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The Earth Shall Be Full of the Knowledge of the Lord as the Waters Cover the Sea.—Isa. xi. 9.

"Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the Lord our God."—Psa. 10:7.


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For the Evangelical Visitor.
A Meditation.

FRED. K. BOWERS.

While we have snow and ice without, and the cold wintry storms are howling around our houses, how we ought to praise God for this warm love of God in our hearts. Ira Sankey would often sing, "Tis the old-time Religion: it makes soul and love of God in our hearts. Ira ought to praise God for this warm

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Jesus! How does the very word of Jesus flow in over the sweetness and light and love and life; filling the air with odors like precious ointment poured forth; irradiating the mind with a glory of truths in which no fear can live, soothing the wounds of the heart with the balm that turns the sharpest anguish into delicate peace, shedding through the soul a cordial of immortal strength. Jesus! I answer to all our doubts, the spring of all our hopes, the charm omnipotent against all our hopes, the remedy of all our wants, the fullness of all our desires. Jesus! at the mention of whose name every knee shall bow and every tongue confess. Jesus! our power—Jesus! our righteousness, our sanctification, our redemption—Jesus! our elder brother, our blessed Lord and Redeemer. Thy name is the most transporting theme of the church as they sing going up from the valley of tears to their home on the mount of God; thy name shall be the richest chord in the harmony of heaven where the angels and redeemed unite their exulting, adoring sons around the throne of God. Jesus! Thou only canst interpret thy own name and thou hast done it by thy works on earth and thy glory at the right hand of the Father.

—Dr. Bethune.

"God meant it for good." Samuel Longfellow, the poet-clergyman, brother of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, once gave this prescription for the "blues:" "Whatsoever it be that disorder, annoys, grieves you, makes life look dark, and your heart dumbly ache, or wets your eyes with bitter tears, look at it deeply; look at it in the thought of God and his purpose of good, and already the pain of it will begin to brighten." That was the secret of Joseph's content in his misfortune.—Exchange.

If any man professes to be a believer, and does not habitually call on God, he is not what he pretends.—Robert Haldane.

"Ye shall be like a watered garden."—Isa. v. 8-11.
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EDITORIAL.

The Chief Temptation

As to where the chief danger for a lad or young man to go wrong lies the following from the pen of Dr. Richard Arthur, in Purity Advocate is clear and to the point.

What is the chief temptation of the average lad or young man? Let us be honest about this; a thing many of our teachers and preachers have not been in the past. The chief temptation of the young man is not drink or gambling; although these two sins are being constantly denounced as the cardinal temptations. It is neither of these but impurity in its various forms and a little reflection will show that it is so.

Not one man in a hundred is born with an inherent crave for drink or gambling. If we are so we should have thousands of drunkards below the age of twenty, while I have met only one in all my experience. And gambling is altogether an artificial vice, in most cases the result of environment, and a vice which legislation could go a long way towards stamping out.

But things are totally different in the case of impurity. Impurity is simply the expression in forms interdicted by moral and social law of one of the two great instincts of human nature. The first instinct is that of self-preservation, the desire to preserve the life of the individual; the second is the mateive instinct, by which the continuance of the species is insured.

Let us begin then by realizing that the temptation to impurity lies in the roots of our nature, and from the age of puberty onwards every healthy man has within him an instinct which, with ever-increasing, and sometimes with almost irresistible force, prompts him to the commission of acts which may be sinful. When this fact is thoroughly grasped, the truth of the saying, that impurity is the special temptation, exceeding a multitude all the others, will be manifest.

Special meetings were commenced at the above rock M. #11, North Franklin, Pa., on January 9th. Brother Noah Z. Hess, of Lancaster county, Pa., is laboring there in the interest of the kingdom of God and the welfare of souls. Our prayer is that the error may be blessed of the Lord in many precious souls being rescued from Satan's power. We also learn of a series of meetings being held at Painyrn in which Brother J. N. Martin, of Elizabethtown, is being used of God in bringing souls to Christ. We are glad to learn that a number have turned their faces Zionward.

Renewals have been coming this way quite satisfactorily for the last six weeks. However, we can stand a little more of it, so keep on sending until every credit will be in the future. How nice it will be to meet. Confer with no delinquents to report. We would again request all that have recently sent in money on subscription watch their credit label and if any mistake occurs write to us at once.

While our being absent from the office previous to the issuing of our January 1 issue was one reason for its being a little late in reaching our readers, that was not the only cause. We would have been ready to have it mailed the last day of the year had not the press caused a further delay of two days. We regret the delay.

After having gotten the last number of the Visitor ready for the printer, we returned again to the Air Printing department accounts for it.

This issue is unavoidably a little late. Sickness among the operatives of the printing department accounts for it.
An Aged Sister's Letter.

Dear brother in the Lord: Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. Enclosed find one dollar for the renewal of my subscription to the Vis­tor. I love to read it. It is food to my soul. It helps me on the way to glory, praise the Lord. I do praise the Lord to-night that I ever found Jesus precious to my soul. When I was willing to say, good-bye to the world and the devil, Jesus took me in and washed all my sins away with his precious blood. He will cleanse us from all unrighteousness and make us happy and keep us happy—not only in sunshine but when the clouds come thick and heavy. Sometimes it goes through fiery trials, but we can have joy and peace in our souls. I am so glad for this full and free salvation which makes soul and body happy, praise his holy name. I am so glad that he gives us a satisfying portion. I am so thankful for the keeping power. If we trust and obey him in all things, he will do what will, I am going all the way with Jesus. The older I get the more I love this way. It is a holy way, blessed the Lord.

We had such precious meetings these two weeks. O, it was food to my soul. The first week Brother Jacob Books from Lebanon county was with us and the second week Brother John Smith from Ohio. They preached the word in power. We got the honey and the wine, glory to Jesus. Three young souls started out for heaven. May they dig deep and get down on the Rock, Jesus Christ, is my prayer.

I do enjoy this salvation. I was sick in bed a little over seven weeks; had fever almost every day and there was no way. But as his children, he knows what will. I will go all the way with Jesus. The older I get the more I love this way. It is a holy way, bless the Lord.

Sincerely yours,

Grace Ford.
NEWS OF CHURCH ACTIVITY IN THE
HOME AND FOREIGN FIELDS

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PHILADELPHIA MISSION.—"Blessed is he that considereth the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble; the Lord will preserve him alive and he shall be blessed upon the earth, and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness."

Blessed be the name of the Lord. It is high time for us to wake up for truly the fields are white, ready to harvest, and where are the laborers? What are we doing? Are we gathering or are we scattering? O, it means so much; let us think for a moment; how much are we doing for the poor, fallen people? Do not always look beyond the sea, but let us look at our own doors. O the many thousands of poor broken-hearted men and women, and the sinful, miserable and wretched lives that they live. They are blind and no one to come to their rescue. Is not this awful?

Just think what we are doing. O we don’t plead half enough. Jesus is calling day and night and if we have the spirit of God he will do the rest. There is so much said as to what we felt we should do, but do we ever do it? May the good Lord prepare us so that we are fit vessels for the Master’s use.

Truly we have a great and noble work in this great city. Our Sunday-school is very good; we have as many as 150 to 170 in school. We truly are crowded too much. We have the infant class in the dining room and one class in the kitchen. Well, the Lord will provide, praise his name.

Our revival meetings are over again. Two souls were saved. Bro. Dimnick and his wife. They mean to go through, praise his name. Bro. Charleston from Mechanpish bunker, preached for us, being with us one week preaching the word with power.

We thank God for the truth as it is in Jesus. Now, may God’s richest blessing rest and abide with all his people. Remember those who give their time and all to this great and noble work of God. Pray much for us here in this wicked city.

PETER STOVER AND WIFE.
3423 N. SECOND ST., PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BRANCH MISSION, PHILADELPHIA, PA.—
"I will love Thee, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my Rock and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler and the horn of my salvation and my high tower."
Psalm 18:1, 2.

We praise the Lord, that we have a blessed Master, in whom we can put our trust, Jesus is such a good Master. We sometimes wonder why is it that so few want to serve Jesus. It seems they rather serve the one that gives us trouble and sorrow (the devil). We are so glad we are serving the one who gives us joy, and peace, that is, Jesus.

We have so much to praise and thank the Lord for. The Lord is still moving some hearts to help carry the good cause along. A sister sent us one dollar which we had many strong lives to give actively for truly the poor broken-hearted men and women, and the sinful, miserable and wretched lives that they live. They are blind and no one to come to their rescue. Is not this awful?

We are encouraged in the service of the Lord. We praise the Lord that he is our Healer. Sister Landis had a very sore finger. The doctor said it had to be burred, but, praise his holy name, Jesus healed it. It is wonderful what Jesus will do for us if we put our trust in him.

Remember us in your prayers.

ABRAHAM K. LANDIS AND WIFE.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—We have ample reason to praise God for his abundant blessing received from him during the past month and throughout the year. That God’s people have supplied the financial need of the work is a source of great encouragement. Apart from God’s grace and blessing the past year would possibly have been the emptiest, but with it has been the fullest of our Christian experience. He has been with us all the way and at times of special need he has been our strength. It is marvelous what he does for us for our trusting souls.

