

and I will attend to the windows and the baskets." Glory to God! I think He has just opened a window from what I feel. Now I want to celebrate and I will praise His name forever. I am so glad that I have put Him to the test and found by actual experience what I had always believed, namely, that His promises are yea and amen. He fills me now while I write. Reader, may you determine now to become a tither from this moment so long as you live.

In conclusion we will notice some of the objections urged against this custom, will speak of some of the excellent features connected with it, and answer some questions sometimes asked by candid inquirers. The objection that it is Judaism has already been answered. Others urge that under the Christian system we are commanded to give *all*. This is true in the sense that we are required to devote ourselves and all we have to His service, but it is equally true that He requires all our time, but in a peculiar sense, He commands us to keep one day in seven holy, it is the Lord's. [So also, while He requires us to hold all of our substance at His disposal, He simply asks us to set aside *His tenth* as a kind of rental to be paid for the use of His property. Those who make much ado about "conscience" and "giving all," usually do not give a tenth. Another object; "I give more than a tenth now," well, then, try a tenth and you will gain by the transaction, or what is more likely, find that you have not given a tenth. "But I cannot afford it," says one. That is, in effect, to say, I cannot afford to be honest. We could not think much of a tenant who ran off from a benevolent landlord without settling his rent. But if you refuse to tithe, you refuse to pay the rent that God asks for the use of all His property. Let us be honest.

But some one says; "That is all right for the rich and well-to-do, but poor people would be burdened by it." This is to impugn the goodness and justice of God, who requires it of all alike and rob the poor of the privilege of meeting at God's altar, on a common level, every other debtor to their great and good Master. Every objection which has been urged against tithing can be traced back to a source which makes it hard to give to God at all.

Some of the advantages are:

1. It puts every man on a common level and equality.
2. It is *proportionate* giving, and takes the responsibility off of man because he gives back God honestly, one tenth of what God gives him. So all may give in proportion to their income. There are many wealthy persons who ought not to be content with the tithe, but should give a third or half, or even more. But the tenth is the basis.
3. It is *systematic* giving. Many people have no system in their giving, hence cannot tell what they have done or can do. They simply give what they may chance to have on hand, or what is the same thing virtually, give what is left after every selfish wish and desire is

gratified. I call you to note the fact that you usually give your dogs what is left, but (I speak it softly) you surely will not treat the Lord of heaven and earth as you do your dog? The way out is to give systematically by giving a tenth. It is surprising how much persons of even modest means can contribute when once they begin to be honest with God.

4. It makes you more economical with all you have for you realize that you are dealing with property of which you are not the sole owner, but with God's property who furnishes you with everything and regards you as His steward. The Lord help us to be honest. By this method and system your financial affairs are more carefully looked after, resulting in better management and greater prosperity, so that you find yourself getting along better on *nine-tenths* than you formerly did on *all*. This is the human side of why men prosper more financially under this system than before but the greatest reason is the especial blessing of God on obedience.

5. Another thing in its favor is that those who once *begin* scarcely ever *cease* to tithe. If they do their testimony is to both financial and spiritual loss. Personally, it has been a great blessing to me, and I would not cease to tithe for anything, and with my light on the subject could no more use the Lord's tenth on *myself* than I could put my hand in another man's pocket and take *his* money and use it.

I make no quarrel with those who do not see it as I do, but only speak *my* convictions. Finally, let me try to make plain what *tithing* means. Does it mean one-tenth of what is left after our expenses are paid? By no means. One-tenth of all a man gains on his capital, whether of wages or salary, from products, business or interest on money loaned or which ought to be loaned, belongs to God and the expenses of making are charged to yourself and not to Him. To make the matter plain, a man makes \$6.00 or \$30.00 per week, whatever amount, one-tenth of it belongs to God, He pays for all His expenses in making it Himself. All that the farmer makes, whether corn, oats, wheat, cotton or stock, all his increase one-tenth is the Lord's. He pays expenses of running the farm. The business man pays one-tenth of the net income on capital invested and pays his own expenses. So with all manner of pursuits. One-tenth of all income and increase is the *Lord's*. The expenses are *ours*. This blessed old system can not be improved upon.

