HUMILITY.

Humility is one of the most excellent graces of the Spirit we can ever value its worth too highly nor can we do too much to gain possession of it. But, praise God, it is attainable and no one need be without it. Yea we must all as children of God have it, even be clothed with the same.

No one can get salvation without having some humility. The sinner must humble himself and be willing to confess his sinfulness, his wrongs and his helpless condition. If he is too proud to do this he can not get saved. But by humbling himself he can soon be in that blessed condition where he can claim Jesus as his Savior. To keep saved he must be humble. "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord so walk ye in Him."—Col. 2:6. Only by meeting the conditions day by day will we keep saved. The one that was in sin is now gloriously saved, he is justified and all the past is under the precious blood, yet as we know there is the sinful nature to be contended with. We are therefore commanded to go on to perfection, to seek a pure heart that is free from all sin, lust, pride and all vice we must be humble. We may outwardly appear humble and yet have a big self in us. O let us get rid of our vanity, our love of sin or pride or flattery and have no inclination to glory in our own work but glory in Jesus who has done so much for us. The person thus saved is in a humble condition. Christ is all and in all. He is nothing in his own sight. He feels his littleness and sees God's greatness and will be full of gratitude and praise. He will make his boast only in the Lord and as the humble hear thereof they are made glad. This is the condition of a truly sanctified soul. Praise be to our God.

My Brethren let us never stop seeking this heavenly dove humility. Let us say with David, "I will yet be more humble in mine own sight," and with John the Baptist, "He must increase and I must decrease." If we would make sure steps heavenward we must be humble. If we want to be used in the Lord's service we must be humble. We may outwardly appear humble and yet have a big self in us. O let us get out of self. God has no use for self. Let us examine ourselves, each one for himself. Let us pray much that the Lord may send us, so we may be able to do our work as He wants us to do it.

Your Brother, trusting in Jesus.

PETER REIST.

Breslau, Ont.

We went to Bethlehem,
But found the Babe was gone,
The manger empty and alone.

"And whither has He fled?"

"To calvary," they said,
"To suffer in our stead."

We went to Calvary,
But found the Sufferer gone,
The place all dark and lone.

"Whither?" we asked,
"Into the heavens," they said,
"Up to the throne,
For us to intercede."

So then to heaven we'll go;
The Babe is not below.
HIGHER GROUND.

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I onward bound,
"Lord plant my feet on higher ground."

CHORUS.

Lord lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on heaven's table land;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Tho' some may dwell where these abound,
My pray'r, my aim is higher ground.

I want to live above the world,
The higher planes where God's delights are found;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.

I want to scale the utmost height,
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I pray till heaven I've found,
"Lord lead me on to higher ground."

—Selected by C. A. Myers.

For the EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

IN THE August 15 number of the VISITOR we had a little study in the 17th chapter of 1 Samuel. Will our readers please open their Bibles at this same wonderful chapter again while we take another look. This time we want to look at the three victories recorded in the chapter, and the training that led up to these. Perhaps we have all thought most of the victory over Goliath. This is so prominent and we are so much taken up with that which makes a show that we have missed the others without which the history made that day would read quite different.

1. DAVID'S VICTORY OVER HIMSELF.

In verses 25 and 29 we have this victory recorded. That provoking elder brother was in a bad humor that day. Big fellows like Eliab have feelings and to have them insulted as Eliab and the whole lot of big fellows in the Israelite army had by a bigger fellow jeering them and bantering them to a single-handed fight when they were afraid is very apt to arouse bad feelings. Eliab was afraid to let out his anger on Goliath but there was David. He was a little fellow and it was perfectly safe and so Eliab's answer to David's eager questioning was not a soft one. A good many big brothers and big sisters I know and some I don't know could find a first-class description of their treatment of the smaller brother or sister in these verses if they knew how to rightly divide truth. It was a splendid chance for David to try his hand at repartee. That is what most little brothers and sisters try. He might have said a lot of caustic, cutting, hurting, sharp things to his brother. There was abundant provocation but David had learned that "A soft answer turneth away wrath." (Prov. 15:1) and he gave the soft answer turned away and controlled himself. See Prov. 16:32. Beloved, it is a great thing to keep cool. It is not a small matter to be able to meet a provocation like that and not have the strings of our nerves all snapped and torn that it will take days to fix up. Had David failed in this first victory over himself he could never have sent that pebble to the right place to make the victory over Goliath sure. Many a preacher has fired many a sermon to the winds because somewhere between the Sundays he lost control over himself. Many a Sunday school teacher teaches (?) in vain because of an uncontrolled self. Many a parent prays in vain for the conversion of children because of the unconquered self that is the constant cause of their defeats and heartaches. Never mind about Goliath. He can wait. When you have conquered yourself it will be an easy matter to dispatch him.

2. DAVID'S VICTORY OVER CUSTOM.

Like multitudes since, David started out to do battle in the approved fashion of the times. Sword must be met with sword whether it is God's way or not. Because other people do that we will too. Oh stop to consider how many times God won victories entirely contrary to the world's and the school's way of thinking and doing. No, David cannot fight in Saul's armor and you Christian cannot fight or work for God in the most approved fashion of modern science and evangelism, or reformism, but when you get close enough to God to let Him have His way with you and lay aside all notions of propriety or worldly or churchly wisdom then God can use you. Such simple things as hours spent alone with God in prayer, a life in our daily intercourse with men that confirms the Gospel, a heart yearning with the love of God, a quiet, sweet-voiced, and sweet-spirited testimony for Christ, a fearless stand for the right though it take your life, or your reputation, or your friends or your churchianity. The simplicity or foolishness of preaching are greater factors in the battle with sin than all the elaborate machinery of modern ecclesiasticism, great piles of stone and mortar and such like perishables, ornate music, oratory, the strong arm of the law and a host of things I might mention that we are constantly depending upon. David was trapped for a little while like many of us. But he won the victory. He came back and confessed that he could not fight in these and then with the talent that God had given him; a left-handed Benjamite's sling and he goes forth to conquer.

3. DAVID'S VICTORY OVER GOLIATH.

Notice the care with which he prepares. See verse 40.

There are no trifles in the service of God. That little visit to the brook (to the book for you and me) proved to be David's visit to God's armory where his equipment, began to be completed. See verse 40.

Again notice the abundance of power. Five stones to kill a giant when only one was needed. God is never exhausted. God and David could have killed 4 more giants if there had been that many and no doubt there were plenty more stones in the brook.

How different this is from our little life when we seem to be constantly just getting through. Oh these defeat victories dishonor God. He is able to lead us in every conflict with plenty to spare.

Note again David's confidence. Verses 45-47 have a ring of confidence that every child of God should have in every hour of conflict with sin.

Say, brother, if you are led of God to pray for the overthrow of some stronghold of Satan that is
menacing the souls of God's little ones and dishonoring God and His Christ go at it in the confidence of David. Victory is certain if you will walk with God. John 15:7. Oh that I might inspire our hearts to confident testimony for God for His glory and for the defeat of the enemy. We honor God by believing His Word and acting upon that faith.

Again notice David's activity. His armor complete, his challenge given, he is up and at him. There is a time to pray and a time to wait and a time to go forward. Mind you go with the right armour but go.

Note again that the victory is easy. A stone, a sling and the opponent's sword do the work. Things are easy when the battle is the Lord's. The victory is greater than expected.

4. DAVID'S PREPARATION FOR THE VICTORIES.

Let no one fondly imagine that such victories like these are just waiting for each one to tumble into. They are waiting but only to those who are trained in God's school. The followers of Saul trembled in their boots. It was a day of shaking and quaking and fear for them. But for a David who had been in the desert with God and there was trained to kill lions and bears and to conquer himself and to abide God's time, there was no fear but a clean walk over every foe that presented itself. Hallelujah.

Beloved the lesson is this. Alone with God. The closet communion and training. The open Bible. A course of knowledge when no one sees. Matt. 6:6. That is what leads on to victory. You will never conquer yourself, much less the other foes until you know what it is to spend time alone with God, in prayer and in the study of the BOOK. If I can stir up your heart to a desire for great victories like David won I have accomplished something in writing, but I have accomplished more if in your desire for those victories you will get the closet training. The Bible and the Bible alone can fit you for victories. The reason Christians have no power over themselves and of course none over others is because of their neglect of God's Word and of prayer communion. Keeping sheep is a humble occupation but it made a better soldier of David than training in Saul's Godless army did for David's brothers, (there was no mention of God or altar until David came.) Oh ye who read this make your covenant with God and keep it for your life that you will spend hours each day over the Word and in communion. This may mean more early rising. It may be done in part while at some kinds of work. It may mean less eating, less gossiping, less loafing. It may mean less work. But it will mean more done. David did more in an hour than all the army had done in 40 days or more. So will you.

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For the Evangelical Visitor.

THE LORD SAVES.

I am working in the country for a few weeks. I was here last summer, when shortly before leaving I sowed a piece of ground with lettuce. My boss was very sick then and had as my pocket. He simply said, "get out." The friends and relatives with whom I used to associate scolded me and told me to get out, that I was no good although some of them had helped to get me where I was; they would not even talk with me. I called on doctors for help, and took medicine all to no avail. I went from bad to worse, and drifted into the slums, and there, as already stated, I heard of Jesus. That was something wonderful. I had heard of Jesus before but never as I did then, for it was all plain and true. I got a longing to know more about Jesus, and after about three weeks of hard struggling I had the complete victory over the devil through the blood of the Lamb. Glory to God forever. It seems the devil had me in his power and tried in every way to keep me in his shackles, but the Lord only knew how sincere I was.