I have spent the past few months in other fields of labor. As we come in contact with so many precious perishing souls we feel the import of Jesus’ words, “They have no bread, and they have no place to lay their heads.” Truly our hearts are kept tender by the Holy Spirit we can not but wish we had many strong lives to give actively in his service in place of only one which we realize is so weak.

The expression of our hearts is well voiced in these words:

I do not ask for earthly store,
Beyond a day’s supply.
I only covet more and more.
The clear and single eye.
To see my duty face to face. Finally;
And trust the Lord for daily grace.

Chorus—
Then shall my heart keep singing
While to the cross I cling;
For rest is sweet at Jesus’ feet;
While household faith keeps winging;
I care not for the empty show
That thoughtless worldlings see;
I crave to do the best I know,
And leave the rest with Thee, etc.

We continue to solicit an interest in your prayers that his blessing may continue to rest upon the work here and that we may have his grace and blessing as we persevere in the path of duty.
Your brother and sister sincerely desiring to please Him.

GEORGE AND EFFIE WHISLER.

DES MOINES, IA.—We are able to say "The Lord reigneth." In the midst of trial there is great victory. Truth and righteousness will always prevail. May the Lord bless those who came to the help of the Lord’s work at this place during the month of December.
It is very encouraging to those in the field when the church stands right by them with their prayers and support.

We feel the need of the prayers and cooperation of God’s people in this self-denying work of the Lord.

We have great reasons to feel encouraged knowing the grace of God supplies strength of body, mind and soul to stand true to our calling and the church of the first born.

Our Christmas services were greatly blessed to us all. It was spiritual and profitable. They were held on Christmas Eve and were quite well attended.
A number of children and older ones took an active part in them. They all did most excellent. We wish you all a happy New Year; may the year 1909 be the best and most successful thus far in our lives.
We all appreciate kind words and greetings.

We were able to distribute a little food to needy saints at Christmas time.

Love and holy greetings to all,
J. R. AND ANNA ZOOK.
of meetings at the Chestnut Grove M. H. and Richland district opened a series ed by Bro. H. H. Menaugh, of Des Moines, November 1, 1908, which were continued interest good. As there was no one who with the Spirit of God and proclaimed the word with power not shunning to de­clare the gospel in its full sense, regardless of man. The attendance was large and the interest good. As there was no one who came out publicly on the Lord’s side it could be seen that there were deep im­pressions made. The saints were very much helped and built up. We hope the Lord will reward the brethren for their labors, and that the seed that was sown will bring forth its fruit in due season.

R. F. HESSELT.

Rapho Dist., Pa.—The brethren of Rapho dist, held a two-weeks’ meeting at the Mastersonville M. H., closing Jan­uary 11. Bro. H. K. Kreider, of Camp­belltown, Pa., labored in the meetings the first week, and Bro. Abner H. Martin, of Elizabethtown, was with us the second week. The brethren were full of the love of God, and preached the word with power, pointing out to us avenues of sin and its effect on the human family, and also proclaimed the possibility of deliver­ance from the same through faith in Jesus’ blood. The result was that sinners were made to see their need of a Savior, and six came out by open confession, and many others were under heavy conviction, but Felix-like they said, “I will hear thee at a more convenient time.” But we do not forget that that time ever came to Felix. Our prayer is that the seed that was sown may have fallen on good soil, and that much fruit may result in time, and in the time to come, everlasting life.

Allen E. Brubaker.

Mt. Hope, Pa.

Upland, Cal.—“I will extol thee, my God, as king; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever. Every day will I bless thee and praise thy name for ever and ever. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is un­searchable.” (Psa. 145:1-3.)

Two weeks ago a young man whom the Lord had saved a few weeks previously was received into church fellowship by baptism. Now and then some are willing to step out and take the way. The Lord has also been blessing our Sunday-school. We praise him for the increase in the school in the last year. The total attend­ance for the year 1907 was 5,752, and the year 1908 was 5,752.

On the evening of December 31, 1908, Bro. J. B. Leaman returned home from an evangelistic tour through Kansas, Penn­sylvania and Canada. We were glad to learn the Lord has been blessing the work in different places, especially in Canada.

Katie Burkholder.

Correspondent.

Souderton, Pa.—According to arrange­ments, Bishop John H. Smith, of Wayne county, Ohio, started a series of meetings at Silverdale M. H., Sunday evening, November 1, 1908, which were continued up to Thursday. The following evening the meetings were transferred to the Souder­ton M. H., where they closed Sunday, De­cember 6. The meetings were well attend­ed at both places. The brother did not shun to proclaim the whole counsel of God, and the efforts that were put forth were not in vain. On Sunday, December 27, a baptismal service was held. One sister was received by the right hand of fellowship, after which the congregation proceeded to the water, where one sister and three brethren were baptized by Bishop Joseph B. Detwiler. A nice assemblage was pres­ent to witness the service.

Henry F. Rosenberger.

Itinerary of Brother and Sister J. W. Hoover.

Bro. and Sister J. W. Hoover, of Toronto, Ont., began their evangelistic work at Nottawa, Ont., on January 3. They pur­pose to visit all the churches and isolated members in Canada, in rotation as much as possible. From Nottawa they expect, the Lord willing, to come to Fordwich, then to Hespeler, Waterloo county, then to Houghton, travelling eastward to Springvale, Kohler, Fenwick, Winger, Stevensville, Buffalo, etc. Reports of their travels will be given by Visitor, so that correspondents will know where to reach­them. Will all those who know the worth of prayer, bear them up in their prayers that the Lord’s will may be done and his great name be honored and glorified in the salvation of many precious souls.

D. V. Heise.

Des Moines, Ia.—Exercises of the Good Mission, and Gospel Temple Sunday-schools were held at the latter place Christ­mas eve, and were well attended. Officers and teachers of the schools are: C. I. Linkey, Superintendent; D. E. Weigle, As­sistant; Pearl Teal, Secretary; Bro. Keister, Treasurer; teachers, Sister Swisher, Primary; Alma Linkey, Sister Zook, Junior classes; C. Nysewander, Bible class. Bro. Mahler is Superinten­dent of the Good Mission S. S. The inter­est in both these schools is good. The exercises were enjoyed by all, and con­cluded, partly, as follows: Scripture read­ing, by Bro. Mahler; prayer, by Superin­tendent Linkey; songs by Blanch Zook, Hazel Mitchell, Bertha Zook, accompanied by Florence Shimp, who children spoke pieces appropriate for the occasion. The mythical heathen Santa Claus was not men­tioned, but all pointed to the name above every name, Jesus, the greatest of all gifts. Bro. Zook had taken pains before-hand to see that the Santa Claus idea was excluded, and all honor was attributed to him only who is worthy of all praise. He also prepared a beautiful blackboard illus­tration of the star of Bethlehem guiding the Magi. There were other features in the illustration which Bro. Z. explained. Sister Mahler delivered a touching ad­dress. All received gifts. Being called upon, the Bible class teacher made a few remarks, and then spoke of the motto often seen in business offices and stores, viz: “DO IT NOW.” A boy had recommended it in the activities of Christian life as fol­lows:

In a more convenient season
Do you think to pay a vow?
Then to fail may come some reason.
Better do it now.

Or if dream of golden moment
Make sweet peace, forget, allow;
Righted wrong begins a heaven,
You would better do it now.

If it comes, hearts may be colder,
You would better do it now.

If offense be unforgiven,
Make sweet peace, forget, allow;
Righted wrong begins a heaven,
You would better do it now.

Flowers are but an empty tribute,
Or to save one fallen low;
When death chills a loved one’s brow;
To the living love exhibit—
You would better do it now.

If a plan to aid you cherish,
Or to save one fallen low;
In sin’s depth he may soon perish,
You would better do it now.

If in home-land or in foreign,
You the Gospel seed would sow;
Onward sweeps sin’s dark swift torrent—
You would better do it now.

Opportunities not spurning,
As the moments quickly go;
Past days ne’er again returning;
You would better use them now.

Yesterday is gone forever,
Unseen hours with ages flow;
Days swift as dreams are flowing;
You would better do it now.

“The Poor Ye Have Always With You.”

Please allow us to make an appeal to the dear saints for the worthy poor of this place. Our attention was called to this line of work, and we would dearly love to extend more help to the deserving, suffering poor—it will be a stimulus to our mission work in this place.

It amounts to but little, indeed, to visit and pray with poor, sick people and say, “The Lord bless you,” when their stom­achs gnaw with hunger, and the cold pinches their nerves.

We make this plea in the name of the Master. Many times we give of our own means when we really don’t see how we can spare it.

We leave it all with you now, dear ones, believing we all will feel our responsi­bility in this great work of the Lord. For­ward all money to us, and by God’s grace we will distribute it judiciously.

Yours in service,
J. R. and Anna Zook.

Des Moines, Ia.

