we would become so accustomed to them as to lose our concern for them. But it is not so. Instead of our burden decreasing for them it seems to be increasing. We are looking to the Lord for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon all people in this town, such as their never has been before, and we believe that it is coming. Amen.

Dear reader, do you ever think of what you can do for the lost souls? Are you doing all that you can do? Are you with-holding, or are you giving of your substance? When Jesus comes would he say to you, "Well done good and faithful servant."

"Shall we not send to them Bibles to read, Teachers, and preachers, and all that they need? Pity them, pity them, Christian at home. Hasten with the bread of life, hasten and see that the Lord is good."

D. W. ZOOK.

Yokohama, Japan, Jan. 18, 1897.

BURDEN BEARING.

"Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."—Gal. 6:7.

LOOK at the poor pilgrim, bending beneath his burden, unaided, unpitied, and alone, almost pressed to the earth. He would fain have given up his journey. His heart was sick within him; his bones were wearied. He thought he would lay himself down and die. But before he sank under the pressure, he saw some friends coming to him.

He now endeavors to hold out a little longer. Presently they arrive and give him a friendly salutation. They do not, like the Levite, pass by on the other side. At once they hasten to his relief. Each one puts his shoulder to the burden. Now it is lighter. The poor man draws breath and they encourage him with kind words, but still more with their efficient help. Nor do they leave him till he arrives at the end of his journey.

This is a good emblem of brotherly kindness. The burdened pilgrim represents the Christian travelling on in the path of duty, bearing affliction and contempt. Afflictions, such as are common to men, press heavily upon him.

Contempt and tribulation, peculiar to those who will live godly in Christ Jesus, almost overwhelm him. His soul is among lions. He is ready to sink beneath his burden. His head is sick—his heart is faint. He says, I shall one day fall by my enemies. I may as well give up first as last.

Just now some Christian brethren hearing of his circumstances call upon him, find out his trouble, and immediately propose to help him. They furnish him with pecuniary aid, assist him with their prayers and counsels, and being disciples of Jesus, they resolve to bear a part of the reproach of Christ. They unite with their afflicted brother in stemming the torrent of wickedness that runs down the streets and in advocating the kingdom of God on the earth. All this sympathy and aid makes a new man of him. He again lifts up his head and goes on his way rejoicing. The blessed redeemer established his cross on the earth as the rallying point for all hearts that, being softened there by divine love, they might be united to God, and, being divested there of all selfishness, they might be united to each other in the bonds of a holy, loving brotherhood.

"A new commandment," said the Savior, "give I unto you that ye love one another." Thence the words of the apostle, "Bear ye one another's burdens." Even under the Jewish dispensation it was ordained that, "If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, thou shalt surely help him." How much better is a man than a beast? And compared with the Jews, how much more powerful is the weight of the Christian's obligation?—Sol.
WHICH IS THE HEATHEN?

If you before dumb idols bow,
And do the best that you know how,
While I, indifferent, take my ease,
Neglect your soul myself to please,
Then when "I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep."
To solve this question let us try:
Which is the heathen, you or I?

—Messiah's Herald.

"In Unganda there are already one hundred native evangelists supported by the contributions of the people. The spirit of self support is growing in all the mission fields."

The heathen are lost. This is the teaching of the Scripture. Nevertheless men and women who claim to have entered under the covenant of Blood will ask, "Are the heathen lost?" But the question for us to ask, is not whether the heathen can be saved without the "gospel, but whether we can be saved without sending it to them, since it is so clearly made our duty to do so in God's Word.

Talk of woman's sphere and limit her work if you can. When it comes to the question of the day, namely, How shall we carry the Gospel to the heathen? the weaker vessel has the stronger representation among those who are practically interested in these matters. It has been said, and we believe by good authority, that woman has one thousand more representatives in foreign fields than man. No less than 2,500 unmarried women missionaries are at the present time in foreign countries.

A peculiar people are the Araucanians, of South America. They are an Indian tribe which inhabits the forests of Chili. As simple children of nature, they yet rise to the sublimity of a belief in a Creator. They make no public prayers: have no religious ceremonies, domestic idols, or charms, hence need no religious leaders or priests. For more than 300 years the unavailing efforts of Jesuits and Roman Catholics have been expended upon them. Gorgeous ceremonies, innumerable saints, and vain superstitions are distasteful to them; but a mission worker among them states that they relish the simple truths of the gospel and are desirous to learn more of the Creator in whom they believe.