I can settle all the problems of finance and world evangelism which confronts the church today. It would add more than thirty million of dollars to the benevolent income of the Methodist Episcopal church, alone in a single year. Under this system every eleven families could support a minister as well as they support themselves and the minister would be able to give his tithe also. Let us write the emancipation proclamation of all the missionary *hens* now in service, and put a stop to our "broom-drills," "ice cream fetes," "straw-

berry festivals," "old rummage sales," "sock-solals," "bazaars," and the whole train of such God-dishonoring expedients for raising money for carrying on the work of the Lord, and let us just adopt the Divine plan of the ages, and be honest with God—give back His tenth and then all the "thank offerings" we can in addition. So shall we see all problems of finance swept away forever. Then there shall never be any lack of funds to carry on the work of the Lord. May the Lord of the tithe bless what I have written and may it lead many into the blessed company of those who bring all the tithes into the storehouse and receive the uncontainable blessing. Amen.

## SILVER FILINGS

"Real prayer is always powerful."



"Finding flaws in the sermon is easier than following it, any day."

"I don't care how high a man jumps if he lives as high as he jumps and walks straight when he comes down."

"Toil is the badge of honor. Nature and grace, time and eternity agree to reward men according to their works."

"Men are looking for soft places. Better give them a place in the graveyard—you can find a soft place in the mud."

"There is something sublime about the character that can suffer and be still; its tranquility is the proof of its nobility."

"If we are not willing to be ruled we are not fit to rule, if we are not willing to go to the bottom we are not fit to go to the top."

"I find a subtle pleasure in thinking well of mankind. There is refreshment, nourishment and education in it that few seem to know."

"The most uncomfortable place in which the man who doesn't want to live right to get is a spiritual prayer meeting—but to get him there, that's the problem."

"We cannot make terms with the Almighty. There is nothing beyond the Biblical condition of unconditional surrender. Herein is repentance, faith, every thing."

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EDITORIAL

Systematic Benificence

Do we practice it? The various offerings of the Jews aggregated nearly three-tenths of their income, and it looks like Christians with their vastly superior advantages might at least pay a tenth of their income to the Lord. All truly enlightened and spiritual people recognize that everything they have is the Lord's and should be used for His glory. Yet this does not prevent their setting apart a specific sum in proportion to their income for the Lord's treasury. After this has been done free will offerings can be made to any extent they may desire. But some one says: "O! I give more than a tithe but I do not keep any record." This is an easy way to dodge the issue and deceive yourself. Try proportionate giving and you will be surprised at the increase in the Lord's treasury. You will have something on hand for the Lord's work. The people who tithe are by far the most liberal givers. If the churches in England and America would tithe we could increase our missionary force two hundredfold, swelling the number of missionaries from six thousand to twelve hundred thousand, which would furnish every eight hundred of the heathen population a missionary and that would enable us to evangelize the world in a short time. Friend, try tithing as a basis of your paying to the Lord and you will be surprised at the large increase of your contributions. You can give the tenth of your income to missions and then add as much thereto as you desire in the way of free-will offerings. Let 1 Cor. 16:2, be the measure of your gifts.

Sensible Advice

The Bible boldly and fearlessly preached would revolutionize this world. Such puny creatures as we are do not need to apologize for it, much less criticize it as some of the conceited and oversmart are doing today. It has run the gauntlet of hell's bitterest attacks unscathed and is more widely circulated and read today than ever before. It will be the Book of books long after its critics and opposers have crumbled into dust and passed into oblivion. Through the preaching of its thrilling truths the hardest and most degraded of sinners are changed into saints. The need of the hour is for the gospel to be preached, sung, shouted, prayed and lived wherever fallen man is found. The following trenchant utterances of the Advance are timely:

"It is no time for dawdling, to be telling what we do not believe, instead of what we do believe, to be attacking Moses and the Prophets instead of the strongholds of paganism and the prejudices and wrongs of civilization, to be arguing the devil out of the Bible instead of chasing him out of the life of today, to be sneering at old time revivals instead of praying and working for present revivals, to be turning up our noses at the men who made things move in the past instead of proving ourselves a power now, to be trying to put miracles out of the Gospels instead of repeat-

ing them in the moral transfiguration of the character of living men and women, to be in the shadow and chill of negative criticism when we ought to be pushing forward by every power within us.