Mapane Mission.—Dear Editor: Your gentle reminder has somewhat vivified our duty, not that we were thoughtless but probably negligent of our duty toward the EVANGELICAL VISITOR and our dear friends. However one excuse justifies our con­science if not our inaction, and that is the question which we can say that would in­terest you?

What I may give in the following is only a silence broken by an extraordinary event in the visit of Elder Henry Steigerwald and the purpose of his coming.

Sister Doner had been feeling ill for several weeks and continued to get weaker. Sister Elizabeth Engle came over to nurse her and was here only a few days when she took malaria, which, in her case, acted very stubbornly (1 seems evident that Sister Engle was on the verge of the at­tack on her arrival). By this time Sister Doner was able to help wait on her. As the sickness fastened itself more firmly on Sister Engle we sent word to Matopo Mis­sion. The same day Bro. Steigerwald came down, arriving here about 8 o’clock p. m.

(Continued on page 12.)
When passing down the steep of life's decline,
And onward through the valley home-bound,
My Savior will preserve me from repining,
Though rough the paths and small my strength be found.

When length'ning shadows tell the sun's near setting,
When darkness on time's scenes is falling fast,
My Savior, ne'er forsaking, ne'er forgett'ning,
My light, my comfort, will be to the last.

Faith's clearer vision sees the morning breaking,
And scattering the shadows of the night.
The sleepers from their peaceful slumber waking
Amid the splendor of the noontide light.

And ever nearing the life eternal,
The hour that once had seemed so far away,
The peace ineffable, the bliss supernal.
The unfalling brightness of the endless day.

—John Woods Ballard

For the Evangelical Visitor.

The Holy Spirit.

GEORGE S. GRIM.

The peace of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life is one of importance because his or her being a Christian depends upon possessing it. We cannot state all of its functions any more than we can state all of the functions of life. We speak of life as the mainspring of all human activities, or even all the activities of human nature. So all Christian activities and thoughts are the work and expression of the Holy Spirit. No one can be a Christian without Jesus Christ. In him we live and move and have our being. Of him, and by faith in him, we are born into God's family.

Were Christ here to-day he would be as the dictator of all our actions, the lawgiver, the judge, and the executor of all things for the Christian.

Let us see in John, chapter 14, what some of the functions of the Holy Spirit are. The Father was from the beginning and Christ went to prepare a place for his children, and the Spirit takes the place of Christ, and abides with the children of God, because Christ has returned unto the Father. The Spirit dwells with us as Christ did when he was on the earth, to comfort, and encourage and bless us. He is the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it seeth him not, neither knows him. Christ confounded the lawyers and doctors in the temple with his wisdom. He truly interpreted the law and the prophets. He knew how to use the Sabbath day; how to treat sinners, and how to deal with the different classes of humanity without doing wrong unto any. This is because he lived by the Spirit of truth. We cannot understand our proper place in life, or understand what, under all circumstances, are our Christian duties through life, when we have the word of God; unless we have the Holy Spirit of truth with us—and in us. We come to Christ through this Spirit of truth. It is not at all surprising that many dear Christians full of spiritual life, zealous of good works, seldom have much to say that they have the Holy Spirit, but have much to say of Christ and his love, and have him as a present helper through all the conflicts of life to them, and that are willing to sacrifice their carnal nature with its lusts and worldly gratifications, and go on to keep his commandments. On the other hand he has not much to say about his own good works, but is a weak mortal and has a great desire to have the Spirit of truth dwell in him and guard, guide and direct him through all the conflicts of life.

Louisville, Ohio.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

In Sunny California—the Early and Latter Rain.

S. RICHARD.

"Be glad then ye children of Zion and rejoice in the Lord your God for he hath given you the former rain moderately and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain in the first month" (Joel 2:23).

People talk of sunny California and tell us here are three hundred sunshiny days in the year. But the people in Southern California are just as glad and anxious to have rain in the proper season as elsewhere. Last night rain fell nearly all night—a fine gentle rain making glad the farmers and others for here, indeed, the farmer or rancher depends very much on the early rains in November and December where they have no irrigation. So the laborer in the Lord's vineyard labors and toils incessantly to instruct and persuade the converts who have made a good beginning with faith and repentance towards God, but need, as Jesus said, to continue to pray, to ask, until they receive the Holy Spirit the promise of the Father, the endowment with power from on high, until the state of fruitfulness appears, the ear after that the full corn in the ear.

Hemti, Cal.

All activity is not influential. All speech is not persuasive. All supplication is not effective. The secret of effective supplication is a quiet faith. The secret of effective speech is hidden assurance. The secret of triumphant warfare is a permanent peace.
examine himself as to whether he is his success and efforts, to see if he is doing all that lies in his power and duty to be done. This does not assume independence from God's help. For after one has done all that lies within his own resources, he will see much that he cannot do and for which he must ask God to do for him; and with very few exceptions, the person who comes to this extremity oftenest, is the person who has tried all resources, means and ways that lay in his experience and knowledge; and not the one who so often pretendingly, yet lazily, casts himself upon God's aid, as a cloak to hide his slothfulness.

One of the signboards which tell the direction a Sunday-school teacher is traveling is the number of absent pupils there are of his class. The present class may not always be an indication that you are really successful as a teacher. For often it is true, especially in rural districts, that the children are at Sunday-school because the parents come, and the children because of the influence of the parents, or because no other attractions induce them away, come with their parents. Now that's an excellent thing for parents to do but adds nothing to your success as a teacher. Some pupils come to Sunday-school of their own accord or by force of habit and that's an excellent trait of character for the pupil but adds no virtue to you as a Sunday-school teacher, unless you have been instrumental in the formation of such habits. Some pupils are present because they find nothing else going on at the same time where other children and young folks are gathered together. Wanting such associations is not a bad idea for young people to have, but their presence in Sunday-school is not due to your successful efforts as a teacher.

Well, there may be various reasons why pupils are present and it may be too that not a single one of these reasons will be because the teacher does his or her work so efficiently and devotedly. That pupils are constrained for that reason to be present.

But what do we mean by absent pupils. The expression, "absent pupils," does not only include those who are enrolled in your class and dropped out again but also those who are eligible to be in the class. According to the school law of Indiana every boy and girl between the ages of seven and fourteen are pupils whether they have appeared and enrolled or not. The same principle applies to Sunday-school work. Every boy and girl within a Sunday-school district is a pupil of that district whether present or absent. And the age limit for Sunday-school boys and girls is not limited to the ages of seven to fourteen, but from the cradle roll to the grey-hair department.

Thus the duty of the teacher must be exercised toward the absent enrolled pupils and towards unenrolled absentees. But while the work is to win two classes of individuals it practically involves the same methods and most certainly, the same spirit must prompt both activities.

The first part of the teacher's duty is to take a sympathetic attitude towards this problem. For this, if not the greatest, is one of the greatest problems confronting the teacher. He should not forget that among these absent pupils is the choicest material. He must stop and examine his work, his devotional life, his manner of expressing his love; to see if he is the fault that certain pupils are absent, or if some one else is to bear the blame. In either case the teacher must overcome if possible the obstacle in the way. If it is the teacher's own fault, he can often and easily remedy it, if he will. In case it is another's fault, the teacher still has a duty and must tactfully, but persistently try to eradicate the barrier.

As mentioned above the teacher cannot afford to look at this matter carelessly for among this class of pupils are those whom we so often denominate as helpless cases. "They are bound to go to the bad anyway," we firmly declare. "What's the use to trouble yourself over that bad boy or wicked girl." But ha! lets tarry a moment ere we pass this indiment. Not infrequently those who have such sentiments pronounced upon them are the very best boys and girls in the neighborhood after all. They are simply bubbling over with unused energy which breaks out at the point of least resistance. In other words they are "full of life," as we say. But that's no bad feature in them: they can't content themselves to go to a dry Sunday-school class Sunday after Sunday and hear the teacher repeat the same old song; "I didn't study my lesson," or "I don't know anything about this lesson," as, he often blushingly articulates. Remember fellow teacher that simply because you didn't do your duty several Sundays in succession, a pupil who had little interest in such work was completely disgusted. Remember that among these boys and girls, who are charged with surplus of energy and are extremely active, are the best Christian workers who were turned in that direction. It is the crudest and ugliest appearing ore that contains the choicest metal. These worthless boys and girls are often like diamonds in the rough, or hard knots, which become most beautiful when the rough corners are trimmed and polished. Yes, give me the boy or girl, man or woman that has great vitality and when directed in the proper channel become the greatest force for Christ's kingdom. And history and life is full of illustration to verify my conclusions. But suffice it to recall simply one typical example, the Apostle Paul, when he persecuted Christians he didn't go at it half-hearted, but he pursued them with all his might and determination. However when he was turned square about he endured stripes, being stoned, shipwrecked, in perils of robbers, in perils by his countrymen and heathen, in perils of false brethren, hunger, cold, nakedness, imprisonment for the spread of Christ's message of "Peace and goodwill to men." And if any one is able outside of parental influence to direct and turn in the right pathway of life those who go astray it ought to be the Sunday-school teacher who gets at them at short range.