When I finally did overcome by the blood of the Lamb my former associates said, "it is really too bad, the poor fellow has gone crazy now." But you know I was glad of that. Even the desire for strong drink had completely gone, neither did I have any more desire for tobacco. The dear Lord showed me plainly that it was wrong to smoke, in fact, all things had already become new to me. The old things had passed away, which I know of a truth. Once I used to swear now I sing praises unto God and who shall hinder me? Have I not a right to do so? Once life seemed to be a burden to me; now it is joy, even to running over. Blessed be the Lord, my God and my Savior. It is flowing like a river of pure sparkling water. Vainly did I seek to satisfy the cravings and longings of worldly lusts and pleasures, and now they are dead to me for I have a joy and peace which passeth all understanding. I cannot speak out all its goodness, can only say, "Come and see" for yourself. And when there is something wrong we can tell it to Jesus our best friend; He will make it all right again.

I am working in the country for a few weeks. I was here last summer, when shortly before leaving I sowed a piece of ground with lettuce. My boss was very sick then and had given me charge of his place to a certain extent. When I sowed I asked God to cause it to grow abund-
antity; that it may produce a hundred-fold. When my boss was better again and able to be round he sowed the seed right, in fact, all was wrong. As I had done the very best I knew you may know how I felt about it. At the end of the piece of ground some large burdocks were growing. It was there that I had knelt and asked God to bless the work, and there I again went, and with tears rolling down over my cheeks I cried to the Lord more earnestly than I had ever done before. I told Jesus all about it and asked Him to put the ungodly to shame, that His name might be glorified, and with that left it all to Him who controls all things. Shortly afterwards I left and did not return as I got work in the city. About two weeks ago the same boss sent for me and I am now working for him. The first half-day I worked he told me about the piece of lettuce I sowed for him. It was the best he ever saw or that anyone ever raised in this neighborhood. It brought him one hundred and fifty dollars. The ground covered about one-third of an acre. Blessed be the Name of the Lord, surely an hundred-fold. I told him that I had prayed to the Lord to let it grow in abundance. He said, “Well, the weather was very favorable.” However that may be, I say the Lord was favorable. It was not the weather, but the Lord, that answered my prayer. Bless the Lord. How is it with you my brother and sister? Do you give God the glory or the weather or your friends? How is it with you who know not Jesus? Do you glory in your money or earthly riches? You drunkard, do you glory in your drunkenness? I say turn away from sin, flee from the wrath to come, and return unto the Lord and He will have mercy on you, and to our God for He will abundantly pardon. Learn of Jesus and all you do, do to the honor and glory of God, and He will guide you into all truth by His Spirit, and when you call on Him He will hear you, (I know of what I speak) and pour such blessing upon you that you cannot contain the same, and you will be filled with praises to Him Who died for you and me and for all. Pray for me.

Your Brother in Christ Jesus.

JOHN BOCK.

Buffalo, N.Y. July 21, 1901.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

PROVING THE WILL OF GOD.

How many Christians fail to understand God’s dealings because they have not renounced their thoughts, and therefore cannot in heart say, “How precious are thy thoughts unto me, O God?” Psa. 139:17 Let us see then, the steps that lead to that intimate knowledge and understanding of God, which will usher us into a life of unbroken communion in the circumstances of daily pressure and need. They are three—1 Presentation, 2 Transformation, 3 Proving.

1. “Present your bodies.”

The apostle is not speaking of the surrender of the heart here, but of the yielding up of the outward members and life to God’s use. When we come to Christ it is to receive life, when we come to the altar it is to present, as those who are “alive from the dead,” constrained by the mercies of God, offering up the whole being as a living sacrifice, and a living sacrifice can only mean a life that is lived at the expense of the offerer, not in ease and self-pleasing, but wholly yielded and at the disposal of God.

I speak to those who have not done this, for all Christians have not presented themselves: all had not in the church at Rome, hence Paul presses home this sacrifice upon them “beseechingly.” And it is here that the practical issue is worked out, and in the working out arise most of our troubles and conflicts. For we come to this consecration with an unconscious reserve of thought built up in past years, opinions and ideas shaped from our standpoint and way of thinking. While out goal is “to prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” A proving which inevitably can come only through the renewing of our mind.

What is it to prove a will? Is it not to make it public, to try, and test it, and finally to accept it as genuine? thus fully proved, and to the hilt, we shall not question its force. But let us bear in mind that only those who have presented themselves to God can go on to prove His will.

Although to prove and accept God’s will does not always mean to altogether rejoice in it.

In presenting our lives to God it is something done once for all; not a continual—reconsecration, but a service yielded and an attitude maintained in the Holy Ghost. I have presented, and He has taken. He takes up that which we lay down; receives and accepts that which we offer. I believe in the possibility of presenting myself absolutely to God; and we believe God is faithful to accept, to equip and use, all that I surrender to Him.

2. What follows?

There takes place in the surrender of a great transformation, wrought by the Holy Spirit through the renewing of the mind. We present ourselves to the Father in the name of the Son, and God receives us by the Holy Ghost, entering in and taking possession. We have a personal God to deal with, and in that personality there dwells a mind from which proceed thoughts, purposes, and ways. “As a man thinketh in his heart, so he is;” and if he is at liberty, that which he thinks inwardly, he will act outwardly, we judge regarding the character of man. Don’t let us forget that God is a person, and has a mind and a way of His own concerning our life.

This God says to you and to me, “my ways are higher than your ways.” So then God has a way of His own; ways which He has thought out, purposed and planned for us, and “before prepared that we should walk in them.” And further God’s ways contradict the ways of the natural man: “My thoughts are not your thoughts; my ways are not your ways.” This is exceeding practical and pierces down to the springs of doing. It is more of this practical teaching we require, we are in danger of becoming ethereal and the spiritual is too often divorced.

We are always in danger of carry-
ing a truth to an extreme point, and God is ever seeking on the other side to raise us up from any undue excess of even a useful teaching. For example, it is most important that we should learn the lesson of submission and surrender, and it is doubtful if God can really give us all for which we believe until we have first yielded it to Him. And yet at this very point there is danger, that after we have learned the lesson of yielding, we shall not be quickly alert to understand His thought and accept His next lesson. Let us remember that while the path of life is through death, yet death is only the means, and not the end. Let us get through it, and then rise and walk in newness of life. It is all right to "die daily," but do not be all day about it.

With much love and prayer from your Sister in the faith.

ELIMINA HOFFMAN.

Kedgaon India.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

PRAY FOR THE MINISTER.

I FEEL to write a few lines in behalf of the ministers of God. Do we as God's children hold them up at a throne of grace as we should? Are there not some who think they have nothing to do but to listen and then often find fault with the minister? Let us for one moment try to place ourselves in their place. Would we do as well as they? I have often thought, as I sat in the place of worship, of the great responsibility that rests on the minister.

We who have the privilege of going to the house of worship and listening to the expounding of God's Word, let us not forget those upon whom so much is resting, but let us hold them up continually to God in prayer that He may give them much wisdom, and understanding and knowledge as it is in Christ Jesus, that they may speak the pure Word of God, feeding souls with the bread of eternal life.

May God's blessing rest upon His ministers and may they always be found as Paul speaks of in the 4th, 5th and 6th of 2 Cor.

ALICE HAMILTON.
you may always depend upon it, as being designed to keep you from evil and do you good. "And forsake not the law of thy mother." No one ever did nor ever can love you with a mother's love, neither can it be felt by any but a mother. Forsake not her law for she has been more to you than all the world besides. Let your father and mother know that their love for you has not been all lost upon you. This you must do by eviscoring your love to them. Let them see that you prefer their company to all others; that you desire their good opinions, whatever others may think of you and strive in all things to please them. Consult them and make them your counsellors on all occasions, and however they may differ from your opinion have confidence in their wisdom.

May God have mercy on all children and also on all parents. It is high time to make more of an effort than ever before for we see that children are going to destruction as fast as time can take them. Here we have missionaries going to Africa and other places. Not knowing the language they must learn it when they are there in order to tell them about our dear Savior; how He suffered for us and what we must do to be saved from our sins. I feel to praise the Lord we have such who are willing to follow Him all the way. But here we have so many who profess to be called to do work for God, and they know the language and could talk to men, women or children, but they often pass them by: sometimes they laugh at them. It appears they are afraid to talk even to a child. O may God help us to be faithful to our calling. This means father and mother as well as children. Obedience belongs to all children, let their age, sex, or condition be what it may. They are in duty bound to obey both parents, the mother as well as the father. Indeed she is first named in Lev. 19:3—"Ye shall honor every man his mother and his father and keep my Sabbaths, I am the Lord your God."

We have in this passage plainly expressed the duties of children to parents. Honor thy father and mother, including first obedience to all their lawful commands. Whatever may be the defects common to all their lawful commands. Whatever may be the defects common gratitude, nature, reason and the Word of God, all say we ought to love and obey them. Col. 3:20—"Children obey your parents in all things for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord." Come when they call you, go when they send you, and abstain from what they prohibit you. Submit to their instructions, rebukes and corrections. Prov. 1:8,9—"My son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother; for they shall be an ornament of grace to thy head and chains about thy neck."

