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The prayers of God's people for the brethren here, that we may walk in newness of life and God's name be glorified. When we have done all that we can do, we are but unprofitable servants, and it is alone through grace that we can be saved. "When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first began."

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REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL.

DEAR EDITOR:—May God's blessing rest on you in your work. The VISITOR is always welcome in our family and hope it may accomplish much good.

Permit me to give a brief account of our Sabbath-School work during last summer: The school was organized early in May and from the start the attendance was quite good, and the interest kept up quite well during the entire summer. The average attendance would reach nearly 100. A number of the smaller scholars were quite active in committing to memory the lesson verses, one having learned 275 and two others over 200 verses.

On the 13th of November, the school met the last time for the summer, and the children were made glad with suitable presents, after having listened to some earnest and appropriate addresses by several of the brethren present. All who took part in the work during the summer seemed to be blessed, and feel to take hold of the work anew the coming summer if life and health are given. We feel very much the need of that true wisdom from above, so that we can make the school attractive and interesting to the young and yet keep free from the many questionable proceedings which have crept into this work. Yours in love.

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For the Evangelical Visitor. NONCONFORMITY.

"And be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom.

12: 2.

When I read this passage of Scripture,

Apostle wants to impress upon the minds of God's dear believing children—the absolute necessity of a refusal to conform, to make, to yield, or to fashion their bodies like the world does. The body is what the Apostle refers to when he says in the preceding verse, "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." He does so earnestly entreat the believers in Christ (he calls them brethren), to present their bodies upon the altar of God, a sacrifice that is alive, not sickly, almost ready to die, but holy, acceptable. He makes it very plain when he says, which is your reasonable service, in the German (Welches sei euer vernuenftiger Gottesdienst).

The nature of God is very reasonable, and His children must have the same nature. The spirit of God wants full possession of the heart and mind. It is not reasonable that sweet and bitter water will spring up out of one and the same well, neither is it reasonable that a Christian can serve God acceptably and be conformed to this world. But a thoroughly converted Christian who is truly changed or transformed from within and from without by the renewing of his mind, will exhibit, or present his body governed by reason to the service of God. It can not be otherwise, since he is now no more conformed to this world; but being transformed by the renewing of his mind, he is changed in his form and appearance, he is a new creature in Christ. Old things are passed away, behold *all* things are become new, not in part new. Suppose I am in a vessel out at sea, and I find the ship leaks in the bottom and on both sides. I may go and stop up the holes in the sides, yet down goes the vessel. Or suppose I am seriously wounded in three or four different places, for instance one wound in my head, and another in my face, another in my hand, one more in my foot. Likely the two wounds, the one in my hand, the other in my foot yield me the most trouble and pain; yet these wounds in my face and head may be more fatal. I get a remedy for the wounds in my foot and hand. If the other two wounds are neglected, my life will not be saved. God wants to sanctify His children wholly; but they must abstain from all appearance of evil. It is not merely breaking off this or that particular

dulge in worldly pleasures and enjoyment of sin and iniquity, if my hand is engaged in shaping my head, face, and even my whole body in conformity with the world in style and fashions, if my eye is lusting after pride and vanity, if my mind is engaged with zeal and earnestness to be conformed to this world, in order to present my body a sacrifice esteemed and acceptable to the god of this world, and I want to be saved; I must become changed by the renewing of my mind. The mind is the ruling and the intelligent power of man by which the foot, the hand, the eye, and the whole body is instructed and governed. Hence "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may PROVE what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior. That being justified by his grace we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life," "If the Son therefore shall make you free ye shall be free indeed." St. John 58:36. Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," "not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance." "For, brethren ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh by which ye love serve one another." "Walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, goodness, faith, gentleness, meekness, temperance."
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For the Evangelical Visitor. MY CONVERSION.

After many convictions in my early life, I at the age of twenty-three in the early part of 1877 became fully convinced of the necessity of turning to the Lord, ever I expected to get to heaven. There was quite a revival in the neighborhood at that time, and when the fire began to spread, I too was caught in its mighty arms. Then the enemy came along and tried his best to keep me from turning to the Lord; but after a few days deep consideration, I resolved to make it known