If it is the teacher's fault that pupils do not attend, it may be so for many reasons. Time and space will permit in this article to mention and suggest only a few.

First, pupils who have been in the class and are now absent are possibly so because of the method of teaching employed. I shall not attempt to give a thesis on teaching, but as a passing remark will say that the Sunday-school teacher very frequently does not adapt the teaching to the class. Either the food is placed on too high a shelf or else the teacher conducts the recitation for a class of boys in the "teens" as though they were still in the primary classes.

Sometimes pupils don't attend because the teaching is not adapted, or because there is no teaching at all.
Now it is easy to entertain or to fill up the period of time assigned for recitation, by talking or asking questions but neither of these may be teaching.

Another reason why some pupils are absent is simply because the teacher is a repellant force. We often remark “don’t you like Mr. A. or Miss B?” “Why you simply can’t helpliking them.” And the persons making such expressions, if interrogated, seldom can give a reasonable answer why they think such and such a person is a charming friend. Well, in more mature thinking we say such individuals have a pleasing personality or atmosphere about them. We don’t mean their dress or bodily features either; we mean the acts of the individuals and the spirit that prompts and permeates their acts. As mentioned already some individuals are repellant while others are attractive and seem to be a sort of walking magnet, that draws every one who comes in contact with them. In the selection of teacher this point ought to be kept in view. If, then you are not as magnetic as you might be, if, then, people don’t care very much to be in your presence, begin improvement. Associate with strong and admirable personalities in your community; your minister ought to be one, your superintendent ought to be one. You can’t buy it or walk up to another and say give me some of your pleasing and persuasive traits of character. No indeed, it comes by growth and hard plugging. Associate with tried and true characters of life and history and form a most adequate and intimate relation with Biblical characters such as Ruth, Joseph, Daniel, Mary, and many others, and certainly not to except walking daily with the strongest personality and most magnetic being that trod earth’s rugged journey, Jesus Christ, himself, the Teacher of teachers.

There may be, and there often are, other reasons why the teacher is the fault. At any rate, the teacher should study each particular absent pupil and determine if possible why he is absent.

If it is found that there is another reason other than the teacher’s fault for the absence, then he should not on that ground excuse himself from the duty of getting him in, which duty remains as long as he is not in the class or Sunday-school.

If pupils are sick visit them or send them a bouquet of flowers or some other cheering emblem of interest and love.

May be, there are some in your neighborhood who have never been in Sunday-school or were never invited. Just stop and ask yourself, “how many persons have I ever invited into Sunday-school?” Many invited from the wayside and byways will come when asked.

These and scores of other causes cause many to be absent. And it may not lie within the teacher’s possibility to remove all hindrances; but he, if any, can remove many of them. And not until the teacher has tried every right and available method is he excused from his duty toward the absent.

The method of treatment will undoubtedly vary with each case of truancy; some are easily mastered, some are not. But the most difficult conditions and problems are the ones that try the worth of the teacher. Then it is that the apt teacher will manifest his loyalty to duty and hard work.

Lastly after you have seemingly reported to every possible prayerful means come again believing TENNYSON, “that more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of,” and pray accordingly. And do not be at all surprised if God will answer that prayer by your labor and co-operation.

Goshen, Indiana.

From the Michigan Field.

MARY J. LONG.

“As it was in the days of Noah so shall it be in the coming of the Son of Man.” (Luke 17:26).

Dear readers of the Visitor: By the help of God I will make an effort to write a few lines for the Visitor, and while it is quite a cross and I feel very incompetent to write on such an important subject, still I am willing to make an effort, and, as I said the other evening in the meeting when so few seemed to have a testimony, it still seems to me we all should be ready to rise on our feet and show what side we are on. I am always so ready to read the Visi­tor, and, I suppose we all are, and yet, if we are not willing to give in our mite toward the work we ought hardly expect so much of our editor.

Perchance eight years ago as I was walking on the street in Harrisburg, Pa., just like a flash, the above named scripture was God-given to me in such a way that it left a lasting impression on my mind and which has never left me. Neither do I want it to leave, and the other day it came so fresh be­fore me again as I saw how even God’s children get too much taken up with the things of time and sense, and even those who are to be an example to the flock can forget themselves and instead of being much alone with God in pleading for precious souls that they may see their lost condition and come back to God, perhaps are more interested in the planning out how to get their children and themselves located in order that they may accumulate more of this world. Oh, that we would have the kind admonitions and warnings more at heart and profit by the same as found in Matthew 24:27, and on through the remainder of the chapter. Oh that we might have this desire in our hearts continually as the hymn says,

“Help me to live that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed.”

If this is really our desire our dear heavenly Father is so willing to help us on every line on which we need help; and who knows, as we read in the word, that the Son of Man cometh at such an hour that ye think not.

When we expect some of our loved ones or our brethren and sisters to come we talk about it and generally make some preparation for the time. It seems to me that we might come far short if we are not on our guard in the bringing it before our children, as well as others, that we need not expect any more warning than what we have in the word. And truly, the time is still drawing nearer. One earthquake after another, and yet it seems to be so hard to reach the unsaved. Well, no doubt, poor Noah was discouraged sometimes with the people then, but he did what God commanded him to do and the rest went on and did what they pleased, but Noah with his family was saved, by God’s grace. I want to prove faithful to my calling, but I am aware that it takes all in order that we may come out victorious at the end. For, go where we will, we can see, as we read in Matt. 24:2, that because iniquity shall abound the love of many shall wax cold.

Dear saints, let us be in earnest about this all important matter; to bring before the people the importance of not being too easily satisfied, belonging to church as it is often said. We must be in earnest and alive to the work emptied of self and every thing that will hinder the work of the Lord in our hearts and lives. As for me I have no other desire than to go on by faith in the Son of God, the One who laid down his life that we might live. I realize, in full at times.
that the enemy of my soul is on the alert trying to bring in discouragements, but God’s grace is sufficient for every trial, and he also knows all about our needs, praise his dear name. We are still among the favored, and are blessed far above many of God’s children. I, at times get a longing to meet with our children, more so than in former years, but I feel as though it’s an attack of the evil one. Much as we love our children, yet God helps his children even on those lines. I would ask you all to pray earnestly for us that we may be able to fill our calling here in Michigan and be a help to those who need help. It appears to me that in no way can we reach the people as well as by personal work, going from home to home, following it up, and, most of all, warn the people to get ready for the coming of Christ, for, as it was in Noah’s time so will it be in our age. Still we must obey God, and be faithful in all our calling.

Your sister in the faith and work.

Sandusky, Mich.

For the EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

Cleansed.

AARON EBERSOHL.

As I was reading some experiences in the VISITOR of those who have been saved from the habit of using tobacco, I feel that I can praise God in no better way than to drop in a few words of encouragement in regard to the same, as I had some experience along the tobacco line. I used tobacco for some time in the early part of my life.

In the early part of my conversion I was wonderfully convicted on the use of tobacco. One morning when I rose from my bed I asked the Lord to take the desire away for I knew if I would ask in faith he would hear me. It was taken away that very moment and it never came back again. But he cleansed me not only from tobacco but also from drink.

Oh, what joy I received in obedience! How pleasant it is if we trust in him for all things—everything we own. How good it is when we can go to the Lord and ask his advice in our earthly labors. He gives us the best advice. Oh, how good it is if we ask the Lord every morning what we are to do this day. I believe he would bless us for it. It is sad to say I was not as true to him in some things as I should have been in time past. But, by his grace, I want to do his will.

I would say, let us all be like Mary of old, and choose that good part that shall not be taken away, which is eternal life.

Pray for me and my family that we may continue in the faith once delivered unto the saints.

A Testimony for Jesus.

ADA M. HESS.

Dear readers of the VISITOR: I greet you in the precious name of Jesus. I felt very much impressed to write a few lines for the VISITOR, and by God’s help I will do so.

I praise God for the way he has brought me from darkness into his marvelous light and from the power of sin and Satan unto God. Oh when I look back and see the many sins God has saved me from I feel I cannot praise him enough. If it would not be for the heavy convictions Jesus sent on me I am sure I would not enjoy what I do this morning.