There can be no honor without a submissive disposing of themselves according to their advice, consent, and instructions, and being careful never to waste their property. Pro. 6:20,21—"My son keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck." Honor them in heart, speech and behavior, endeavoring in all things to be their comfort through life. Pro. 23:22—"Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old." Actions will honor them more than words, by outward acts eviscing an inward esteem for them in preference to all others. The reasons annexed is first a promise, that it may be well with thee; it is a promise of well doing, obey them in all things which are not forbidden in the Word of God, and always let your words correspond with the reverence you feel for them in your heart. In honoring your parents you honor God's commandments: Eph. 6:1—"Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Those who obey the commandment may expect the fulfillment of the promise, as is evident in the case of Joseph Gen. 47:12—"And Joseph nourished his father and his brethren and all his father's household with bread according to their families." Also Jesus: Luke 2:51—"And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was subject to them, but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." So we can see if we are good and obedient to our father and mother how we will grow up and be in favor with God and man.

Let us not forget Him who is able to keep us through all trials and temptations. I cannot be grateful and thankful enough for what He has done for me this summer. I have been very sick for about six weeks. I have learned many lessons. If the blessed Comforter had not been with me to comfort me in my distress I would not have known where to go. But if we have His everlasting arms around us we need not fear. I am not well yet; most too nervous to write, but I can't go out and I felt I should do what little I can. If we can give only a cup of cold water in His Name we shall in no wise lose our reward. I am not discouraged on this good way. I feel like going on and making use of my talent the best I know how and I know God will be pleased. The poet says;

"Go then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain; In thy service pain is pleasure, With thy favor loss in gain.

I have called Thee Abba Father: I have set my heart on Thee, Storms may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

May our Father look down from heaven and have mercy on a dark and sinful world. And may He help us that we may be watchful and be at our Father's business for He will come as a thief in the night to them that are not watching for Him.

Remember me in your prayers as also our little band so that we may be kept from the evil.

Your Brother.

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Whatever may be our views about the doctrines of Christianity, we must see to it that their outcome be pure and holy living. Orthodoxy of view is utterly worthless unless it be combined with orthodoxy of living.—F. B. Meyer.

"The non-conformers have ever been the formers of thought and history."
PRAISE God that He has ever taught me to love His blessed command, "go ye," and "do I am with you, always even to the end of the age." The General Conference of the Brethren in Christ of this year which was held in Welland county, Ontario, Canada, urges more preaching throughout the church on all missionary lines. Should not this make every brother and sister rejoice in the thought that the church is awakening out of her luke-warm, cold and indifferent condition? This formal way of worship will be changed when we all get the real love for souls as we ought to have. Let us all pray, "Lord give us the burden for souls. It is true, Lord, we have not been as much concerned about the welfare of others as we should have been." Prayer is what we must be engaged in, and that the prayer of faith that takes hold of God so that our ministers can be endowed with power from the throne of God and through the Holy Spirit to so deeply impress the need of the consecrated life upon our hearts that we may all see the need of work as never before. Only the pure, purged, golden vessel can stand to be used in every good work. Ministers as well, must first be willing to go at Jesus' command into all the world before they will know how to preach on every line. How sad the condition of those who know nothing of God, nothing of a Savior, nothing of God's blessed holy Bible, and the many sweet precious promises that are for all who know and do His blessed will.

Dear reader: Let us not be discouraged, but let us pray as never before that the dear Lord may in some way, we know not how, but in His own way, send a mighty wave of conviction over this land to awaken both saint and sinner to their eternal interest of being ready when Jesus comes. This seems to me to be Christ-like to pray or send or go ourselves, if need be, and do what we can. If we cannot be in the front let us be the water bearers or the wood carriers, or hold up the hands of the prophets and thereby we perhaps may be able to feed the sheep and in due time lambs may be born into the fold and then we can have a chance to feed the lambs with our bounties and also our prayers. Praise God we need encouragement on different lines of mission work. We have many places of worship where there is no Sabbath school nor any Bible readings, nor any mothers' meetings, nor any fathers' meetings. If we have ever been in these interesting places of worship we can only see the need of them. God wants no idlers in His vineyard. Let no one say there is nothing I can do. At a children's meeting last year a missionary lady asked the little children to hold up their hands as an evidence or promise to do what they could for the poor, ignorant, heathen children, who knew no God; to send them help in some way, and this year the same lady was at the same place when an offering was taken up for the mission work. A little boy jumped up from his seat and walked up to the lady and said, here take this it is for the little children in heathen lands that have no Bibles and don't know God; do with it as you think best. The lady said I don't take the money, shall I give it to those who take charge of it? No, be said, I promised it to you and here take it and just do all the good you can with it. It was a five dollar bill wrapped up in a one dollar bill, half for Jesus' Gospel to be sent to the poor ignorant little children with a little boy, a bootblack. What a joy and pleasure sure it must have been for this little boy 7 or 8 years old to keep his promise and do what he could. Can this be said of us or in what do we find our pleasure most? Is it to lay up our treasure here on this earth, or will we heed the command, "lay up your treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt; nor thieves break through and steal." Self is to be laid on the altar, killed crucified.

Dear reader what a wonderful reformation would be in the church amongst God's children if all would be willing to die to self and obey the light they have. Then light would shine out to others. I have heard preaching and teaching, "Quench not the Spirit," How is it? Do we obey ourselves and do we keep our hands off others? When the Lord calls the young to work do we encourage them as Eli did Samuel? And Samuel anointed David, the little one, the youngest, and read of a little maid, a servant girl who was greatly used of the Lord for a mighty work, and we also read of a little lad who had 5 loaves and 2 fishes that his mother gave him and he gave them all. He did not even keep any for himself, and what a wonderful blessing followed. The many hungry ones were fed and satisfied. And since that time this story has been told over and over so that it has been the means of many blessed revivals.

And again, dear sisters, how can we be encouraged to hold prayer meetings in our homes when we see what happened in Mary's house, John Mark's mother, where many had gathered together to pray because Peter was fast and that in prison. The prayer had an effect; the angel got to work and he spoke to Peter and told him to rise quickly and when he came to the door of the house of prayer the little damsel knew Peter's voice yet the big people did not believe her, yet they had been praying for him and is it not the case with some of us these days? We have been praying and asking God about many things and when He works we want our own way. O Lord, help us to obey Thee and to pray as never before in faith believing that God may be pleased to send such a mission spirit into His church and people everywhere at home and abroad that many souls may yet be added unto the number that shall be saved, and much good be done everywhere. How many of us are willing to do the little things if we cannot do the great things? Why Jesus the first Missionary that ever was sent into this world, God's best gift, went often in prayer to His heavenly Father for His children, and I do believe as one of God's little ones that if we all with one accord pray for the unity of the Spirit as Jesus did in John 17, we all will be so filled with the love to the truth that we will be willing to do what we can; go if the Lord calls, send if
we are in reach of sending, our children, our means, our prayers, our all as did the widow the oil and the meal. And God cared for her. So he can give the minister all he needs to preach missionary sermons if he is right with God.

Dear readers, if you had heard the earnest entreaties to come or go to help in heathen lands as some of us have heard of late at the Christian Alliance convention, the many open doors, the much need of consecrated workers, the cries of the native Christian in heathen lands to bring more missionaries along to tell to the millions who know not God nor Jesus our Savior, if you had all been there, and with the desire to prove all things and hold fast that which is good, you could all have learned to throw away all prejudice and every other weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us and say, Lord here am I send me, I give my life to Thee as a living sacrifice, wholly to Thee, unreservedly. I do praise God for the earnest of the Spirit. He has given me and the abundant life. Glory to God in the highest and good will to men are the fruits of His kingdom. Amen and amen.

C. A. M.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

THOUGHTS ON LUKE 15.

I N THE first place we have the usual criticism of the Pharisees and scribes, viz. "This man receiveth sinners and eateth with them," when Jesus spake this parable unto them. There are really three parables although it is only said in the singular number, parable. The first two are only connected with the word "either," while the second and third with the words, "and he said." Are there not three? Yet they set forth one truth with three shades. While the three may set forth the salvation of one single soul, they nevertheless set forth very distinctly the Trinity. In the man seeking the lost sheep we have Christ the Good Shepherd, who came to seek and to save that which was lost. When Jesus found us, and we were persuaded by grace divine to say yes to His gentle pleadings; it may be we only had strength to raise a hand or sigh, "God be merciful to me a sinner," yet there was more joy in heaven, than over the ninety and nine that need no repentance.

But oh the change which took place. Our soul then so dark is now being illuminated by the incoming of the blessed Holy Spirit, represented in the parable as the woman with lighted candle in one hand and the broom in the other. What discoveries were made. Our whole life came before us as a book just one thing after another.

Old forgotten deeds, all came to light. What confessions, what tears, what pleading with God. Surely we were not ourselves. The power that worked in us was mighty. Truly it was a godly sorrow working in us a repentance that need not be repented of. "What carefulness it wrought, what clearing of ourselves, what indignation, yea what fear, yea what vehement desire, what zeal, yea what
revenge." 2 Cor. 7:11. Glory to God! We did not have any trouble to quit our meanness, did we brother? No it was God worked the quit in our hearts. "The Holy Spirit is given to them that obey Him," and "As many as are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God." Amen! Was it not as we thus yielded ourselves to the Spirit of God, confessing to the bottom that the blessed Holy Spirit whispered within, "a child of God?"

What joy, what delight, how we promised fidelity to the Father, and how He gave to us His living, we could not have asked for more, for our hearts were satisfied, bless the Lord! We just lived on top of the pile, did we not? Nothing would have surprised us more than for some one to say that it would not last. But ah! Did we not neglect praying? Did we not neglect fasting? Did we not neglect watching? Yes we see now we did. We just lived in the light of our glory not thinking of that word, "Go on to perfection." It was indeed a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away, unknown to ourselves with all the goods of our Father, we wandered into a far country.