In writing to The Gospel Messenger from Bulsar, India, W. B. Stover says: * * * Some days ago I asked a Hindoo, who has learned a great deal about Christ, and who is much with us, what he would say if Jesus should come suddenly before him and say, "Mention what you wish and you shall have it." He replied simply: "I wouldn't say anything. It would be enough to see Him." * * *

We were eating some native food, in a native home, which the people had prepared for us in their village. They said, "Eat it all." We could not. They said, "Eat it. We cannot use it. That would be sin to us." So they fed to the dogs what we could not eat. To take back any part of food given to any one is counted sin. * * * We always try to maintain the even tenor of our way,—never elated, never discouraged. If, when prospects are bright, and good news is afloat, we feel elated, and so very confident, we may get disappointed. If, when nothing, apparently, is going in the direction it ought to go, we become downcast, it seems a little like forgetting God, for, after all, the work is not ours, but God's; we are not our own, but God's. * * *
OUR YOUTH.

CHARACTER IS MORE THAN REPUTATION.

“But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.”—Prov. 4:18.

MAN’S MOTTO.

The vain man’s motto is, Win gold wear it.
The miser’s motto is, Win gold and spare it.
The kind man’s motto is, Win gold and share it.
The prodigal’s motto is, Win gold and spend it.
The usurer’s motto is, Win gold and lend it.
The wise man’s motto is, Win gold and give it.
The Christian’s motto is, Be gold and live it.

A FEW CLEAR THINGS.

It is very clear that if I never drink intoxicating liquors I shall never become a drunkard.

It is very clear that if I never use intoxicating drink I shall never be guilty of helping to make others drunkards.

It is very clear that if I never go into drinking companies, I shall escape many of the temptations and snares that are laid for the young.

It is very clear that if I drink intoxicating liquor frequently, I may learn to like it, and so become a drunkard.

It is very clear that all drunkards were once moderate drinkers, and only became drunkards by degrees.

It is very clear that moderate drinking is the fountain from which all drunkenness flows, the school in which all drunkards are trained.

It is very clear that if there were no moderate drinking there would be no drunkenness.

It is very clear that if the drunkard would be reclaimed he must abstain from that which has made and that which keeps him a drunkard.

AN EXACT MAN.

On this topic the Teacher and Student gives the following thoughts:

“Writing makes an exact man” says Bacon, and this is what we need in this superficial age. Too many men, and women too, have a confused knowledge of a great many things but an exact knowledge of nothing. The contents of books are to them but a medley of names, dates and incidents, are but a confused mass of facts which benefit neither the possessor nor any one else. In no way can the student or general reader gain such perfect control of his knowledge as by writing.

In no way can he fix facts, gleaned either from reading or observation, so perfectly as by classifying them in his note book for future use. He does not fully grasp a thought unless he can write it in his own language. Knowledge can scarce be called knowledge unless it be exact.

It is an excellent plan to write a little every day on some subject. It may be only one or two hundred words, but if it is regularly and systematically continued for a year or even six months, the benefit will be incalculable. The most trivial incidents of one’s daily life, will, if properly considered, furnish material, and we shall soon be surprised to find how rapidly our thoughts mature and how soon we come to have more definite and fixed views of life, of its aims and purposes.

FAMOUS BOYS.

A SWEDISH boy fell out of a window and was severely hurt, but with clenched lips he kept back the cry of pain. The King Gustavus Adolphus, who saw the fall, prophesied that that boy would make a man for an emergency; and so he did, for he became the famous General Baner.

A woman fell off the dock in Ttaly. She was fat and frightened. No one of the crowd of men dared to jump in after her; but a boy struck the water almost as soon as she, and managed to keep her up until stronger arms got hold of her.

Everybody said the boy was very daring, very kind, very quick, but also very reckless, for he might have been drowned. The boy was Gari-baldi, and if you will read his life you will find these were just his traits all through—that he was so alert that nobody could tell when he would make an attack with his red-shirted soldiers; so indiscreet sometimes as to make his fellow-patriots wish he was in Guinea, but also so brave and magnanimous that all the world, except tyrants, loved to hear and talk about him.

A boy used to crush the flowers to get their color, and painted the white side of his father’s cottage in Tyrol with all sorts of pictures, which the mountaineers gazed at as wonderful. He was the great artist, Titian.

An old painter watched a little fellow who amused himself making drawings of his pot and brushes, easel, and stool, and said: “that boy will beat me some day.” So he did for he was Michael Angelo.

A German boy was reading a blood-and-thunder novel. Right in the midst of it he said to himself: “Now, this will never do. I get too much excited over it. I can’t study so well after it. So here goes!” and he flung the book out into the river.