Three years ago when Bro. J. B. Leaman was holding meetings at the Pequea church, God wonderfully convicted me of my sins, but I thought I wouldn’t yield as I thought it would spoil my plans which I had made for the future, but Jesus loved me so much that even if I did do all I could to fight them away he still kept calling till at last I felt I could not stand it any longer. Oh the burden of sin that was resting on me and the misery I was in just because I was not willing to yield! Perhaps if you could have heard my dear mother pray for her girls you wouldn’t wonder much why God called so loud. God wonderfully answered her prayer on the third day of November, 1905, when three of my sisters and myself yielded our lives to God. That was a night that shall never be forgotten because of Jesus’ presence with us. God wonderfully changed me about that night as I said goodbye to the world and all the sinful things. God wonderfully flooded my soul with his glory, and, bless God, I had no desire for those things that held me so hard, but I felt a determination to go through at any cost. Oh I didn’t know Jesus had something so blessed for me or I am sure I would not have fought so hard against it. That night, as I was there at the altar, I said I am going to follow Jesus every step of the way at any cost. But oh, dear ones, I didn’t know what that meant to me. But I felt so happy I thought I could do anything for Jesus. I went home a different girl than I came. Old things had all passed away and all things had become new. I am so glad that I am on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and did not get it from Bro. Leaman or some one else. After the meetings closed and Bro. Leaman left us why I felt as much of a desire to go on as ever, and as the days went on Jesus still kept speaking to me and he took me through on real Bible lines. It was the ‘old time religion,’ and, bless God, it was ‘good enough for me.’ I was very happy as I obeyed God and did just as he told me.

Jesus wonderfully healed my body. I had been very sickly: mamma still said she didn’t think she would raise me, and, it seemed, the doctors could not help me much, but when Jesus got a hold of me he healed me, soul and body. That was three years ago and I have not been sick once since. Praise his dear name. This God did to show me how much he loved me. Then the Lord told me that some day I was to go to Africa to labor for him which seemed to be a very hard thing for me to do. I thought surely I can’t do this. I said to myself, “I won’t think such a dumb thing as I is wanted.” I would try to push it away; still Jesus would keep speaking and proving it to me that I was to go. I never told any one what Jesus told me, but many times I would weep when I was alone with the Lord. Now I loved Jesus very much but yet I found that I loved my parents and my home more than Jesus, and I felt Jesus had more for me to enjoy than what I was enjoying. I had promised I would follow every step of the way but when I saw what it would cost I thought it was more than I could do, but I am so glad that Jesus didn’t let me get satisfied or settled down in the way I was going but gave me to see that he had something so much better if I would only surrender my all to him.

You know, there is no standing still but we have new heights and deeper depths to gain every day, and as Jesus gave me to see the real joy in living a consecrated life to him I got a real longing for it and on the nineteenth day of June, 1908, after sitting under a touching sermon, preached by Bro. C. C. Burkholder, I settled this matter definitely with the Lord. I surrendered my all to him, but it took a real dying out to ‘self. It seemed very hard, and took quite a while for me to give up all. Especially my home and parents, brothers and sisters seemed to hold me so
hard. There are fourteen of us in the family with my dear parents and almost all our days were spent together here in our comfortable home. Oh, dear ones, it went very hard for me to say, yes, to the whole will of God, but, oh, I am so glad I have given all because Jesus has given me something that is so much better, and to-night I can say, I love Jesus above everything else. Oh I am so glad I have taken the way; it surely pays to give up all for Jesus. To-night my heart is thrilled with joy as I think of what Jesus has done for me. I praise God for a satisfying portion in him and for the real long-ing he has put in my heart to do his whole will. And, oh, how I desire that I may be a bright and shining light for Jesus, that wherever I go my life may tell for God, that I may be the means in God's hands of saving precious souls.

My prayer is that God may prepare me for all he has for me to do. I mean to go the whole way with Jesus at any cost. I ask a deep interest in the prayers of all God's children for me that I may be true to Jesus and just follow as he leads.

Yours, looking for the near coming of Jesus.


For the EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

Testimony.

ELIZABETH J. TRACY.

DEar readers of the VISITOR: I am impressed to give my testimony through the VISITOR for my precious Master this morning. I can say with the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." It is blessed to know that we are children of the heavenly King.

It encourages me very much to read the testimonies and other articles in the VISITOR. I feel so glad that the Savior saved me in my youth. He not only saved me but keeps me saved. He also saved my dear parents. Before my parents were converted I prayed that the Savior would bring them to him before they would depart from this earth. Praise his name, he answered my prayer, although it was not as soon as I expected. The Savior answered it in his own time.

I am still praying for my brothers, that they may give their hearts to Jesus. I have talked to them, also prayed with them, but they seem to be enjoying the pleasures of this life.

Please pray for them that they may give their hearts to Jesus.

I talked to a young lady about giving up the pleasures of this world for the pleasures that there are in serving Jesus. She replied, "I do not see how you people can give up all the enjoy­ments of this world for a Christian life." I told her that Jesus has taken all the desire for those things out of my heart. I am so glad that he has. I would not give my peace for all that the world could give. One thing is so precious to me: that is, the world cannot give nor take away that which Jesus has given to me. We sing in school:

"I will ask Jesus to help me To keep my heart from sin, Ever reflecting his goodness, And always shine for him."

This verse expresses the desire of my heart. Please remember me in your prayers to God. Also for all of us young sisters at the Orphanage, that we all may be obedient and always "hold fast to that which is good."

Messian Orphanage, Harrisburg, Pa.

For the EVANGELICAL VISITOR.

Testimony.

A. ELIZABETH WINTER.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul and forget not all his benefits."

This is the language of my heart this morning. The Lord is so very good to me these days, and, in fact always has been that I cannot find words to express what I feel in my soul. I want to praise him especially for saving and sanctifying me, and then, last but not by no means least, of giving me a little place in which to labor for lost souls in the great harvest-field of this perishing world.

Some six or seven years ago soon after I came to California the Lord gave me a definite case of salvation, and ever since that time I have felt the call of God upon my life for some special service for him, but not until this last October did he really start me out on the work my heart had so longed to enter. Some may wonder why God calls so long before he sends, but had I started out immediately after I was saved I would surely have made an utter failure. Many were the lessons I needed to learn, some of them hard ones, too, before the Lord opened the way for me to step out, and I am glad now that the Lord held me at home under good, solid, spiritual teaching until he could "establish my goings" and get me firmly rooted and grounded in him. To him be all the glory.

I can say, to the praise of the Lord, that I thoroughly enjoy this city Mission work in which I am engaged. I believe with all my heart that there is no joy outside of the joy of our own salvation, like that of seeing other souls coming to Jesus.

Some way this morning during family worship, the Lord put a burden of prayer upon my heart for the many young brethren and sisters throughout the brotherhood who could be such a wonderful power for God and souls if only they could realize the call of God on their lives, for service in real soul-saving work. May God awaken every one of us to a lively sense of this world's need and our duty in reference to it.

Sometimes when I hear of so many places where workers are needed, I feel that had I a dozen lives to give I would send each one in a different direction to work for precious souls. "The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few." Let us each one earnestly ask God, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" and then, "Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, do it with our might."

I do praise God that here in this great city, which is said to be a laughing-stock among the nations because of its exceeding wickedness, down in the humble little Peniel Mission on Third street, souls are from time to time finding their way to the Lord, weeping their way to Calvary, to the joy and satisfaction of their own hearts and to the encouragement of the workers. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

May the Lord richly bless all the dear brethren and sisters and especially our dear editor is my prayer.

Your sister seeking the lost.

138 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 23, 1908.

This is the way to do a good day's work: Begin it with God, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus and for the encouragement of the nations because or unclean in itself—it can be so only when the motive of your life is low. Be not content with eye-service, but, as servants of God, do everything from the heart and for the loftiest motives, and be as men which watch for the coming of the master of the house.—F. B. Meyer.
LESSON 5. The Trial of Peter and John.
Acts 4:1-31. (Commit vs. 11, 12.)

Golden Text: They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Central Truth: The Holy Spirit gives courage to meet opposition.


Where? Jerusalem. Solomon’s porch, a part of the hall of the Sanhedrin, and the temple. Who? Captain of the temple, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, etc. What? They went in without any notice of being taken, but were set at nought:—I. Cor. 11:16-33. II. They were punished in the temple. WHERE? Jerusalem, Solomon’s porch, a part of the temple. WHEN? A. D. 30. The same day and the morning following the last lesson.

Who? Captain of the temple, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, etc.; the high priest, Caiaphas, John, Alexander, Peter, and John, and many of the people.

Explanations and Word Studies. (V. 5) Their rulers: The supreme court. It was composed of the rulers, and elders, and scribes. (V. 6) Ananias and Sapphira: Ananias was the high priest, and was deposed by the Romans about seven years later. But the Jews still regarded him as their high priest. (V. 7) Set them in the midst: The members of the Sanhedrin sat in a semi-circle. The apostles were placed in the midst of this body. (V. 8) Filled with the Holy Ghost: Luke 2:22. Filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness. (V. 9) For fear: This verse is not in the Septuagint. Who? Jerusalem. What? They feared to do wrong and to resist hostility to the Holy Ghost. He rules in the kingdom of darkness, that is opposed to the kingdom of light. He raises up false prophets. (V. 10) Preach: The name Barnabas is Hebrew, and means comforter or consolation. He was the actual high priest. According to the promise. (Matt. 22:29. Luke 21:12.) They feared to do wrong and to resist hostility to the Holy Ghost. He rules in the kingdom of darkness, that is opposed to the kingdom of light. He raises up false prophets. (V. 10) Preach: The name Barnabas is Hebrew, and means comforter or consolation. He was the actual high priest. According to the promise. (Matt. 22:29. Luke 21:12.)