To be trifling at such a time, with such opportunities and responsibilities, is little short of treason to the whole cause. If men have their doubts let them get through with them and get down to business as quickly as possible. If they think that theology should be reconstructed let them remember that the world is vastly more in need of reconstruction. If they feel that we ought to have a new revival let them get down on their knees and pray for it all night and the next day. If they think that religion should be more scientific let them acquaint us with a power which produces an effect—that is science. If they want to be up to date let them get after the devil, for he keeps about as nearly up to date as anybody that we know of in this world. If they think there are more good people outside of the church than in it let them organize cottage prayer-meetings and missionary bands among these outside saints and set them to praying and working for the coming of the kingdom."

But above all things let us not dawdle.

Bible School Building

Funds for the new school building are coming in more rapidly. We would like very much to have the entire structure completed by the opening of the Convention and this could easily be done if those who are interested would join us in a prayerful effort for the next week. Many of our readers have it in their hearts to do something for the building but have been waiting till it would be more convenient. We will appreciate it very much indeed if those who purpose assisting will kindly do so soon, that we may have the building ready for the convention.

Amount Necessary	\$3.600
PREVIOUSLY PLEDGED	\$979 92
J. W. E., Tennessee	3.00
Miss M. P., Tennessee	3.00
J. L., Tennessee	5.00
M. M., Tennessee	1.00
A. Friend, Tennessee	3.00
Mrs. E. P., Tennessee	.50
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R. S. E., Tennessee	5.00
Mrs. L. C. H., Tennessee	1.00
J. T. H., Kentucky	5.00
R. C. L., Florida	1.25
J. L. McL., Alabama	1.00
G. S. McG., Alabama	2.00
J. B., Tennessee	1.00
Mrs. M. W., Tennessee	1.00
Mrs. B. H., Tennessee	2.50
Mrs. J. M. W., Tennessee	2.00
Mrs. M. A. H.,	1.00
Total	1028.17
Balance needed	2571.83

The Annual Convention of the Pentecostal Mission has just closed in this city. It was a blessed occasion, one of the best, if not the best, in the history of the work. Full reports, D. V. next week.

Trial Subscriptions

The last of our trial subscriptions will soon expire. We hope the paper has proven such a blessing that a large number will become permanent members of the LIVING WATER family. Those who sent in these subscriptions might do good work by securing renewals.

Bible Training School

The Bible Training School opened with brighter prospects than ever before. God's blessing has been very manifest on this department of our work. We would urge all those who expect to attend, to make their arrangements to come at as early a date as possible. We ask our friends to make the debt on the building a special subject of prayer. It is a small matter for our God to remove obstacles of this kind.



## Editorial Comment

### THE HIDDEN POWER

We suppose that every awakening on the subject of missions could be traced to some Holiness revival as its fountain head. Ever and anon Pentecostal revivals have broken out in the history of the church thrilling it with new life and power and sending forth new streams of holy activity to refresh the desert wastes. J. Gershom Greenough says:

"Behind every new missionary effort there is somewhere a new Pentecost, a grand receptive hour, when heaven opens to send down a fuller measure of grace, and the heart of the church is wonderfully enlarged to take it in. Behind William Carey and the modern missions there were the Wesleys and Whitfields and the great Evangelical revival. Behind the Moravian missions there was that wonderful opening of the heart to the Holy Ghost known—perhaps vulgarly—as German Pietism. Behind even the Jesuit missions there was a strange new revelation, an unsealing of vision given to a few men like Xavier and Loyola, of the entrancing beauty of Jesus. Behind every forward movement there is an inrush of Cross power and of the Holy Ghost a church throbbing, thrilling, excited, burning with the consciousness of its privileges and the sweets of Jesus' love! And then from a hundred lips there comes a cry, 'Here am I; send me!' and from a thousand lips leaps the song:

'Oh, that the world might taste and see the riches of His grace;  
The arms of love which compassed me would all mankind embrace.'

### GOOD LITERATURE

This is a day of light and oftentimes chaffy reading. We need to scatter good literature. It should be printed in a cheap and attractive form, so as to be sent broadcast over the land. The power of the printed page is not easily over-estimated.