He was Fichte, the great German Philosopher.—Gospel Banner.

“Don’t mortify any of your home people by repeating their mistakes, talking of their high temper or any failings they may have. These should be secrets that should be well guarded.”

“Every one has a tongue, one each only; two eyes—see all you can; two ears—hear all you can; one tongue—hear and see as much as you talk.”

The world is God’s world, and all the nobleness in it is for those who can find and feel it.—Mrs. Whitney.

A FEW USEFUL THINGS.

1. If you find a book lying about, pick it up and read it.
2. If you see a book lying about, pick it up and read it. It will be found to have wonderful things in it.
3. If you find a pen lying about, pick it up and write something. It will be found to have wonderful things in it.
4. If you see a pen lying about, pick it up and write something. It will be found to have wonderful things in it.
HEALTH AND HOME.

“That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.”—Psalm 114:12.

BE KIND AT HOME.

Reserve your best smile deep down in your heart.
When you with acquaintances roam,
And when you have done with the world’s busy mart,
Go lavish them freely at home.
And when you have done with the world’s corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace. Reserve your best smile deep down in your heart; that our daughters may be as cherished sweet love, for life’s joys are so fleeting.

WHAT NOT TO DO AT HOME.

Those, who in their home life are well supplied with the following negative virtues mentioned by Good Housekeeping, are far on the road to a happy home.

Don’t fret. Fretting irritates and annoys listeners, without bringing comfort or cheer to the fretter. Don’t fret.

Don’t talebear. Talebearing is not apt to bear good fruit, the product too often being unhealthy, specky and rotten. Don’t talebear.

Don’t grumble. Whatever else you do don’t grumble, unless you really have something worth grumbling about, and even then don’t spin your grumblings out interminably. Don’t grumble.

Don’t talk unduly. There is a time to talk, as decidedly as there is a “time to laugh” and a “time to cry.” Don’t talk unless you have something to say worth talking about. Don’t talk unduly.—Ex.

BE CHEERFUL.

A New Exchange gives the following bit of sensible advice:

It is trite advice to tell women to take each day as it comes, to avoid remorse over what is done and forebodings over what is to come, but it is no less valuable advice. Nervous prostration is seldom the result of present trouble or work, but of work and trouble anticipated. Mental exhaustion comes to those who look ahead and climb mountains before they arrive at them. Resolutely build a wall about to-day and live within the enclosure. The past may have been hard, sad or wrong.

It is over. The future may be like the past, but the woman who worries about it may not live to meet it. If she does she will bear it. The only thing with which she should concern herself is today, its sunshine, its air, its friends, its wholesome work, and, perhaps, its necessary sorrow.

THE BENEFITS OF EARLY RISING.

The New York Ledger says:

It was once laid down by a celebrated writer and historian that the difference between rising at five and seven in the morning for the space of forty years, supposing a man to go to bed at the same hour every night, is equivalent to the addition of ten years to the life. This consideration should carry very great weight, and be sufficient to induce those who have not hitherto practiced this habit to commence to do so, more especially the people who are always complaining that life is not long enough for them to transact all the work that they have to perform. There is much foundation for their complaint if they persist in wasting so many valuable hours of the day in bed. The advantages and benefits of early rising cannot be overestimated; in fact, the early hours of the morning the brain is clearer and more ready for work, and after a night’s sleep we should be ready to attack the work of the day.

LET US STOP TO THINK.

Let us stop to think of the good-bye kiss. Better miss a car than to leave a heartache.

Let us stop to think of the children. We, too, were children once, and loved to be remembered. Let us stop to think of the aged. For us, too, the evening shadows will close at length and we shall, perchance, be left at desolate hearth-stones. We shall need to be remembered then.

Let us stop to think of the stranger.

We, too, have been alone, and have needed the touch of a kindly hand upon our lives, and many a life has gone out in the blackness or darkness for the lack of such a touch as anyone of us might have given.

Let us stop to think of God and the future. At best the time is short and the end is near. And when it shall come blessed will be he whom the entrance upon another life will be but the realization of dear familiar dreams, the consummation of a life time of longings.

Let us stop to think. If there be any virtue, if there be any praise, let us stop to think upon these things.—The Lookout.

“A man too busy to take care of his health is like a mechanic too busy to take care of his tools.”
"Ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?"

It is said that the French people are about to appropriate $20,000,000 for the increase of their navy.

Mr. Moody has been charged with "lowering the pulpit" by dealing too plainly with some of the "sins of the age." We joy that one man bears that mark.