LESSON 6. True and False Brotherhood.
Acts 4:32 to 5:11. (Commit vs. 32, 33.)

Golden Text: Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight.

Central Truth: "Pretense of consecration without reality is desolation."


Introductory. From the personal details connected with the leading followers of Jesus of Nazareth, related in chapters 3 and 4, their words, their great miracles and the persecutions which followed, the historian here passes into the inner life of the new society. Was this how the same quiet people, the same spirit of self-sacrifice which at first (chap. 2:44-47) prevailed, still reigned in the new, greatly enlarged community; and of the inner life of the Church in those days, the writer of the history dwells on two particulars: (1) The relation of believers one with another; (2) The conduct of believers toward the unconverted. —Spencer.

Where? Not definitely known; A. D. 30-33; not long after the events of the last lesson.


Explanations and Word Studies. (V. 32) Of them that believed: Of the new converts. The church was growing rapidly. The persecution and danger inspired them to their testimony. (V. 33) Of one heart: Complete accord. Which he possessed: The rights of property were not oblitera­ted. There was no compulsory commun­ism. While perhaps there was an indifference on the part of many Christians in re­gard to their own property, yet they did not take away the property of any one. It was a matter of choice whether one kept his goods or brought them to the common store. (V. 34) Laid them up: Not of mira­cles, but of speech. Great grace: This may include Divine favor, and the favor with which the word of God was received by the people. (V. 34) That lacked: None were in need, because their wants were supplied. (V. 35) At the apostles’ feet: They gave the apostles entire control over these char­ity funds. They were applied for the sup­port of the widow’s, and the widows and the orphans. (V. 35) Joses: His surname was Barnabas: —Acts 4:36-40. He became afterwards the companion of St. Paul in his first missionary journey. He is said to have suffered martyrdom on one occasion. (V. 36) That name Barnabas is Hebrew. And was no doubt given to him by the apostles on this occasion. See note on power and speech of exhortation (Chap. 11:23). (V. 37) BroUGHT the money: The gift of Barnabas was (Chap. 5:5).

Sold a possession: Doubtless a parcel of ground, to raise money for the common fund. There was no compulsion in the New Testament, but by no means the least hint of it. A lie is a falsehood, but all incorrect statements are not lies. It must have in it the elements of deception. To tell as true what one knows is not true, or to tell as true what one does not know to be true, is to lie. There may be a spoken lie, which is one of word, or an acted lie, which is one of deed. Ananias lied in deed, Sapphira in word. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (V. 22) "Wonders if there are any liars in the Church today—Gossipers, slanderers, tale­bearers, and those who do not believe hereafter! Are there any in your church? Great fear came upon the church." Well it might be that a few deserts like these would have a fear-making effect even this time. Anything seems nothing else.

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Notice the method of God in saving the soul. "Christ spake to make men wise." He simply conformed upon the eye that was already there the faculty that it had never been there. So, when God takes a soul to himself, a disciple he creates no new faculty; he does not give a new reason or conscience or imagination or will. What is there already there and gives it a new direc­tion, a new quality to one’s being, a new disposition towards God and spiritual things; but there is no creation of a new faculty. He takes the conviction toward the truth; he takes the affections which were perverted and diverted, and draws them to God with an entire surrender. He illumines the conscience so that the moral judgment is what it is to be desired, is now confirmed in righteous de­cisions. He takes the will and turns it to­ward God with an entire surrender. All this is illustrated in our Lord’s dealing with this man born blind.—A. T. Pierson.
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A Voice from the Ozarks

For the Evangelical Visitor.

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Noah and Mary Zook

To all the dear readers of the Evangelical Visitor, we come with greetings in the precious name of Jesus, wishing you all a happy New Year, not only for this day, but for all the year through. Amen!

Our calendar verse for to-day is: "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble." (Psalm 9:9.)

As we look back over the year just closed we can say, goodness and mercy have marked our pathway, blessings innumerable, and above our desires, have been our happy lot. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever and ever. Amen!

When we quit the general evangelistic field, because of age and inability to stand the constant strain upon our bodies, and came to these parts to help care for the orphan twins of our dear children, Josiah and Rhoda Martin, we thought possibly no one would be impressed to send us any means for our own personal use. But, to the praise of God, we can say the dear Lord put it into the hearts of some of his children to send free will offerings, so that our needs have been supplied. We feel very unworthy of this special notice of our heavenly father in thus sending us offerings from Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Indiana and Canada. We pray the Father's richest blessings to rest upon all who have thus contributed to our need, and pray him to restore to them an hundred fold, in his own good time and way. May it all have been done as unto the Lord.

According to previous arrangements, we began the first series of meetings here in the home of Bro. and Sister George on the evening of Dec. 6, 1908. The meetings continued two nights over two weeks. Our dear Elder M. G. Engle, of Kansas, came on the evening of the 5th, and was with us until the close of the meetings. We here had been praying that he might come filled with the Holy Ghost, to preach "the Word" to these people; and we believe he cleared his skirts from the blood of this people. We had also been praying the Lord to get hold of the hearts of the people of this vicinity and bring them to the meetings. To the praise of God we can say the attendance was fair to good all the time of the meeting. The Holy Spirit was also applying the
truth to many hearts, and quite a number became seekers after God. Some professed to have found Him in the pardon of their sins. While we would have been glad for a greater display of God's power in convicting sinners and sanctifying believers, yet we do want to magnify the name of the Lord for what has been done; and now we are praying the Holy Ghost to re-preach the truth in many hearts as presented by the brother. We are glad to say he fearlessly, and yet in love, gave the gospel no uncertain sound, so that sinners and formal professors all were dealt with as though he believed he would have to answer to God when ever man's work shall be tried of what sort it is.

God's children were encouraged to make a full consecration of their lives to God that they may prove to their own hearts what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, according to Rom. 12:1, 2.

We had the respect of the young people, so that there was no confusion or disorder during services, and we feel greatly encouraged for what has been done; and we hope and pray that more definite things may yet be done. We expect to have a service on the Thursday evening of each week, and preaching every two weeks on Sunday at 2 p. m., beginning with the first Sunday of the New Year.

We had our first meeting on the last night of the old year. Our hall was pretty well filled with young people, and the best of order prevailed. We would ask all who love the Lord to earnestly pray the dear Lord to give us heavenly wisdom to deal with these precious souls.

Our son, D. W. Zook, after a journey of 6,000 miles through the west and northwest, is now with us for a much needed rest. He and his wife spent in the service of God!

We would ask all who love the Lord and Master.

With the exception of some colds, our family here have been well. For the benefit of all who are interested we will say the India orphan twins are well and learning to talk well. They are becoming more interesting as they grow and develop on all lines. Keep praying for them that the hand of the Lord may continually be upon them for good; and that we together may train them in the way they should go. We pray for wisdom and patience every day, feeling our need of divine help along these lines.

We have been having very lovely weather here for some time, which we appreciate and are thankful for.

Yours in his service,


P. S.—We will be glad to hear from any of the dear brethren and sisters who may be led to write to us.

N. and M. Z.

Home Again.

J. B. Leaman.

This morning I am prompted to write a few lines for the Visitor. Rom. 8:1 is mine this morning and as I am living there I am made to realize the truth of Psalm 23.

My last writing found me at Chicago Mission. On Nov. 17, I came to Springfield, Ohio. I had meetings at Donnellsville, Nov. 19 and 20, and all day meeting on the 20th. This was a season of refreshing to us all. Here it was my privilege to meet many of the dear saints. We were rejoiced to have in these services our three aged brethren, Elder Jacob Wingert, Bro. Kunkle, of Medway, upwards of eighty years of age, and for many years a minister in the church, and still a blessed brother; also Bro. Jacob Ulery, also quite old and feeble, and many years a deacon in the church.

As I looked upon the aged brethren touting on the edge of the grave, I was made to feel the responsibility that is falling upon us who are younger in years. O, what a grand picture is given in the VISITOR. If we could only have the hearts of all the dear saints encouraged and marching on. Bless his name. Again coming to Highland, I held meetings on the 22d and 24th at the same place. I found the dear saints encouraged and marching on.

Bidding farewell, I came on to Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 26, at eleven o'clock noon, where all our father's family were waiting for me. My aged father and mother, and only brother who had just been married. This was a reception given me that made our hearts rejoice because of the thought of being home once again. On this same evening I preached at the Brethren's Mission, Manor street, Lancaster. Visiting some of my friends I came on to Pecquoa where I was entertained by our Brethren in the Visiting Mission. On Sunday morning, Nov. 29, I found open doors at the Mennonite church, two miles east of Lancaster, the home of my childhood. God gave open doors, and real liberty. In the evening I preached in the Evangelical church, W. Orange street, to a crowded house. One soul, made a start for the kingdom.