H. B. Gibbud, emphasizing this fact in *Word and Works*, says:

"Richard Gibbs wrote a tract entitled 'The Bruised Reed,' a tin peddler gave it to a boy named Richard Baxter; through reading it he was brought to Christ. He wrote 'A Call to the Unconverted.' Among the thousands saved through it was Philip Doddridge, who wrote 'The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul.' It fell into the hand of William Wilberforce, the emancipator of the slaves in the British Colonies, and led him to Christ. Wilberforce wrote 'A Practical View of Christianity,' which fired the heart of Leigh Richmond. He wrote 'The Dairyman's Daughter.' Before 1849 as many as 1,000,000 copies were circulated, and it has testified for Christ in over fifty different languages. Look at this! Not a flaw in the chain! Richard Gibbs, Richard Baxter, Philip Doddridge, William Wilberforce, Leigh Richmond."

We commend Leslie's Weekly for the following sensible utterances. It rejoices us to

see a strong secular journal make such a fearless assault against error:

"We have been 'decorated' lately with not a little abuse by some so-called 'free-thinkers' because we have at various times spoken in commendation of the Bible, and particularly because we have expressed our belief that under certain conditions it may be read with profit in the public schools. We shall make no reply to these attacks because, in the first place, they are couched in terms that make them unworthy of a reply, and, secondly, because we propose to continue our approval of the Bible whenever occasion seems to demand such approval. While this is a secular journal, it is also a journal that believes in the Bible, and in the religion which the Bible teaches, and is glad, when opportunity offers, to help along any of the many noble causes to which the churches, of all names and sects, are committed. We may say here, also, while we are in the way for it, that we have infinitely more respect for any man who sincerely holds to a belief in some form of religion, and lives up to its precepts as best he can, whether he be a Mohammedan, a Buddhist, or a Hottentot, than we have for these shallow and blatant irreconcilables and iconoclasts who, while living in a land which owes its strength and prosperity chiefly to the principles and influences of a great religious faith, are doing all they can in their feeble and ineffectual way to break down and destroy its faith."

### THE FATAL CAUSE

The majority of professing Christians have very little interest in missions. They are so indifferent that they make no effort to inform themselves as to the needs of the heathen. The subject has never really been on their hearts. Under some touching story or searching appeal they may have a little spasm of mission zeal, but for want of root it soon dies away and they sink down to the same dead level of self-centeredness. Some one says that the church's neglect to evangelize the heathen is "Christianity's Crime," but the real crime is not living the obedient, holy life, that would inevitably result in carrying the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts. 1:8). The providences of God have thrown the doors wide open but an apathetic church sits idly by, caring little and heeding less the golden opportunities that they are recklessly neglecting. It is not a question of money. The church has hoarded its millions to gratify its own lusts.

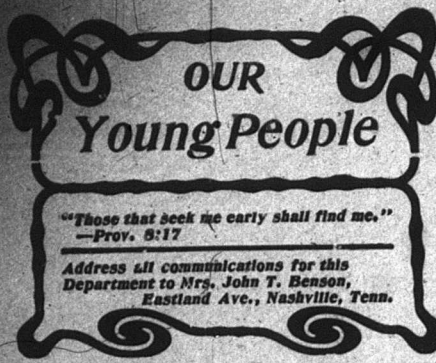
The superficial, feeble, sickly life which we see among Christians all about us is the cause of the trouble. A strong spiritual life in the church would result in the evangelization of the heathen within this present generation.

If one-fourth of the church membership would average a cent per day for missions it would increase the offering sixfold. The "poor dying rate" which fitly describes the life of so many, will never be felt as an evangelizing force either at home or abroad. Give the Holy Spirit right of way—let each member have his personal Pentecost, and the problem of world-wide witnessing is solved according to the words of Jesus in Acts 1:8. The truth is we don't love the Lord well enough to sacrifice for Him. John R. Mott says:

"The most striking example of achievement on the home field, in the interest of foreign missions, is that of the Moravians. They have done more, in proportion to their ability, than any other body of Christians. If members of Protestant Churches in Great Britain and America gave in like proportion, then missionary contributions would aggregate over £12,000,000, or a fourfold increase. And if they went out as missionaries in corresponding numbers, we would have a force of nearly 400,000 foreign workers, which is vastly more than the number of missionaries estimated as necessary to achieve the evangelization of the world. The question is, What is there in connection with the work which is not reproducible?"

