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It is a source of no small gratification to us to witness the interest in favor of this sheet. And we shall ever labor and pray to have it filled with matter adapted to the wants of its readers. We mean to crowd in just as much heavenly instruction as its little columns will hold. Brethren pray for the success of this little four-leaved messenger. Young brethren and sisters, sow this paper among your relatives and friends, and all to whom you would do good.

THIS No. of the INSTRUCTOR was unavoidably delayed on account of the press of business and the absence of help. Hereafter we expect it will be issued with promptness and regularity.

WE would tender our thanks to those brethren and sisters who have written for this and other Nos. of the paper. And will not all those who think the INSTRUCTOR is a profitable sheet for the Youth and Children, still aid in enriching its columns? Send on your pieces in season, and let the April No. be the best ever published. We want to see the INSTRUCTOR becoming "like the path of the just," which grows brighter and brighter "unto the perfect day."

BATTLE CREEK SABBATH SCHOOL.

We are happy in saying to the readers of the INSTRUCTOR that this School is in a flourishing condition; and on account of the general interest in its behalf, is become a very interesting and profitable part of the services of the Sabbath. It numbers about fifty scholars, who are taught by some ten or more teachers, who labor "as they that must give an account." The School is under the general superintendance of Bro. J. P. Kellogg, who manifests great interest in its advancement and prosperity.

Thus far we have used Bro. Cottrell's excellent "Lessons upon the Law of God, and the Faith of Jesus;" and while we have unitedly tried to simplify the plan of salvation, and teach the present truth to the young, the Spirit of the Lord has rested upon us in a manner truly refreshing.

Our plan of operating is, to open the School with singing and prayer. Then the same lesson is recited by all the classes to their teachers, who makes such remarks as the lesson suggests. After this, one of the teachers, appointed for the purpose, rises, and asks a variety of general questions, hears each scholar recite a verse of Scripture, exhorts the School to constancy in the service of the Lord, and the exercises conclude with singing from the Youth's Collection of Hymns.

"SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES."

DEAR CHILDREN: In the closing number of Vol. V, I made a few remarks under the above caption. I wish now to say something more on the same subject. We should "search the Scriptures" because her-

is the treasure-house of Christian knowledge; and here is the most exalted literature. It is also the command of the Lord Jesus Christ. And to those who would "abide in his love," he has said, "Keep my commandments."

It is in these Divine Oracles that we read of those who by "a patient continuance in well-doing" secured the favor of the Lord: of Moses, and Abraham, and Job, and Daniel, and of the Saviour and his faithful Apostles. And by reading of these godly persons we may expect to imbibe of their "meek," and "faithful," and "patient," and "excellent" dispositions, and thus add to our faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly-kindness and charity, which things if they be in us and abound, the apostle says, "Ye shall never fall!"

It is the Word of God which so plainly points out the way to Mt. Zion, and those who are bending their weary steps thitherward, and would abound in the knowledge of the Lord by the way, must daily search the Scriptures as for "hid treasures." To such it will truly be, "A Lamp to their feet; and a Light to their path."

It is the Bible which tells us of the near approach of "a time of troubles such as never was," when the neglecters of the Word, and all the careless and disobedient will be made to drink of the cup of the fierceness of Jehovah's wrath. And there will be no discrimination of age in this dreadful time; for the command to the men with slaughtering-weapons is, "Slay utterly, old and young, both maids and little children." The Lord assist you dear children to profit by this fearful prediction, and "flee from the wrath to come." The Bible tells us this day of wrath is "near, and hasteth greatly." O "Seek ye out of the Book of the Lord and read," and there find what you must do to "escape the things that are coming to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

O banish from your presence those popular, chaffy, pernicious books of romance, which are a positive detriment to Bible religion, and Bible holiness. They are injurious productions, written by wicked persons, for a wicked purpose, and in the end make those who read them "earthly, sensual, and devilish." "Can an evil tree bring forth good fruit?" No, never: and "at last it will bite like a serpent, and sting like an adder."

Those who love the appearing of Jesus, who gladly welcome the advent of the Master whose faithful servants they have been, will "search the Scriptures." They will prize every word of Him "who spake as never man spake." They will feed upon the Word which was written or spoken as good men were "moved upon by the Holy Ghost." The feelings of such will ever be,

"Precious Bible, what a treasure
Does the Word of God afford!
All I want for life or pleasure,
Food and medicine, shield and sword.
Let the world account me poor,
Having this I need no more."

Suffer the exhortation to "search the Scriptures."
G. W. A.