Is it true of us brother and sister that in our experience meetings we speak with a light heart to this point telling how we were converted, what we received and how happy we were, and if we would have continued faithful, watching, praying, fasting as we should that in several years we would not need to put a long b-u-t? And instead of praise begin to tell of our trials, our crosses, disappointments and loss of victories? And yet how repulsive to man to accept the thought of being the prodigal. You will admit that there is something wanting in your soul, but you say you have not committed any special sin. Well can you name one that the prodigal committed? The elder son said, "he wasted his goods with harlots," Yes, but he was a critic, was angry and would not obey the father and perhaps was guilty of the same sin that he accused his brother of. I hear you say you have such a man-fearing spirit, another says, if I could speak or pray like this or that one, it would not be so hard for me to take my cross. But listen! James says "ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" The lust of the eye is of the world, you like fine dress and that which pleases the eye; you are an adulteress. If you are seeking a nice home, farms, riches, possessions of all kinds here below you are the adulterer. Jesus said "lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven." O brother, cease your cavilling, humble yourself as the prodigal and go to the Father's house; leave your adultery and worldly ambitions, for in your Father's house there is bread enough and to spare.

There are also other ways in which we commit adultery, in fact any affinity which you have joined besides the Lord Jesus Christ is adultery. So if you are no adulterer or the smallest whisper of your Lord is met with a glad 'yes' Lord I will go anywhere with Jesus. You can gladly stay or gladly go and adorn your bodies according to His will. Dear reader where are we? Are we in the Father's house where we can wear the best robe and the ring which represents the love without end? Also the shoes which prepare us to run the race with the music of heaven in our souls? Hal-lu-lujah! Or are you out somewhere in that far country? You say God seems so far away, your prayers are so cold and formal, then come back, O! come back, lose no time, but come at once. Just where you refused to follow that guide, there is just where you must come again. Let me entreat you lose no time come enjoy the fullness of God. "If a man love me he will keep my words and my Father will love him and we will come unto him and make our abode with him, amen."—Jno. 14:23, Matt. 5:8, Heb. 12:14.

S. H. ZOOK.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

LIGHT AND SHADOW.

Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth and good will toward men."

W e praise God today for His amazing grace and unbounded love through His beloved Son. We have been impressed with the thought of writing some thoughts which we trust are born of the Holy Spirit trusting it may be for the glory of God and the good of all who read the Visitor.

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, bringeth good tidings of good, that saith unto Zion thy God reigneth. Isaiah 52:7.

How our hearts swell with love and gratitude when we read the communications of the dear saints out in the great harvest field. How our prayers go up to the hill of the Lord for those who are enduring the heat and burden of the day; also pray that the Lord of the harvest would send out more laborers into the great harvest. Amen.

What self-denial it should beget in us in order to have the work prosper by our bounties as well as our prayers, we are glad that God is our dearest friend and Christ our Brother and Savior who is "able to save to the uttermost all that come to God by him."—Heb. 7:25. How we need the grace of God in this dark part of the earth where there is so little moral restraint where men and women seem to be abandoned to drink and gambling and all manner of uugodliness; how we see the necessity of letting our light shine and walking with God. We are glad we have the great privilege of singing the Gospel Hymns hearing and lifting our hearts to Him Who can save the low down. Amen.

Perhaps some chord now broken will vibrate once more. We are also glad that even here we find real saints of God, true souls who are servants of the most high God with whom we have real fellowship, Praise God. But oh, what dearth there seems to be in the churches, what bowing to the God of this world; how firmly yoked together with un-
believers. As one said lately that there are so many secret, societies in such a place not including the churches: how we need to be separated and joined to all the living members.

The following was written by a stranger and left on our reading room table.

"After all her failures here the church will be a spotless bride to enter eternal joy with our blessed Lord."

"There shall all clouds depart, and the wilderness shall cease, and sweetly shall each gladdened heart enjoy eternal peace."

Were we acquainted with the way of intermixing holy thoughts, eyeing God in our ordinary ways it would keep the heart in a sweet temper all the day long and have an excellent influence on all our actions. This were to walk with God, without this our praying looks formal and becomes monotonous. This would refresh our labour as they that carry spices from Arabia are refreshed by the smell of them.

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Douglas Wyo.

Z. P. MULL.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

MY EXPERIENCE.

IN THE fall of the year 1860 in Pennsylvania, my father Jeremiah Herman, in the month of August had a campmeeting in his woods. He often started a prayer meeting in the chapel a quarter of a mile from his house and had meeting for two weeks and some wondered why he had meetings. If he did not obey it gets to the mourners' bench. I still helped him tend the church and childlike I told him what my cousin told me. So after church he told me that if I wanted to go home I could, he could shut the church. So when I came to church in the evening the mourner's bench was set out and father as before took his Bible and read to a small congregation, about 57. After he was done reading and talking at the end of his talk he said in simple words, perhaps there would be some here that want to go along with us to heaven and if so they could come and kneel at this bench, and before he had the words out, to the surprise of many of these days, there were 17 at the bench and praise the Lord I was one of them, though young. But still there were younger ones and before that meeting closed there were some 60 conversions and tonight quite a few are happy at home with Jesus. But I am still on the war path.

Standing up for my Lord I thank God for what I have learned in serving Him, though not as faithful as I should have been, but bless His Name for His love towards me. After I was converted one month I wanted to be baptized and I wanted to be immersed. My sister Sarah and cousin thought I would strangle. So I did not obey and to my shame I struggled along till November 1894 then I was immersed by Elder Zook at Talmage, Kan., and how light it makes the soul when we trust and obey.

Then for 13 years I struggled with 1 Cor. 11:10 night after night after the family had gone to bed, and also John 13:17. For me I was willing, but I still wanted to please the family. I still would tell the story of feet-washing to the U. B. preachers, but pride got in the hearts. They said that the Lord meant only the 12 disciples and those that wore the sandals and so it is today yet. They walk in the dark. Oh how my soul longs to see them fall back in their old ranks. They claim they are on the old land marks, but too mixed with the world. And so it is with the covering.

Praise God for grace that I am not ashamed of my covering though I am the only one here in this country. I trust God may lead me to some one else out here. Oh the joy it gave me to read the young sister's piece in the Visitor, "An answer on Covering the Head." May God ever guide her with those glorious thoughts. If we are right with God we have no room for pride. Yet I fear I have too much pride, and if have I ask God to show me where it is, for I have only one life to live in this world, and my motto is to live as near to the will of God as I can.

My daily prayer is for grace and to understand God's will; what He has for me to do. I can tell very soon when I do not obey, the way gets dark and heavy and when I obey it makes the way light and bright. Praise the good Lord for light in God's love. But still I shall not stand still but ever seek for a deeper work of grace. I ask your prayers for an unworthy sister, ever up for Christ and His work; far up in the mountain.

MRS. H. C. HARTSELL.
Kelso, Washington.

DO YOU LOVE HIS APPEARING?

Do you love His appearing?
The time is fast nearing
When the dear, blessed Saviour will come:
From each clime and zone,
His loved and His own.
He will bear to His heavenly home
Do you love His appearing
His form so endearing,
As the Lord shall descend from the sky?
You will meet with Him there
In the clouds of the air,
And ascend to your mansion on high.
Do you love His appearing?
'Tis a promise most cheering,
To those who have entered the fold.
They shall stand robed in white,
In that city of light,
The beautiful city of gold.
Do you love His appearing?
Ye saints have no fearing:
A thousand years ended and then
Will the earth be restored,
As the Word doth record,
To its beautiful Eden again.
Do you love His appearing?
The prospect is cheering!
Sin sorrow and death will be o'er;
With Christ we shall reign
On the fair Eden plain,
And dwell with the saints evermore.

O. A. Pratt.
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 144:12.

NOW.

If you have a word of praise, In these busy, heedless days, Of some striving, helpless one, For the good that he has done, Do not wait Until too late, Till the weary hands at rest, Folded on a silent breast, Leave your praises unexpressed, Say it now.

If some earnest struggling soul, Falters e'er it reach the goal, Lacking the encouragement, That you surely might have sent, Do not wait Until too late, Open both your lips and heart, Comfort, courage, strength impart, Bid his gloomy doubts depart, Do it now.

If you know that by your side, Others walk with hope denied, Do not keep your sympathy In your bosom silently, Do not wait, Until too late, Their sad hearts to soothe and cheer, Let your pity reach their ear, Their sad hearts to soothe and cheer, Do not wait, Until too late.

In your bosom silently, Till above a coffin lid: E'er the treacherous moments go; Folded on a silent breast, Till the weary hands at rest, Do not wait, Until too late, Till the hearts that would have stirred Gladly to your spoken word, Silent are, with love unheard, Tell it now.

—Sel. by Alice Hamilton.

VIRTUOUS HOUSEHOLDS.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies." Prov. 31:10.

THE fear of loss of virtue and essential modesty have largely given place to trifling carelessness, and even recklessness, as to virtuous conduct and character in this time of much departure from God. This is alarmingly true of children and youth as well as of more mature young men and women. The fault and the remedy is largely in the home. Wholesome parental author-

ity and virtuous conduct are closely allied. Failure on the part of parents to discipline, instruct and guard their children results in dis-obedience and looseness in morals. The Bible standard of obedience to parents must be maintained as well as the correction required. "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame." Prov. 19:18,29:15.