The Secretary of the Board of Missions in the Moravian Church gives the secret of their remarkable Missionary activity in the following statement. Reader, prayerfully study it, and ask yourself, "How much do I love Jesus judging from my self-denial and activity for Him?" The Secretary says:

"Even today the Moravians have for every fifty-eight communicants in the home churches a missionary in the foreign field, and for every member in the home churches they have more than two members in the congregation gathered from among the heathen. . . Now, what was the incentive for foreign missionary work which has produced such results? While acknowledging the supreme authority of the great commission, the Moravian Brethren have ever emphasized as their incentive the inspiring truth drawn from Isaiah 53:10-12: making our Lord's suffering the spur to all their activity. From that prophecy they drew their missionary battle-cry: 'To win for the Lamb that was slain, the reward of His sufferings.' We feel that we must compensate Him in some way for the awful sufferings which He endured in working out our salvation. The only way we can reward Him is by bringing souls to Him. When we bring Him souls, that is compensation for the travail of His soul. In no other way can we so effectively bring the suffering Savior the reward of His passion as by missionary labor, whether we go ourselves or enable others to go. Get this burning thought of 'personal love for the Savior who redeemed me' into the hearts of all Christians, and you have the most powerful incentive that can be had for missionary effort. Oh, if we could make this missionary problem a personal one! if we could fill the hearts of the people with a personal love for this Savior who died for them, the indifference of Christendom would disappear, and the kingdom of Christ would appear."



LETTERS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED UNLESS WRITTEN ON ONE SIDE OF THE SHEET ONLY

Dear Children:—Do not forget that our Letter Box is closed, taking a much needed rest for a few weeks. Only birthday letters can be attended to, for these are the means of help to others, so that we must keep a little corner open for them.

NOTICE.

Please write on one side of sheet only, if you expect to have your letters printed.



Dear Cousin Eva:—Here comes a little blue-eyed girl to join your Birthday Band. I will send five cents to use for the little orphan children. I will be five years old the 14th of September. I saw you at camp-meeting when I was a little baby, ten months old, but I do not remember you. Papa takes LIVING WATER and I enjoy reading the children's page. Well, as this is my first letter I will close.  
Mary Willard Lewis.

Altamaha, Ga.

This is the first letter I find in that little corner this week, one from a little five-year-old. But Jesus loves Mary just as much as He does the big boys and girls, or even the grown folks. And He wants Mary to love Him, and be His own dear little girl.

This is a wonderful thought to me, that Mary could give herself to Jesus now, and from this time on, as long as she lives always be in His safe keeping. Yes, Jesus would receive a five-year-old girl, and always keep her from sin and from Satan's traps. Will you let Him, Mary?



Dear Cousin Eva:—I am a little girl, ten years old. I want to join your Birthday Band. Our preacher's name is Mr. Hurst. I like him very much. I go to Sunday-school every Sunday. I walk a mile and a quarter. I go to school and in the 5th grade. Mama and papa are Christians; they belong to the M. E. Church. Cousin Eva, I won't write much this time. I want to see this in print and I'll do better next time.  
Your new cousin,  
L. B. May Stevens.

Wauneta, Kan.

Cousin Eva hardly knows what to call this little girl. May, I suppose. I am so glad your parents are Christians. I am glad you are willing to take such a long walk to get to Sunday-school. I feel sure Jesus is pleased also. But He would be more pleased if you would give Him your heart. This is what God asks us for. Listen, "My son, give me thine heart." What sweet, pleading words. How can we resist? Will you say yes, May?

A BIRTHDAY GATHERING.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Cousin Eva:—Here comes a family to join the Birthday Band.

- W. H. Holt, aged 51 years, on September 18, 1906.
- Mrs. W. H. Holt, aged 39 years, on Sept. 28, 1906.
- Walter Holt, aged 21 years, on September 5, 1906.
- Lee Holt, aged 19 years, on September 15, 1906.
- Thomas Holt, aged 17 years, on October 2, 1906.
- Harry Holt, aged 13 years, on August 11, 1906.
- Geneva Holt, aged 10 years, on June 17, 1905.
- Lena Holt, aged 7 years, on September 25, 1906.
- Frank Holt, aged 3 years, on May 7, 1906.
- Ada Holt, aged 21, on \_\_\_\_\_ 1906.
- Pauline Beck, 15, \_\_\_\_\_ 1906.