Sunday morning, Dec. 6, I preached to a crowded house at the New Danville Mennonite church, and in the evening closed at Pecquoa M. H. By special arrangement I came to the Reformed Church, seven miles east of Lancaster, on the evening of Dec. 8, where I had a full house. God gave real liberty. Here I preached to many of my old school mates with whom I had not met for twenty-five years. We had a real melting time together. Surely this was a night long to be remembered by all. The following evening I preached at the Philadelphia Mission, found the workers well and happy. I was glad to meet them once again. It seemed like getting home. Coming to Harrisburg, Dec. 10, I preached the word. This closed a series of meetings which were held by the Brethren here in which a number yielded their hearts to God. Here it was my privilege in the evening to visit the Orphanage, and taking supper with sister Baker and other workers and thirty-nine children. As I was seated at the table with them my heart was touched as I saw the untiring love and patience of the dear sisters. I could not help but notice the respect the inmates all...
manifested toward the matron, and the training which obtains here is certainly worthy of imitation by many of our dear people. Surely, our dear sister should have our prayer and sympathy in this noble work, which is moulding character for eternity. Brethren and sisters, if you are permitted to pass through do not fail to stop off here, and see what is being done. I firmly believe, that this is one of the grandest works of the church. I spent a very pleasant time with our dear editor in his home, and also with Bro. S. R. Smith. I found the brother very busy in getting the new Church Hymnal ready for the printing, which is a very heavy burden upon these brethren as also on our dear brother, J. R. Zook. I hope and pray that we, as a people, will not forget that these brethren receive no compensation for this work, and we should at least give them our thanks instead of criticism.

On the morning, Dec. 13, I preached at the Mennonite church, Rohrerstown, and the afternoon at the East Chestnut street, Mennonite M. H., Lancaster, and in the evening at Pearl street, Evangelical church, Lancaster. This was my last stay in the States. These services were all very largely attended, and I praise God for open doors among these dear people. I also feel glad that my heart has been enlarged so I can enjoy myself wherever I am.

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Yours in Christian fellowship.
Upland, Cal.

For the Evangelical Visitor.
A Letter.

Dear Reader: As I think of the wonderful salvation which Christ purchased for us on the cross with his own blood, that we may go free, there wells up in my soul a shout of hallelujah, glory to his name.

On Sunday, Dec. 13, I was healed of a severe pain and soreness on my lungs in answer to prayer at the Mission, then on Dec. 14, I received a call to hold an evening service on the 15th, in the country. The Holy Spirit gave me go, and gave me the message to deliver. After speaking one-half hour I felt inclined to close my remarks, but the people insisted on me to proceed with the exposition of the word which I then did and spoke one-half hour longer. The Lord wonderfully manifested his power, as the people prayed God to strengthen me in my effort. After the meeting closed I left for home having one and one-half miles to walk before I would reach the car line. I felt that the strain was too much for my nervous condition, and I had gone but a short distance from the house where the meeting was held when I fell prostrate on my face on the highway semi-conscious and not able to move or call for help. The evening was chilly, dark, and damp, but after considerable time I was able to pull myself up and lean on the fence and make a little noise which drew the attention of a good brother who was up late in his house who came to my assistance. I find that I have broken God's law in thus overdoing the strength of my body, but I cannot regret the faithful delivery of the message. Praise his name.

I am regaining my health and bodily strength gradually by faith and prayer. I have asked God to forgive me for violating the laws of nature and heal me of all my ailments, and believe he will, for Jesus' sake. I am thankful for the full Gospel as we have it taught and preached at our Mission and church. It is a great help and blessing. "I shall never cease to love him." Will all the dear saints remember me to God in prayer, that I may be able to stand true to God and heaven, always ready to meet Jesus in the air when he comes to judge the world in righteousness?

Yours in love.
A. C. Higgins.
1322 W. Seventh St., Des Moines, la.

My Conversion.

Dear friends one and all: The following few lines is a little experience of a sinner on the road to complete repentance and a thorough cleansing from all worldly desires which has long been my folly. But praise the Lord for his infinite goodness and mercy to me. I can now fully say in truth and sincerity that I am safely waiting for me. I do not fail to pass through do not fail to stop off here, and see what is being done. I firmly believe, that this is one of the grandest works of the church. I spent a very pleasant time with our dear editor in his home, and also with Bro. S. R. Smith. I found the brother very busy in getting the new Church Hymnal ready for the printing, which is a very heavy burden upon these brethren as also on our dear brother, J. R. Zook. I hope and pray that we, as a people, will not forget that these brethren receive no compensation for this work, and we should at least give them our thanks instead of criticism.

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Yours in love.
A. C. HIGGINS.
be attributed fully to the dear brothers and sisters of the ever kind and faithful Stover family which has so amply provided for me in times of distress, when, unfortunately as it had seemed at the time, I was parted from my husband through the results of the soul-destroying monster, rum, and left with two little children and being introduced to them I stated my grievances in full and how I had to break up a once happy home. The world and all therein seemed hard and disconsolate to me under the existing circumstances. But praise the Lord, not nearly as much as I thought for, when dear sister Cora Stover asked me if I knew where my husband was, my answer was, no. She replied do you know how you can find out. I, in consternation asked, how? She said through prayer and on the following Sunday evening brother Peter Stover, sister Cora and another sister in Christ, sister Bella Carins called on me and all knelt in prayer for almost one hour for my husband to give up his wicked ways and come to Jesus and get salvation, and thanks be to our heavenly Father, the Creator of all things, our prayers were speedily answered and my husband came to the Mission with me and my two little children under the care and guidance of the dear kind and loving Stover family.

Oh, dear readers, do kindly pray for them for I cannot write all the good they have done for me and mine, and I would kindly ask of you all to pray for us that we would always live for Jesus until which time our dear Lord sees fit to call us from the shores of time there to abide with him in the kingdom of glory for ever. Amen.

MRS. DEMMICK.


For the Evangelical Visitor.

Testimony.

AMELIA MYERS.

Dear readers of the Visitor: I have been impressed for some time to write, but have been putting it off. But to-day it has come to me so plainly that I should obey, and when I became willing my heart was filled with joy. Oh, what a joy the Lord gives us when we obey him. It is my earnest wish and desire to obey him whatever he wants me to do. I have passed through many schools the last few years, and whatever the Lord wants me to do that is what I want to do.

God's word teaches whom he loveth he chasteneth. I am so glad for this that the Lord has brought me to that place that I can see what belongs to a child of God. I feel that I am on the way he wants me to go, for he showed me plainly that I should dress in modest apparel, to be plain and separate from the world and wear a covering not only myself, but I should also be careful how I dress my children. When this came to me I said, "What is this for?" and I heard a voice say, "For a light to the world." So I try to keep off my children all the unnecessary things I can. I feel to praise the Lord for all these things. I wonder sometimes whether the Lord does not talk to others as he does to me, or whether they are not willing to obey. Now, I do not write this to offend any one, but I feel that the Lord wants me to do so. I want to obey for that is the only way that I can have it good in the service of the Lord. I feel to praise the Lord for all his blessings. He has blessed me far beyond what I deserve. I feel that I am nothing in his sight, and I am glad he ever noticed me, and brought me where he has. But I feel he does not want one soul to be lost, but rather that all would turn unto him and live.

As this is the first of another new year I want to turn another new leaf and live nearer to the Lord than I did in the past; that I may have more grace and power; that I may be in a place where the Lord may rule and reign in my heart and use me as it pleases him. I am not my own, I belong to the Lord therefore I want to please him. I feel that the Lord helps me with my daily labors as well as with my spiritual duties. I will bring this to a close, asking a deep interest in your prayers for me a poor weak one that I may be kept true to God and bring my children up in the fear of the Lord. Your sister in the Lord.

GREENCASTLE, PA.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

Experience.

ISA M. NEVETZERAL.

Dear readers of the Visitor: I greet you all in the precious name of Jesus, who came to earth to save us poor creatures. Oh, what a precious name indeed. I have of late had many trials and temptations, but have always found my Savior ready, waiting and willing to lend a helping hand in every time of need if we obey him and come humbly before him; praise his dear name for ever and ever.

On Dec. 15, 1908, I left New Hamburg, Ont., for my home near Rodney. I arrived in the evening and was met by my oldest half brother who conveyed me home. I was heartily welcomed by all. Although I have had man trials I am so thankful that the grace of my Savior is sufficient for all.

Our doctrine is very strange in this part of God's vineyard. The Evangelicals will give liberty to any of the Brethren to hold meetings in their churches. If any feel it their duty to come and hold meetings and explain unto them the word of God as we understand it, my oldest brother will do all he can. He lives about two miles from Rodney.

Rodney is about nine miles from Wardsville where the Brethren used to hold meetings. We now leave it all to you and to God, and hope and pray that some one will be sent. I would rejoice to see my friends enjoy the same sweet peace that I have had since I gave myself up into the hands of our blessed Lord and Savior.

I crave an interest in the prayers of the saints, that I may be a faithful worker here on earth, and an example to those round about me. I am a convert of nine months. I never was so happy as I have been since I started out on this narrow path. It is narrow but not too narrow for those that are willing, and it is so bright. And oh, what peace it is to know our Savior is watching over us and is our guide. We can go on our way rejoicing and look forward to eternity, and oh, what must it be to be there! If any one would like any information I will gladly answer to the best of my knowledge; or you may write to my brother, Ervin Woolner, Rodney, Ont.