The family institution is ordained of God for a mutual benefit to parents and child. Maintaining right authority and obedience to the same honors God and brings His blessing on the household. It brings the child into that relation of obedience where it can receive instruction and direction and where right principles can be instilled which are the ground work of a pure character. These cannot purify the heart, but they prepare the way for the law of the Lord, which is "perfect, converting the soul." Psa. 19:7. Where respect for wholesome law has been lost, conscience becomes demoralized and passion has the reins and runs away with reason and a fearfully wrecked life is almost inevitable.

Faithful parents guard the door of their households from all encroachments of vice. Not only is there eternal vigilance but needful instruction whereby a moral sentiment prevails against it. Looking back over the early years of my life, and realizing the pitfalls set for young feet, unspeakable gratitude fills my heart as I remember how a godly mother guarded against exposures of close association, not only among her own children, but their intimate association with others, as she deemed prudent. All honor to those faithful parents who held the reins of government with a firm hand and administered discipline in the fear of the Lord, and who had a Bible standard of obedience and virtue to which they held their household.

No worldly advantage could in any degree compare with a heritage obtained by sacrifices and hardships, and against the opposing forces of the world and Satan. The Word of God was their book of instruction by whose light they guided our way. If they had been recreant to their trust and had not felt a sense of responsibility to God and our souls, we doubtless would have drifted to ruin with the multitude. All that seemed severe in discipline has long ago been turned into grateful thank-givings to God for such a privileged training.

It costs parents the best they can give of themselves, and all God stands ready to give of Himself to raise their children for virtue and honor in His sight, and for eternal glory; but it will cost far more if they are unfaithful to their trust, anguish of soul, ruined lives and eternal death.

—Anna Abrams in Vanguard.

A CLEAN MOUTH.

A HEALTH writer in the New York Independent urges the importance of keeping the mouth clean. He says that some diseases become contagious to those who neglect themselves in this respect, while noncontagious to others. He also makes this observation—that all parents who send children to school and all people who attend church should conscientiously consider, "especially where there are assemblages as in schools and public rooms, the bad breath of a dozen persons is more polluting than that of a hundred whose mouths are in a perfectly healthy and normal condition. Hence we cannot too much insist upon mouth-rinsing and perfect cleansing of the breath as indispensable to young and old." Probably many of our readers have had experiences of spoiled services, and unpleasant feelings, because they were compelled to sit near to some person whose breath polluted the surrounding atmosphere.—Sel.

TO BECOME HEALTHY.

PROF. Shueituck says: Eat fruit for breakfast. Eat fruit for luncheon. Avoid pastry. Shun muffins and crumpets and buttered toasts. Eat whole-meal bread. Decline potatoes if they are served more than once a day. Do not drink tea or coffee. Walk four miles every day. Take a bath every day. Wash the face every night in warm water. Sleep eight hours a night.
TEMPERANCE.

"Temperance is the moderate use of all things helpful, and total abstinence from all things harmful."

THE CASE OF REUBEN WRIGHT.

Now, Reuben was a friend of mine, and stauncher could not be. A man of heart—of muscle—mind. A manlier man one scarce could find. Nor sure could wish to see his farm like a garden plat, Tilled with such watchful care; His barns were filled from bay to roof. His granaries held more than enough. And large his store and share. His good wife, all a wife could be, His children fair and bright, His home was like an Eden spot, And happy truly seemed the lot Of neighbor Reuben Wright. The tempter came—I know not who— A foe in friend's disguise? A drink perhaps for old time's sake? An idle thought a thirst to slake? A friend in paradise?

I know not now who tempted him, Or what, or why, or where; It may have been a thoughtless draught, For joke or friendship idly quaffed, Or cruel, hellish sure. But 'twas a drink—one thoughtless drink, O, for the gift to tell In time the ruin of one drink— O, for the sight to see the brink That bounds a drunkard's hell. —S. B. McManus in the Ram's Horn.

A GROWING CRIME.

The crime of family desertion has become so common as to demand some serious attention. Men become drunken, worthless, or merely tired of supporting their families, and simply desert them to their fate. The result is, that the wife must care for herself, and, if she has children, for them also; or if she is unable to do so, they become a charge on public charity or the state. It is no relief to say that men have no right to do this, and that no one but a worthless scoundrel would be guilty of it. All true, but no relief; the facts continue, and the evil is not helped. What we need is some law which would arrest the truants, bring them back, and compel them to support their families. We do not believe in paternal government, but we do believe in government which will prevent men from doing gross wrong to those dependent on them, and to society at large. Personal liberty should be respected so long as it does not injure others; but when it does that, it ceases to be liberty, and becomes an evil to be restrained by law. —Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

The influence of example.

A YOUNG man fighting his love for strong drink, and who had for some weeks succeeded in controlling his appetite, sat one day at a hotel table with a gentleman and a lady friend for whom he felt the greatest respect. The waiter said to the gentleman: "Will you have some pudding with wine sauce?" "Yes," was the answer. The young man's craving for strong drink was aroused at the mention of the wine sauce, and he also was about to reply affirmatively to the waiter's question, when his lady friend quickly said: "Pudding without wine sauce, if you please," "Without wine sauce," came the young man's reply. Afterward, in the parlor, he said to her: "I want to thank you for doing me a great favor." She looked astonished. "You do not know what it meant to me when you said at the dinner table 'Pudding, without wine sauce, if you please'". He then told her his struggle against strong drink, and how near he had come to falling, saved only by her timely example. —The Evangel.

When a man drinks and neglects his family it is sad enough, and makes misery enough, but still the wife may have strength to hold her children, to even support them and shield them from the example of their father, and bring them up to sober and honorable lives; but who can express the hopeless misery of that house—home it could never be—in which the wife and mother is a victim, willing or unwilling, to strong drink! The opinion seems to be growing that this evil is on the increase. It is affirmed in many quarters that this terrible habit is gaining ground among women. It is said that the sale of liquor in groceries and in department stores, in millinery establishments, forms a potent cause to tempt those who have always been counted as the class sinned against in the use of drink but seldom sinning except in few and marked cases, among the low down classes. —Vanguard.

We are pouring into saloons nearly $1,000,000 annually, while the whole interest of our lawmakers is centered on getting back about one-sixth of this amount. Saving at the spigot and wasting at the bunghole. —The Evangel.

Ambulances carried to the hospitals last year in Paris 300,000 persons suffering from alcoholism in some form. It is a sad fact that the proportion of women among these drunks and patients is nearly equal to that of men.

"The only hopeless ignorance is to be ignorant that we are ignorant."
OUR YOUTH.

WHAT CAN A BOY DO?
Oh, think, what can a boy do?
Why, think, what can a boy do?
Some boys think it manly to stand behind a cigar or cigarette and smoke. This is a mistake. True manliness is to have the courage to say no. There is nothing lovelier to us than a boy with a good strong body and a fair open countenance, with clean white teeth and a pure breath: who is able to look everyone in the face knowing that he is free from vile habits. That is kind and amiable to all he chances to meet. Such a boy will make his mark and will be loved by all.

We are glad to say that this is possible for all they choose the right path. Little girls are not liable to fall into the snares we have mentioned to the boys, but they are liable to be fretful and want their own way about things when Mamma says do this, do that; they will yawn and say, “I don’t want to” or “I’d rather do something else” and perhaps she will pont and behave herself in such a way that her mamma feels ashamed. How much lovelier to see the little daughter, her face wreathed with smiles, going quickly at her mother’s bidding and when her task is finished, come and say, “What shall I do next?” Don’t you think, little boys and little girls, it pays to be good and obedient to father and mother and to our teachers and to be gentle and kind to brothers and sisters and all we meet?

“Be good and kind to all you meet
In field or lane or crowded street.”

AUNT MARY.

IF I ONLY HAD TIME.

Some boys will pick up a good education in the odds and ends of time which others carelessly throw away, as one man saves a fortune by small economies which other disdain to practice. What young man is too busy to get an hour a day for self-improvement? You will never “find” time for anything. If you want time, you must take it.

If a genius like Gladstone carried through life a little book in his pocket lest an unexpected spare moment should slip from his grasp, what should we of common abilities, not resort to, to save the precious moments from oblivion? “Nothing is worse for those who have business than the visits of those who have none,” was the motto of a Scottish editor.

Drive the minute, or they will drive you. Success in life is what Garfield called a question of “margins.” Tell me how a young man uses the little ragged edges of time while waiting for mabs or tardy appointments, after his day’s work is done, or evenings—what he is revolving in his mind at every opportunity—and I will tell you what that young man’s success will be. One can usually tell by his manner, the direction in the wrinkles in his forehead or the expression of his eyes, whether he has been in the habit of using his time to good advantage or not.

“The most valuable of all possessions is time; life itself is measured by it.” The man who loses no time doubles his life. Wasting time is wasting life.

Some squander time, some invest it, some kill it. That precious half hour a day which many of us throw away, rightly used, would save us from the ignorance which mortifies us, the narrowness and pettiness which always attend too exclusive application to callings.

Four things come not back—the spoken word, the sped arrow, the past life, and the neglected opportunity—Success.

WEONG TURNS IN MARRIAGE.

The wrong turning which many a girl takes is when she comes to dispose of her affections. She sets her heart on some one who is not worthy—perhaps he has a bad character, perhaps only a weak one. She loves, she marries, and then walks in sadness for the rest of her days.

Now it is often said that marriage is a lottery, and that when you put your hand into the lucky bag you sometimes draw out a prize, and sometimes not. Don’t believe it. It is no more a lottery than any other incident of life.