In discussing the producing causes of the recent crises through which the country is passing, Hon. Carroll D. Wright of the Catholic University at Washington says the general tendency to speculation and individual extravagance are the chief elements.

The Rubonic plague of Bombay is said by the best European medical authorities to be the same which, in 1720, slew nearly one-half of the inhabitants of Marseilles, France. Under existing conditions it is thought a small evil if it does not spread over entire India.

An Exchange in commenting on the expenditures of this nation for various articles gives these figures: Liquor, $1,000,000,000; meat, $975,000,000; tobacco, $825,000,000; flour, $570,000,000; public education, $175,000,000; all church expenses, $150,000,000; foreign missions, $7,000,000.

"The cureful law in a number of large cities is said to be accomplishing good results. It is likely to be tried in other cities. It is stated in St. Louis its enforcement in a few weeks reduced the arrests for disorderly conduct and truancy seventy-five per cent. Such a law is in the interest of good order, sobriety, and religion."

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Our times.

WENGER.—Died, in North Franklin Co., Pa., January 8, 1897, Bro. Henry H. Wenger, aged 70 years, 1 month, and 23 days. His disease was heart-failure. He was conscious to the end and passed peacefully away. He leaves a wife and five children—three sons and two daughters—to mourn their loss.

PENCIL.—Died, near North Hampton, Clark Co., Ohio, January 27, 1897, Sister Christena Pencil, aged 42 years, 11 months, and 1 day. She united with the M. E. church in 1876 and in 1894 she united with the Brethren in Christ. She was a faithful and devoted Christian. Her sickness was quick consumption. She bore her pain with Christian resignation, praising God in her expiring moments. She leaves a sorrowing husband, three brothers, and two sisters to mourn her loss. Funeral services were conducted at the Maple Grove meeting house by Elder J. W. Wenger and A. M. Eichel. Text Psalm 17:15. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

CAIRNS.—Died, near Industry in North Dickinson Co., N. S., February 4, 1897, William, son of Brother and Sister Robert Cairns, aged 28 years, 19 months, and 1 day. The circumstances connected with his death are very sad. While out with a rifle hunting the deadly weapon was accidentally discharged while in his hands, the ball entered his forehead between his eyes and lodged in the back part of his skull. Strange as it may seem, he lived about three hours after it happened and was conscious, giving an account of the occurrence. He was a man of good reputation but made no profession of religion. Funeral services conducted by Bro. Samuel Haugh and David Brechbill on the 7th inst., at the Bethel church and largely attended by many sympathizing friends. Father, mother, and 12 brothers and sisters left to mourn their loss. Text Matt. 24:41. Interment in the adjoining cemetery.

LESHER.—Died, near Abilene, Kansas, February 10, 1897, at the home of her son-in-law, Bro. John D. Pyke, Sister Leab Lesher, aged 73 years, 10 months, and 10 days. The subject of this notice came from Franklin, Pa., on the 31st of July last to stay with her daughter, Sister Anna Pyke, where she had her home up to the time of her death. Her maiden name was Solieus and was married to Bro. Jacob Lesher who preceded her to rest about 10 years ago. She leaves three children: Elder Abraham a, Bro. Christ Lesher of near Greencastle, Pa., and Sister Anna Pyke near Abilene, Kansas. She was a member of the Brethren church for about 35 years, was always considered a consistent Christian and a devoted mother. Her last illness was pneumonia. She suffered much which she bore with Christian patience. Her end was peaceful. Funeral services were held at the home of Bro. Pyke on the morning of the 11th inst., and her remains taken to Green­castle, Pa., her former home.

BRENNEMAN.—Died, in Strasburg township, Lancaster, county Pa., January 6, 1897, John Breneman, aged 86 years, 8 months, and 28 days. Bro. Breneman was confined to the house for about three months previous to his death from the result of a fracture of an ankle bone. Previous to this mishap he was so well preserved, that, like Moses, his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. On the day of his death, in company with Bro. S. E. Graybill, he attended the funeral of an old friend near home where he was pro-strated from heart failure. He was brought home, and, with the setting sun, passed away. Bro. Breneman was connected with the church of the "Brethren in Christ" about fifty years. Forty years of this time was spent in the ministry. To his family he was an affectionate father. In the community a pious citizen. In the church a consistent brother. A widow and five children survive. Funeral services were held on the 9th at his late residence with a fair attendance. The service was conducted by Elder Henry Heisey, J. N. Martin, and C. B. Miller. Text Rev. 11:12, 13. Interment at the New Providence cemetery.