I ask to be remembered in your prayer for our family. Yours under the blood,  
Mattie Holt.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Cousin Eva:—I would like to join your Birthday Band. My birthday is March 27, 1906, I will be 18 years old. I gave my money to Mrs. Holt.  
Your new cousin,  
Rachel Lawrence.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Cousin Eva:—I would like to join your Birthday Band. My birthday is June 18, 1893, and I am thirteen years old. I gave in my fund at Mrs. Holt's.  
Your new cousin,  
Edna Corder.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Cousin Eva:—Here comes a little girl, nine years old, and I want to join the Birthday Band. Papa and mamma have been baptized since I have seen you. I want to be a Christian. Pray for me.  
Yours in Christ,  
Martha Holt.

I would like for you to read carefully this group of letters, for it calls to my mind a pleasant birthday supper to which I was invited not long since.

Dear Bro. and Sister Holt were much interested in our Birthday Band, and decided to have the whole family join. The children's birthdays all came at some time during the spring and summer, so they celebrated the birthdays of the whole family at one time. Relatives, neighbors and the children were invited in, and the object of the band set before them.

Mrs. Ransom and myself made talks to them about the work in India, and here. Mrs. Ransom recited for the children, then we sang a number of songs, and prayed God's blessings on all who were gathered there. How our hearts went out to the bright young faces, and our prayer was that these hearts would be given to Jesus, and kept from the power of Satan. Dear Sister Holt has a large family, ranging from a three-year-old boy to a married son. All of them joined together with the children whose letters are printed above.

This father and mother had earnestly prayed that this coming together would be a means of grace to their children and neighbors. At the last we were invited in to a pretty table holding birthday cakes, fruits and ice cream. Now you are very sure that we enjoyed ourselves, aren't you?

Low, Ky.

Dear Cousin Eva:—I herewith inclose my twenty-second anniversary dues. I stated before of my intense yearning for fullness of salvation, (or sanctification) and can now say, through the mercies of Jesus, that I am the happy recipient of the same. I do not mean to infer that my happiness is perpetual, but I now have a peace that continues without intermis-

sion, and I am more determined than ever before to tread this glorious way characteristic of Holiness, unto the end. With love. In Jesus' name,

Oscar Ransom.

Perhaps some of you remember the letter we had from this young man some time since. I do, indeed, praise God that He has yielded Himself a living sacrifice, and has received the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thank God for the Comforter, the personal Holy Spirit, the Blessor Himself.

We need to seek the state of heart purity, our hearts cry out for it. But we are not to think only of a condition or blessing. We must have the Cleanser, the Purifier, the Blessor, the Person who does these things in us.



OUR LITTLE CORNER FOR MOTHERS

How my heart goes out to the mothers of the land. As I write these words, I haven't in mind the faultlessly dressed woman who is a leader of fashion in her circle. Nor yet the woman who shines with a brilliant light because of her talents, nor the artist, musician or writer. No, I am thinking of that vast body of quiet, useful women whose hearts are more concerned for their families than for beautiful clothes, for those women who don't figure in literary clubs, and who grow weary over the stove and sewing machine, whose hands are often hard because of the broom, the wash-tub, the ironing board. These are the women whose lives will count most in the long run, I believe. These are the mothers, hard pressed for time, who long for the quiet hour with their children. Many of these dear women are thinking as they read these lines, that it will be impossible to wrest a half, or an hour from the minutes of the day. But, my dear sisters, somehow I am having more and more confidence in His ability to answer perfectly every question we take to Him. What answers He gave to those fault-finding, criticising Pharisees. They did not come to Him with honest hearts, but were seeking an opportunity to trap Him. Yet He answered them, giving directions as to their conduct toward God and man with a wisdom, an equality, a justice that was without flaw. Jesus told them how to treat both God and Caesar right.