Look at Alice. Before she made any promises she looked at the subject all around, wisely resolved to love only one deserving of being loved, and when she married her own good sense, backed up by a chorus of friends, said she had formed an alliance with a man who was prudent, industrious, saving and every thing else that a good husband ought to be. And from Land’s End to John O’Groat’s you won’t find a happier couple. —Sel.

“When I was young in the service of God,” said a brother, “I had many fears that I should backslide if I should live to see old age; and sometimes requested of the Lord that I might die young, and thus save religion from repudiation and my soul from ruin. One day while thus musing, the impression was vividly made on my mind that I must serve God by the day. This was more than thirty years ago; and by the grace of God aiding me to put that rule into practice, I am yet on my way to heaven.”

“Success does not lie ahead of the boy or girl who dilly-dallys the time away.”
For ever, O Lord, Thy Word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
As for Thy judgments they abide this day
according to Thine ordinances:
For all things are Thine servants.
Unless Thy love had been my delight,
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
I will never forget Thy precepts;
For with them Thou hast quickened me.
Iom Thine, save me.
For I have sought Thy testimonies.
A Japanese native minister writing under date of July 2, says, "We are witnessing a wonderful work of God in our city.
Over 4,000 people have asked prayer for their salvation within five weeks. It is a wonderful revival. We never saw such manifestations of the Holy Spirit since the first missionary came to Japan forty-two years ago. We were so depressed by the so-called new theology the last ten years. All ministers are dead or less affected by this movement. We were actually dead in spirit many years. Now we have awakened up in a wonderful degree. The work is going on throughout Japan. This is a most wonderful year."

South America has been spoken of in recent years as the neglected continent. While missionaries were penetrating into other continents, and setting up the banner of Christ's salvation in the dark lands of Asia and Africa, there was but little attention paid to this continent so near at home. Only in recent years has there been any organized effort to carry the Gospel to so many there living under Rome's superstition or to the natives living in heathendom. It seems that up to the recent past not the whole of the continent was open to mission work, but it is said that now mission work may be done in all the different countries of the continent. The last door to open was that of Equador, and missionaries of the Gospel Union have commenced work there. 'It grips the heart.' How much is contained in this statement! The conversion which does not "grip the heart" is not deep enough. The assent of the intellect or of the mind as to the truth of God's record of His son fails to go deep enough, and will not accomplish our salvation. The observing and doing of outward works of righteousness or obeying the commandments as to ordinances and precepts are insufficient if the heart is not in some way "gripped." But when there is a heart that yields and by the grace of God salvation is experienced as a deliverance from sin, not alone of its guilt, but also of its power resulting in a life surrendered to God for "sacrifice or service," then we can understand the courage and heroic bravery of the heathen who bore such faithful testimony to the power of the religion of Jesus Christ. Only that faith which stands the trials, overcomes the difficulties, and surmounts the obstacles will be triumphant in the end. Has it "gripped" our hearts? Do we truly know the love of God, and do we truly love Him, and is our delight in the law of the Lord continual? What it means in some places for converts to be true to God and the Christian religion is illustrated by the following incident related by a missionary from China: A young fellow of nineteen was hauled, by his father to the mouth of a pit which had been dug. 'Now,' said the father, 'it is either burn immense or down you go to the bottom.' The lad turned to the father and said, 'Well, father, down I must go, because I cannot renounce Christ. You do not understand, father, the religion of Jesus Christ is not a thing that you can put on and take off like a garment, but a thing that grips the heart, I can no more give up my love to Christ than I can give up my love to my father and mother!' The old man was so touched that he broke down and allowed his son to escape."

Lost—Somewhere between sunrise and sunset five golden minutes, each set with sixty diamond studs. No reward offered for they are gone forever.

"It is not weakness for a boy to be tender and gentle with his mother when she is ill, though there are some boys who think it is."

"It is said that the Moravians have one missionary for every sixty of their members. The Methodists have one to every 5,000."

An earnest look heavenward amid the activities of the day will often bring down timely succor which we should lose without such watchfulness. —Newman Hall.
EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

CHURCH NEWS.

LOVE FEASTS.

Ontario.

Markham .................................. Sept. 28, 29.
Nottawa .................................. Oct. 5, 6.
New York.
Clarence Center ........................ Sept. 21, 22.

Souderton .............................. Oct. 26, 27.

Iowa.

Dallas Center, at the home of Bro. H. H. Garwick Sept. 28, 29.

Michigan.

Greenwood (Yale R. R. sta.) ............. Sept. 5, 6.

BUFFALO MISSION.

Report for the month of August.

Balance on hand from last report: $212.01
A Brother, Danville, Pa. 10 00
Abraham Haldeman, Rahn's, Pa. 10 00
A Sister, Pawonia, Ohio 1 00
A Brother, Montgomery, Co., Pa. 2 00

Total .................................. $212.01

See what God continues to do.

PETER STOVER
Trusted to AMOS LEHMAN
S. G. SNELLE, Treas.

OHIO MISSION.

Report ending August 15, 1901.

DONATIONS.

Balance ................................. $3 33
Sister Grove, Abilene, KS 3 00
Elias Martin, Abilene KS 2 00
From Souderton, Pa. 2 00
In His Name .......................... 7 64
Offering Box .......................... 1 15
Hall rent ............................. 4 00
Sister LaRus, Pekin, Ill. 4 00
Sister Sugg. ......................... 4 00
In His Name .......................... 5 00
Room rent ............................ 2 00
Indiana Brethren ...................... 8 50

Total .................................. $46.62

EXPENSES.

Provision etc .......................... $10.05
Gas and fuel etc ........................ 4.65
Bent .................................. 30.00

Total .................................. $44.70

Balance ................................. $18.82

MESSIAH ORPHANAGE.

5556 Peoria St. Englewood, Ill.

DONATIONS.

Sister Deeds, Mechanicsburg, Pa. $5.00
Lizzie Myers, Florin, Pa. 1.00
Annie Erb, Palmyra, Pa. 50
Barbara Erb, Indianapolis, Ind. 10.00
A Sister, Pawonia, Ohio 1.00

Total .................................. $17.50

We wish to say, the Brethren and Sisters should not forget that we need help, especially the Orphanage, and not only the Brethren and Sisters, but whoever has sympathetic feelings towards uncared for children, as we see so many need help in the way of leading them to Christ.

A. B. MUSSEK, Treas.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

A LETTER FROM BRO. ORESS.

Dear Visitor Readers—I feel impressed to drop you a few lines today. Since the weeks are lengthening into months since I left home, it may be of some interest to you to know where I have been and where I am at present. Leaving home in Kansas about the middle of July, we proceeded indirectly to Elkhart, Ind. Here we had a very refreshing time with our Menomonee Brethren. Assembling with them for worship, we were invited to speak to the people, which we did with the ability that God gave us. At their request we also held missionary meetings in their city church and the Normal Institute. Being the first returned missionary from Africa to speak in these places, we had the best of interest and attention. Now after six weeks we came up to Chicago and remained over one Lord's day at the Mission, speaking to the people morning and evening. From here we went to Morrison, Ill. There we remained several weeks with relatives and friends, holding a few meetings as our way was opened of the Lord. We found open doors at Bro. A. G. Zook's Orphanage, and wish to say that we feel God's approval to be resting with our brother and his helpers in their labor of love. A goodly number of homeless orphans are being cared for and taught to lip the name of "Our Father" from the cradle. Surely a work so selfless must have the blessing of God and the co-operation of His people. Investigate this work and pray for it. It was our happy privilege to visit Polo, Ill., while in that part of the state. Here we met brethren and friends and at the request of the elders, we preached in the forenoon and gave a missionary address in the evening of the Lord's day upon which we were there. We also spoke once at Franklin Corners, once at Prairie Center, and twice at Cedar Creek. Have
ing been urgently requested to return to this city as a helper in this Mission during the absence of Bro. D. D. Steckley, we prayerfully considered this matter and believe it to be God's will. Hence we returned some days ago and purpose to remain here until October 1st, doing heartily what our hands find to do as unto the Lord. For the benefit of anyone desiring to know my address, I will say that my permanent address is Talmage, Kansas. Until Oct. 1st, 5956 Pearla St., Englewood, III. I humbly confess my dependence upon God and ask your prayers in my behalf.

6. CLIFFORD CRESS.

ON OUR MISSION.

DEAR readers; since we last communicated with you the Lord has been very gracious to us in giving us open doors to preach His Word, and has graciously supplied our every need, for which we wish to magnify His Name because He hath done excellent things. Blessed be His Name for evermore.

One month more of precious time has passed away and as we look back we recount many blessed seasons in fellowship with His children in various parts of the field.

We remained at Stevensville, Ont., and continued the meetings with fair interest up to the 11th of Aug. On Saturday evening the tenth we had the pleasure of having Sister L. E. Jarvis from Lahore, India, with us and her Bro. O. F. Douglas, and Sister Alma Myers who are on the way with her to the India field. Sister Jarvis has had ten years experience of Missionary life in that land. She gave a very interesting talk to a full house of the rescuing and raising and training for God's famines orphaned. They have 219 orphans in their charge at Lahore. Their work is altogether on the line of faith trusting the Lord for their support and we hope that he will also in His own good time supply the same. The meetings continued for a week with fair interest. We by the help of the Lord were able to raise all that was needed and were spared to carry on to the great show which was the Grand National of the West. We found that this was an excellent means of reaching the people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The meetings were well attended, sometimes numbering as high as 3000. We feel that we have been greatly blessed in this time of grace and salvation and we are praying that the Lord may raise up other helpers to carry on the work. We ask the prayers of all who love the Lord and His church and are to be continued as the Lord may lead.
NOT as I will but as thou wilt,” said Jesus. Blessed be God now and forever, and Jesus our Saviour, for the atoning Blood, for the Living Word, for the quickening Spirit. “In him we live and move and have our being.”