RODNEY, ONT.

For the Evangelical Visitor.

LORD, IS IT I?

FRANK BRECHBILL.

Lord, is it I Thou dost call.
For my life, my all in all?
Is it I Thou dost use
If I myself in Thee will lose?
Is it I that Thy great love
For me has been sent from above?
Is it I that Thou hast sent
My life for others to be lent?
Lord, is I Thy law can fulfill
If I will only obey Thy will?
Yes, Lord; it is I Thou dost desire.
A service that will never tire.
A heart so pure that others may know
That within me Thy life does glow.
REPORTS OF FUNDS.

Foreign Mission Funds.

Report for months of November and December, 1908.

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

Souderton, Pa., Sunday-school, $9.57; A. N. Engle, Phila., $10; Sr. Susan Banting, Clarence Center, N. Y., $1; H. L. Trump, Ill., $5; In His Name, Kansas City, $15; Z z. McFarland, Lykens, $7; Souderton, Pa., $10; Clyde dist., Ill., $10; Rapah dist., 75c; F. W. Smith, Kansas City, $10; Brother and Sister Wm. McRae, $6.75; C. Bremer, Ohio, $5; Sr. Lydia Johnston, Ind., $5; Mary Cold, Elizabethtown, Pa., $1.00; Utica, $1.00.

Special to Individuals and Missions.

Sr. Kate Davidson—Sr. H. F. Davidson, $10; Daniel Bowers, Ill., Sr. H. F. Davidson, $5; Sunday-school, Ablenhe, Kansas—Macha Mission, $171.52; Sr. Sen and Harry H. Brandt, Bainbridge, Pa., $1; a sister, $1; Lizzie Link, Elizabethtown, Pa., $1; a brother, $1.00; Utica, $1.00; Tuesday, December 22, 1908.

$10. Daniel Bowers, 111.—Sr. H. F. Davidson, $115.50; Lykens Valley dist., $57; Lykens Valley dist., $57; Sr. Sen and H. F. Davidson, $115.50.

$110.00.

RESCUE HOME AND GIRLS' SCHOOL FUND.

Caty Ann Myers, Pa., $100.00; Wainfleet, Ont., Brethren, $17.00; Brethren, $17.00; Caty Ann Myers, Pa., $100.00; H. P. Steigerwald (special), $105.00.

$2.50; In His Name, Pa.—for India, $20; General took place at the Mastersonville M. H., where interment was made. Elders Samuel Zug and Henry Zug of the Lutheran church, officiated.

OBITUARIES.

RICE.—Miss Katie S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Rice, of Rapho township, Lancaster county, Pa., died at their home, January 4, 1909, aged 11 months and 29 days. She is survived by her parents, three brothers and two sisters, who are left to mourn their loss. She never made an open confession. Her funeral took place at the Mastersonville M. H., where interment was made. Bro. C. O. Lehman and A. E. Cooper, pastor of the Lutheran church, officiated.

ALBERT.—Enos, son of Bro. John and Sister H. Albert, died at his home in Palmyra on December 25, 1908, being sick only about four months with consumption, causing his death. He was laid to rest, 6 months and 29 days. Three brothers and two sisters are left to mourn his loss. Near the end of his life he said he had peace with God, and before departing to the spirit world he prayed that he might go home. Funeral services were held in the Brethren's meeting-house Fairview in adjoining cemetery. Services were conducted by Elder Jacob Kreider, and assisted by Bro. Clayton M. Engle. Text, I. Peter 1:24, 25.

HERR—Catherine Byers Herr—was born March 22, 1844, and departed this life December 29, 1908, aged 64 years and 3 months. She was married in marriage with Christian S. Herr, March 30, 1865. To this union were born one son and one daughter. She leaves husband, son, daughter and one grandson, one brother, five sisters and a host of other friends, to mourn their loss. She united with the Brethren in Christ in the year 1867, in which she lived a consistent member until death. In her affliction she was calm and Christian fortitude. The funeral services were conducted by Elder A. M. Engle and Rev. Harvey Miller. Text, Hebrews 4:13.

HEISE—Died, at Victoria Square, Ont., December 19, 1908, Bro. Christopher Heise, aged 79 years and 3 months. He was born September 12, 1829, and spent his long and useful life on part of the old farm on which he was born. Many years ago he united with the Brethren, serving the church in the office of deacon for about thirty years past. Being a man of energy and business ability the temporal affairs of the church were most carefully attended to, and the sick and suffering visited. About fifteen years ago he was married to Sister Mary Koop, of Clarence Center, N. Y., who survives him. Of their seven children six survive, one daughter, Mary, died at Hamlin, Kansas, over twenty years ago. The rest are all useful members of the Brethren church, two sons in the Brethren church, Kansas, and four in Ontario. About twenty years ago Bro. Heise began to lose his sight, one eye having to be removed. The physical and mental agony he endured during this time for which he was never made an open confession. Her funeral services were held on Monday, January 5, 1909, aged 81 years and 29 days.

Report for December, 1908.

Balance on hand, $19.50.

$5.00; 6, $2.00; 7, $5.00; 8, $30.00. Total, $10.00; 6, $12.00; 3, $1.00; 4, $50.00; 5, $100.00; 6, $200.00; 7, $50.00; 8, $300.00. Total, $100.00.

We bless God for these tokens of interest in connection with the Mission enterprise in the City of Toronto, and we still wish to hold on to God, praying that others may be encouraged to assist in wiping out the debt resting on the property. All contributions will be acknowledged by post card, and by number in the VISITOR.

Geo. and Epiph Wheeler.

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Philadelphia Mission.


Kohler, Ont., $1; Clayton, O., $1.90; Harrisburg, Pa., $3; Phila., Pa., $6; Phila., Pa., $10; Conwell, Pa., $5; Pressent Hill, O., $5; Fayetteville, Pa., 30 cents; Mount Joy, Pa., $1; Fisherville, Ont., $2; Dyarst, Pa., $1; Utica, Cal., $1; Buffalo, N. Y., $3; Mowersville, Pa., $1; Phila., Pa., $6.75.

Elizabethtown, Pa., 2 boxes clothing; Souderton, Pa., 1 box clothing; Fayetteville, Pa., a box of clothing; Hagerstown, Md., 1 box clothing; Hummelstown, Pa., 1 box clothing. Segwick, Kans., 1 box clothing; Mount Joy, Kans., 1 box clothing.

Expenses. Coal, $11.25; sundries, $7; poor, $31.04.

Buffalo Mission.

Report for December, 1908.

Balance on hand, $26.15.

DOWNTOWN.

A Bro. in Christ, $5; gift by a sister, $1; In Jesus Name, $3; a brother in Christ, $1; Lord's supper offering, $1.25; H. P. Steckley, 50 cents; Brethren of Canton, Ohio, for bedding, $5.

Water rent and light bill, $36.50; for bedding, $5; groceries and household, $21.50. Total, $49.50.

An offering from the Stevensville S. S. was appropriated to the personal need of workers. Geo. and Epiph Wheeler.

Toronto Mission.

Contributions received for the liquidation of the Toronto Mission property debt to January 8, 1909, are as follows by number:

No. 2, $12; 1, $50.00; 5, $100.00; 6, $200.00; 7, $50.00; 8, $300.00. Total, $1000.

We bless God for these tokens of interest in connection with the Mission enterprise in the City of Toronto, and we still wish to hold on to God, praying that others may be encouraged to assist in wiping out the debt resting on the property. All contributions will be acknowledged by post card, and by number in the VISITOR.

MARRIAGES.

SHISLER—NEAR.—On October 7, 1908, there occurred the marriage of J. W. Shisler, of Caledonia, Mich., and Sr. Elizabeth M. Near, of Ridgeway, Ont., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shroeder, Caledonia, Mich., Rev. J. O. Emerick officiating.

CLIPPINGER—SOLLENBERGER.—On December 22, 1908, there occurred the marriage of C. Clifford Clippinger, of near Centre, Franklin county, Pa., and Sr. Frances M. Sollenberger, daughter of Mr. and Sister Jacob Sollenberger, of near Air Hill, Franklin county, Pa., at the home of the officiating minister, Elder M. H. Oberholser.

MESSIAH HOME ORPHANAGE.

Report of Receipts for December, 1908.

Salome Cobier, Marysville, Pa., $1; Agnes Leeth, Hanover, Pa., $1; Elizabeth and Mary Hoover, Mowersville, Pa., $5.00; Harry H. Brandt, Bainbridge, Pa., $1; a sister, Slipsy, Ont., $1; Lizzie Link, Lancaster, Pa., $1; a brother, Harrisburg, Pa., $2; a brother, 20 cents; Hattie Balsbach (School card), $1; In His Name, East Petersburg, Pa., $5.

D. M. Book, Hummelstown, Pa., Secy-Treas.

MARRIAGES.