And if He answered His enemies with such matchless wisdom, how much more will He guide us who love Him, and desire to do His will. I feel sure that He who is housekeeper for the universe, whose larder must answer the needs of hungry man and beast, of bird and insect, will know how to manage our little households for us much better than we do. Let us take the matter to Him, and ask Him to show us how to arrange our work so that we may not neglect the hearts and minds of the children He has given us.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS

On Mondays, or if possible, Sunday afternoons, I begin with the Sunday-school lesson.



Every day we go over the golden text, even the little tots will know it perfectly by the next Sabbath. The Scripture committed to memory in very early life, is the Scripture that remains with us through all the years. We gain a real advantage over Satan every time we fix a text in the child's mind. I can not emphasize too much the value of beginning with the Sunday's lesson the first part of the week. From day to day hard questions can be gone over in a few minutes, and the child will be really learning, learning well, a Bible lesson each week. Try this plan for your children and yourselves. After teaching the lesson, *pray with your children*. Have them pray, asking God to keep them from strife, from quarrels among themselves, from untruthfulness, from all sin.

Perhaps on Tuesday you will find it best to read several short stories to them. The Sunday-school paper we get is very good, and my little ones particularly enjoy hearing about the little boys and girls in their weekly paper. But we have used up our space for this time, and I will close with a prayer for the dear mothers and children, for the homes all over this earth.

Cousin Eva.

*Close to the Load*

"Draw your arm up close to you, laddie! Draw it up. Get your load close to you. It will make it a great deal easier!"

The old man had been watching a boy as he gathered up in his arms a heavy load of wood and started for the kitchen. The lad tugged away manfully with his burden, but it was hard work, and the kind Scotchman gave him this encouraging word.

A little while afterward the lad came back to grandfather, his eyes beaming brightly.

"It was so, grandpa!" he exclaimed. "I did it as you told me. I just drew the sticks up as close to me as I could, and then I could carry them. I could have carried a good many more, too! What made it so? I don't see."

So the old man told the lad how it was that the nearer one gets his burden to him, the easier it is to carry it.

It is the load carried at arm's length that wearies us and makes us long for the end of the journey. And so many are trying to do it in just that way.

"Just look at this lesson, father! All this page, and that, and that; and a review besides! I never can get it for tomorrow—I know I can't."

But the father knows that the burden is away out at arm's length. He helps his boy to get it up closer to him. He sits down by his side and points out there is not so very much in that long lesson that is new. It laps back upon the work that has gone before in such a way that the advance is not so great that it may not be mastered by patient endeavor. All that was needed was to bring the work up close.

Tomorrow there will be a hard thing to do.

We dread it so! How can we ever do it? We stand in the evening of today and shrink from the task. How long its shadow seems! And it is so dark—that shadow! If we might only go around it somehow! But that is not the right thing to ask. Work that has been shirked is work that was meant for good, but which failed through our weakness.

How shall we meet the hard things that lie in store for us? Get very close to them. The nearer we are to them, the more bravely we grapple with them, the easier they are to do.

The hardest things that ever come to us, and the ones we shrink from most, are the ones that are away out yonder in the dark. Looking through the mist of our fears, it does not seem as if we ever could go out there to face those specters of the night. Who knows what they will have in store? Surely they have terrible shapes, and they seem more than mortal man could endure. But let us get the load closer to us. With a prayer in our hearts and a strong will to do and to brave, let us go straight ahead. And, lo! we find, when we get where we thought the fearful enemies were, that they are in truth friends, waiting to make us better and stronger and truer. So let us get close to our load, whatever it is.

That load was given us to carry. No one can carry it for us. I am glad that it is so, for then we would fail to get the strength that surely comes to him who bears every burden which is placed upon his shoulders.—Selected.

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# FIELD NOTES

S. W. McGowan and others will open the battle at Frisontown, on the night of the 18th. Pray that God may give victory and get glory out of the services.

T. B. Dean and wife will begin tent-meeting under auspices of Pentecostal Mission in North Birmingham Sunday, October 14. Mrs. Wilber Daniels, Supt.

We closed our camp-meeting at Chestnut Mound in a triumphant victory. Several were saved and sanctified. One brother has given the ground for a permanent camp ground. Several of the brethren say they are going to build small houses to camp in. Praise the Lord.  
F. M. Pomeroy.