I was to Elmer ten days ago, thirty miles from here, the Brethren had already commenced work for the foundation of the Meeting House. By this time I expect the foundation wall is finished. Neighbors and friends have offered help in teaming and work, but we have prayed that the Lord lead this work the way it should go and that it be for the Salvation of Souls. If the Lord builds the house it will be built in some way. They still need about three hundred dollars to finish. As it is now they think the work to go right on, and as the Brethren (we think) have been waiting to hear if the building is going on and when it commences we will take the Medium of the VISITOR to announce that as it has been recommended at Conference last May at Black Creek that the delegates, each in their district, will recommend and solicit to aid the work. We are well aware there is much call for help in various places but this should not discourage us. It is just as necessary to work the rural districts as the cities and while in our labors we found some who give rather for foreign missions at home and others rather help with their own hands. They still need help in teaming and work, but we have never discouraged us. It is just as necessary to work the rural districts as the cities.

So friends and brethren, those that will and can help now can do so, those that cannot now we would gladly receive it later for the building is to be put up this fall and finished as soon as means are at hand. The few brethren at Elmer are doing real well in pushing along the work with their own hands.

We express our thankfulness to those that have already given. May the Lord bless the Giver and the gift.

After this please send money to Jacob S. Witmer, Treas. Brown City Mich.

SAMUEL REICHARD.


It is easy to do wrong when everybody around us is doing wrong, and when no one seems to think there is any harm in wrong-doing. It is comparatively easy to do right when everybody around us is doing right, and when right doing seems to be the only thing to be done by anybody. But it is not so easy to do right when everybody around us is doing wrong, and where our standard of right is looked upon by others as wrong instead of right. Yet in the final test our responsibility is for our individual action; whether that action accords or disagrees with the action of those around us. Our duty is to do what is right, regardless of the opinion or the course of our fellows. And this it is that makes life the constant struggle that the well-doer finds it.

MISSIONARY.

MATOPPA MISSION

DEAR READERS of the VISITOR.

“Bless the Lord O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name,” are the words that come forth spontaneously from our hearts tonight for we realize that we have a God who cares for and keeps those who trust in Him, even though the darkness seems at times to press in around us on every hand and the tests come thick and fast. We know that God is faithful, and that He never fails. We may not fully understand his plans and purposes or may be slow in hearing that which He would have us know. Yet He is the same unchanging God and loving Father Who sees and knows all about our needs.

We were glad and felt encouraged to meet our co-workers, and we desire that the Lord may abide with us and help each one of us to do the work He has marked out for us.

The supplies for the Mission so kindly sent by the dear ones of the home land reached here in good condition and in good time and we feel to take this means of thanking all who sent of the means. May God bless you all abundantly and give you a far richer reward than is obtainable on earth, as well as the hundred fold here in this present time. We certainly appreciate the generous supply of nice American dried fruits that came, as this climate demands a diet in which fruits or a substitute (?) must hold its place.

A few weeks ago we, Sister Davidson, wife and I, had the privilege of visiting a few of our neighbor Missions. We made a two week’s visit going 150 miles round trip with our slow train of four donkeys. We visited two of the S. A. Missions and one of the London Missionary Society’s Missions, as well as an out-station held by a native teacher. This gave us an opportunity of learning how the work is conducted at other Missions.

We feel like pushing forward and do what we can in the saving of the lost. More boys and girls want to come to be taught at the Mission but as yet all is in uncertainty. At present we are all quite well, Bro. Doner just having recovered from an attack of fever, but God undertook for him and raised him up. Dear ones be fervent in prayer for us all and the work and God bless you all. Yours seeking the Lord.

ISAAC O. LEHMAN.

BEFORE leaving the home land I was requested by many dear ones who have the welfare of immortal souls at heart, to write them how the Lord’s work is progressing at this place, also how we found the natives and their way of living. In order to condense my writing I will inform them through the VISITOR, hoping the dear Lord may help us all feel as never before the real necessity of sending the glorious light of the Gospel to those sitting in heathen darkness.

Since here I have often thought how our hearts should be filled with gratitude to God, that we have been reared in a land of Bibles, by loving Christian parents, and from our youth have known the Scriptures. Then too the great responsibility that is resting upon us as a people, that we may embrace every opportunity of holding up Jesus in foreign as well as home land, and thus hasten the return of our glorious Lord and Saviour. Truly the blessing of God has accompanied the efforts put forth by the dear workers of this place, and precious souls have been brought from heathenism to the true and living God, and as they send up their supplications to the throne we can feel the real spirit of prayer upon them, although we can not understand the language.

After being here a few weeks Sister Davidson accompanied by Brother and Sister Lehman left for a much needed rest of two weeks, during which time they visited several Mission Stations. During their absence we four new workers took charge of the work here. The first Sabbath the services were conducted entirely by our native boys, and it was a heart touching time to hear Matchuba speak forth the message from St Luke 15, the parable of the lost sheep, to an attentive congregation of his own people. He was followed in quick succession by a number of our boys, whose faces beamed with real joy as they talked in the earnestness of the Spirit. Before them were seated some of their parents whose faces told of unrest of soul. Going to prayer four or five would engage in devotion before rising. The second Sabbath Bro. and Sister Van Blunk were with us and we all took part. Sister Van Blunk interpreting for us. The meetings are...
more largely attended than we had expected.

July 4, we went out kraal visiting for the first time, and saw the natives just as they live. Must say we met things far worse than we had expected, and could only then fully realize how necessary it is to give them the light. These people live in polygamy, and our first visit was to a man having two wives, one was cooking his dinner whilst the other was matting grass to thatch her hut (they each have a hut) and he entertained us. Their huts resemble a beehive, with one door about two and a half feet high, no windows. They build their fire in the centre of the hut; no escape for the smoke but by way of the door. They sit and sleep on the floor, eat out of the kettle with their hands, subsist mostly on garden products and native grains. Next we visited a sick native woman, how we did feel for her having no home comforts at all, and no prospects of a better home beyond. From there we went to a kraal where we met a number of people, one blind man and one man having the leprosy. As we beheld the leper in his pitiful condition, we thought of Him who not only made atonement for our souls but provision for the healing of our bodies, and we longed to have him accept Jesus as a Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King. We returned that night feeling a deep gratitude to God for the few home comforts that we enjoy.

The next day we visited a native threshing on the rock, where about one hundred men, women and children collected to help thresh and have a big beer drink. Could see mothers coming across the rocks with their babes on their backs, and a big jug of beer upon their heads. The people then encircled the big pile of grain, and with long saplings flailed away, singing all the while, then stopping would drink freely, also indulge in the use of sniff and tobacco, again resuming the work and feeling the effects of their drinking, the screaming increased, and their conduct made one feel sick at heart. One of our boys who had been saved was with us and he looked so sad, turned his back to them; so, truly the entrance of God's Word giveth light. The threshing continued over the Lord's day.

One can not imagine from whence these boys have come until they come in touch with their own people and see how steeped they are in sin, and that it requires nothing short of the mighty power of God to liberate them, but He is able and will I believe get to Himself a clean people here in dark Africa. Truly we feel that we are on the devil's territory and he has had full sway for so long he is loath to leave the place.

One of our boys has lately fallen heir to his inheritance from an uncle and is to receive several cows, which in this country are quite valuable. He was informed that he must appear in person, at a big gathering that lasts several days during which time they are supposed to call the spirit of the departed back and he would then receive his property. He was quite unwilling to go, and said he would rather not have the cows than go where they would indulge in so much wickedness. We prayed the Lord to open the way so he need not go, and He answered our prayers, so he gets them without being present. Oh! that every child of God would take a lesson from this boy and remain far from temptation. Four of our boys have been going out to teach the natives at different places so the Lord is fitting them up to carry the light to others.

At present we have with us three girls who are attending the school. The one is a daughter of a deceased Matabele King. She is quite anxious to learn more about Jesus. Thus we see the Lord is working and we are looking to Him for greater things.

Bro. and Sister Van Blunk who have been engaged in kraal visiting about here for some time, left July 16 for Cape Town from whence they will sail for America. We are sorry to lose them as we enjoyed sweet fellowship together. We all feel to rejoice that the Lord is sending us a leader and wife, who, we believe, will prove a real blessing to us all and a great help to the work.

Since here Bro. Doner was stricken down with the fever, but the dear Lord wonderfully undertook for Him, and he is about again. We are all enjoying good health at present, and feel happy and blessed in our souls. God has given us a real love for these dear people, and we feel right at home among them. Will the dear ones at home pray much for the work here, and for us all that God may get glory out of our lives, and many precious souls be saved. Yours in Christ.

EMMA C. LONG.

BULAWAYO, S. A.

A SNARE FOR GIRLS.

Among all the snares that Satan sets to blight and curse the lives of those who become his despairing victims, one of the most fruitful is the marriage of Christian girls to godless men.

God expressly forbids such marriages, commanding, "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers." He does this in love, to save people from the fearful harvests which they will be compelled to reap if this counsel is disregarded.

Yet many Christian girls under the magic, seductive spell of infatuation, or under the influence of mistaken friends, blur their vision over this priceless of forbidden, unscriptural marriages to live in misery and rear children for the world and destruction.