Mrs. Lazetta McLaughlin held a three days' meeting at the home of the writer beginning the twelfth. Left here for Still Bluff, where she held ten days with good results. Some claimed to have been saved and others have been made strong. She left Still Bluff for the Convention at Nashville.  
J. T. Barnhill.  
Cody, N. C.

Our meeting at Eno, September 21 to October 2, was a victory, but rain hindered some. We had some rich, blessed services, one reclamation and two family altars erected. The last Sunday of meeting we had Bro. Mays, the pastor, and Bro. Ed. Moore, both M. E. C. S. preachers. We learned to love Bro. Moore some years ago. We fell in love with these dear people. Met Bro. Alf. Lane, who led me to Jesus in 1896. Pray for me. In His love,  
E. C. Sanders.  
Palmyra, Tenn.

We just closed a twelve days' meeting at Picnic, W. Va. We found a great deal of opposition and prejudice there, but by preaching the old time gospel, the devil was put to flight, and new souls were made to shout the praises of Jehovah. There were about thirty saved, reclaimed or sanctified. The missionary service was a blessed one. The children's service was such a grand one, a number gave their little hearts to God. Bless His name. Our next meeting is to be in Christiansburg, Va. Please pray for us. Yours for lost souls. Saved, sanctified and kept by the blood of Jesus,  
J. C. Crippin.  
W. H. Hudgins.

We have just closed a wonderful old time revival near this place at Carter's schoolhouse, in which forty-five got saved and sanctified. Out of that number twelve good Baptists got the blessing. To God be all the glory. Holiness never had been preached there before. People were healed and a great sweep of victory continued until the last service. We had a rescue service the last night and got \$25 in cash and subscriptions. We commenced at Erin Springs Saturday night with wonderful victory and interest, expecting a great revival. Let the saints pray much for us.

Yours in the holy war, C. P. Roberts and wife.  
Erin Springs, Tenn.

We have just closed a week's prayer service in the C. P. Church which, we are glad to say, resulted in one conversion, one or more reclamations and (indirectly) in the sanctification of the writer and his wife, though the sanctification of the wife occurred in the closing services of the Pentecostal Convention at Nashville. We were assisted by Misses Maggie Burnett, Bessie Seay and Katie Etheridge. We thank God for these services, which resulted in a mighty religious awakening in our little town. Sinners were wonderfully stirred. God grant that the work thus begun, may go on to the glory of God. Yours under the blood,  
(Rev.) Will H. Freeman.

Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

Glory to God for the victory I have in my soul this morning. The field schoolhouse meeting was a time of seed sowing. I am sure God will give the increase there. We are here on Dickson Creek in the fight with

our captain in the lead who never lost a battle. Bro. D. E. Scott, of Caney Springs, is with us here and is in the fight against sin and the devil. Had several at the altar last night, two claimed to get sanctified. Conviction is settling down on the people as the Spirit flashes the truth upon the lives of men and women and the Holy Ghost is doing His work. Bless His name. Will close here Sunday night. Let the people remember the Van Ness camp, October 12 to 14, then we go to Magnolia, Springs Holiness camp, 30 miles west of Mobile, 22 miles from the Gulf. Come and camp with us, meals and beds at reasonable rates. Let every reader of the LIVING WATER family pray much that the Holy Ghost may have absolute lead and control in these meetings. Yours under the blood and looking for Jesus,  
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up with unsaved people, people who have never known the power of God in forgiveness of sins. All Spirit-filled people today realize this sad fact. May God help us to cry aloud and fall not to preach old time repentance like John the Baptist preached—something that will really change the lives and nature of people, then we won't have such a hard time getting people sanctified. May God help us along this line. My advice to people is to tarry before God until they can know Him in the forgiveness of their sins. To people who are seeking to be sanctified, to present their bodies a living sacrifice, not a dead one. Backslider, get every thing on the altar and stay until God lets the fire fall from the skies and consume the sacrifice and the blessed Holy Ghost comes as a witness. You will know it. Glory to God! (Heb. 10:14, 15.) Well, I am in love with God, and His cause and people everywhere. May God bless His people everywhere and keep His hand on them. May God bless the LIVING WATER and all its readers. Your brother in the holy war until Jesus comes,  
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