If Christians would please God, grow in grace, and live useful lives, let them shun as they would a viper the cup of godless marriages.—Selected.

THE CHAPLAIN.

D. WM. H. MILBURN at the age of twenty-two, was elected chaplain of Congress under rather peculiar circumstances, and held his position a number of years.

In 1846 as a Methodist circuit preacher, he was traveling on the Ohio river between Cincinnati and Wheeling. On the boat were a number of congressmen on their way to Washington. The young minister lingered near them hoping to catch some scintillations of wisdom and add to his store of knowledge. He was, instead, greatly shocked at their reckless speech and habits. They swore outrageously, drank villainous whiskey, and played cards incessantly. On Sunday Mr. Milburn was asked to preach. When he arose to speak, he saw the offending congressmen in the audience. "Cry aloud and spare not," seemed the divine message to him that day. In closing his sermon he turned to the group of lawmakers and told them that he had supposed that the representatives of the nation at its capital were representatives of its character as well as of its intellect. "But," he said "If I am to judge the nation by you, I come to no other conclusion than that it is composed of profane swearers, card players and drunkards. As a preacher of the Gospel I am commissioned to tell you that unless you renounce your evil courses, repent of your sins, and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ with your hearts unto repentance you will certainly be damned."

He retired to his state-room reflecting upon his temerity in thus arraigning distinguished men, every one of whom were older than himself, and wondering what the consequence would be. There was a rap at the door, a gentleman entered and said:

"I have been requested to wait on you by the members of congress on board, who have had a meeting since the close of the religious exercises. They desire me to present this purse—containing about two hundred dollars—as a token of their appreciation of your sincerity.
and fearlessness in reproving them for their misconduct; they have also desired me to ask if you will allow your name to be used the coming election of chaplain of Congress. If so they are ready to assure you an honorable election."

At the proper time his name was presented, and he was elected. He was held in high esteem by lawmakers, though he fearlessly rebuked them for their sins.—Selected.

**A HOLY LIFE.**

"Like as He which called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, Ye shall be holy; for I am holy."—1 Peter 1:15,16. R. V.

**A HOLY LIFE is made up of a multitude of small things.** It is the receiving of Christ in the little things of the hour not only the great things of the age, that fills up a life like that of Paul or John, or even of Jesus Himself. Little words, not eloquent speeches nor sermons; little deeds, not miracles nor battles, nor one great heroic act nor mighty martyrdom, make up the true Christian life.

The little constant sunbeam, not the lightning: the waters of Shiloh that go softly in their meek mission of refreshment, not the "waters of the river, great and many," rushing down in torrents, noise and force, are the true symbols of a holy life.

The avoidance of little evils, little sins, little inconsistencies, little weaknesses, little follies, little indiscretions and imprudences, little foibles, little indulgences of self and of the flesh, little acts of indolence or indecision or cowardice, little equivocations or aberrations from high integrity, little touches of shabbiness and meanness, little bits of covetousness and penuriousness, little exhibitions of worldliness and gayety, little indiscriminacies to the feelings and wishes of others, little outbreaks of temper, or crossness, or selfishness, or vanity:—the avoidance of* * * 

and then attention to the little duties of the day and hour, in public transactions or private dealings, or family arrangements; to the little words and looks and tones; to little benevolences, or forbearances, or tendernesses; to little self-denials and self-restraints and self-forgetfulness; to little plans of quiet kindness and thoughtful consideration for others; to punctuality and method and true aim in the ordering of each day:—these are the active developments of a holy life; the rich and divine monsoons of which it is composed.

What makes yon green hill so beauti-
in this democratic country the ruler is no longer confined to crowned heads, but even the common people can participate in the political process.

Our friends who are making an effort to procure new subscribers for the Visitor will please remember that new subscribers will get the balance of the year free. Let there be a special effort made to increase the circulation of the Visitor by a few hundred new names. We would also again remind all of our Bible students to devote their Sunday eggs to increasing the Matoppo Special Fund.

A few of our correspondents persist in writing on both sides of the page. It makes it unhandy for us, and strictly speaking, the waste basket would be the place for such articles, but we try to use all the articles as best we can. Others try to crowd their writing on as small a space of paper as possible not knowing that it makes type setting difficult. We don't with this place any restrictions on our foreign correspondents on this line. Would also again say, one page of a sheet of foolscap paper is quite large enough for convenience in setting the type. A word to the wise is sufficient.

In our last issue a writer suggests to the sisters to devote their Sunday eggs to increasing the Matoppo Special Fund. Our readers know—yet some may have forgotten—that this fund is meant for supplying that Mission with better buildings for the workers and also the gathering in of native boys and girls and training them in useful works of industry as well as teach them about the true God and Jesus Christ as our and their Savior. We are sure no one will ever regret having made it a practice to put the jewels supplied by Mission with better buildings for the workers and also the gathering in of native boys and girls and training them in useful works of industry. We will refer to Sunday eggs, and find a blessing attending the effort. If all our Brethren would conscientiously obey 1 Corinthians 16:2, and lay by in right proportion as prospered by the Lord, there would soon be amply sufficient in the Lord's treasury to make our missionaries in South Africa comfortable and enable the work to expand. We know that a goodly number are doing well, and some have adopted the tenth, yet many more would reap rich blessings by devoting a larger portion to the Lord's work.

Anarchism is still active and is most bitter against those who are in authority as rulers. In Europe several royal personages have fallen victims to their hate while in other attempts they failed to accomplish their designs. But their hatred is not confined to crowned heads, but even in this democratic country the ruler is not safe from their murderous attacks. This is the effort to assassinate President McKinley was made while in attendance at the Fair at Buffalo, N. Y. The would be assassin shot him twice, but failed to kill him. To the joy of the nation it seems that the President will recover, but will likely carry one of the bullets in his body the remainder of his life. The liberty advocated by the anarchist bands is not the liberty of which the Bible speaks, and as a matter of fact it is related that anarchists are about all unbelievers. The fear of God is not before their eyes. It would seem but right that all who are advocates of these principles—or no principles—should be deported to some islands, and they be permitted to carry out what they advocate among themselves. Truly questions of great moment confront the nation, and it will take great wisdom to tide the ship of state over the troubled waters. The Apostle exhorts Christians to pray for those in authority, and it is probable that we fail to observe the command as we should. May God's people be aroused on his line and all do their duty now.

THE THINGS THAT ARE LOVELY.

Some very earnest young Christians make a mistake in putting too light a value upon those graces of manner and little courtesies of speech and conduct which might commend their excellent qualities to others, and give them the vantage ground of personal influence. If a merchant has diamonds to sell he does not shut them up in a drawer nor display them in a rough box. He does not say, "Nothing can add to the value of a diamond, and I will not condescend to any tricks to catch admiration or draw customers. If a man really wishes to show a vantage ground of personal influence. If a merchant has diamonds to sell he does not shut them up in a drawer nor display them in a rough box. He does not say, "Nothing can add to the value of a diamond, and I will not condescend to any tricks to catch admiration or draw customers. If a man really wishes to show the value of a diamond properly, he will buy it, and will come to me." What he does is to put his jewels upon beds of satin, in cases of velvet; to use every art to display their beauty. He knows very well that people who have never thought seriously of buying may be attracted by the beauty that catches the eye and arrests the attention.

Your Christian principles ought to be rendered so attractive by your personality that those who know you will associate goodness with graciousness.—Emily Huntington Miller.

When God called Abram He commanded him to leave his country, his kindred, and his father's house and go to a land that He would show him. Abram set out from Ur of the Chaldees but he came only as far as Haran which is about half way between the valley of the Euphrates and the valley of the Jordan. Moody says, 'God called him into the land of the Canaanite, and He came halfway, and stayed there—we do not know just how long, but probably about five years. Now I believe there are a great many Christians who care what we might call Haran Christians. They go to Haran, and there they stay. They only half obey. They are not out-and-out. How was it that God got him out of Haran? His father died. The first call was to leave Ur of the Chaldees and go into Canaan, but instead of going all the way they stopped halfway, and it was affliction that drove Abram out of Haran. A great many of us bring afflictions on ourselves because we are not out-and-out for the Lord. We do not obey fully. God had plans He wanted to work out through Abram, and He could not work them out as long as He was there at Haran. Affliction came, and then we find that He left Haran, and started for the Promised Land.'

TRY IT THIS WEEK.

LET no day pass without personal communion with God.

Begin each day by taking council with the Word of God, if but one verse while you are dressing.

Put away all bitter feelings, and brooding over slights or wrongs, no matter from whom received.

Have on your heart some person or cause for which you are pleading God's blessing each day.

Let no opportunity pass without owning your Savior before others, and modestly urge all to accept His service.

Let no opportunity pass to say a kind word, do some kind deed, or at least, smile upon those you meet. Do this not affectedly, but sincerely as unto the Lord. Guard well the door of your lips that no unchaste word, jest or story, no slander or cutting remarks, no irreverent or untruthful statement shall pass out.

Remember each day that Christ will surely come, suddenly come, quickly come; and it may be this day will determine how His coming will find us, as it must to thousands.—Our Hope.

OUR DEAD.

TYSON.—Died, near Schwenksville, Montgomery county, Pa., Aug. 18, 1901, Susan H. daughter of Bro. John D. and Sister Annie B. Tyson, aged 5 months, and 31 days. She was afflicted with malaras for some time. Funeral services were conducted in the afternoon of the 21st, at the Brethren's M. H. near Gratersford, by the Brethren of Elder J. B. Tyson and John H. Harley. Text Matt. 24:44. Interment in adjoining cemetery.