

obedience and constant watchfulness on our part to change our course of action.

Oh, that all parents, teachers, and everyone who has the charge of children, could realize their great responsibility. The plant thrives or pines away in the soil in which it is placed. So also with the human mind.

The mind actually grows right; but will it if its environments are not congenial? If it is brought up in an atmosphere of evil, will it not grow likewise?

Perhaps we are anxious and worried about something, and instead of centering our thoughts on God and thereby receiving strength to do our arduous duties, we give vent to our anxiety in unkind words. The moment they are spoken we would recall them if we could.

We have sown discord in those around us, and weakened ourselves physically, mentally and spiritually. If we could all realize the train of evils which follow unrestrained passion, no one would ever form the habit, but, alas, many form the habit before they are old enough to realize its evil effects on their whole life.

Let us all be willing to leave off the "deeds of the old man," and give up everything that retards our growth heavenward, though it seem as dear to us as our own right hand. Then we will have that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, for it is the gift of God.

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#### LETTER FROM DAVID WILSON.

Geyserville, California,  
6th mo. 22nd, 1896.

Allow me to write a few lines for the REVIEW from this far-off land. We left our Illinois home on 13th inst. Had a very pleasant trip through the States of Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, to Portland Oregon, from there to Santo Rosa, on the Southern Pacific R. R., over the Sakeon and Shasta Mountains at a very high elevation, by a wonder-

ful system of engineering. We passed by many snow-capped mountains, among the grandest was Mount Shasta, which is over fifteen thousand feet high. We passed close to its base, where are situated the wonderful Mineral Springs and the Sanatorium. I will not attempt to enumerate the many beautiful things in detail, for they have been so often repeated. We were almost a week en route for this place and are now at Wm. Griffith's, my son-in-law and daughter's home, at Geyserville, at the foot of the Geyser Mountain, with its boiling springs on or near its summit, a place I want to visit. I am in hopes of meeting some of the isolated Friends before I leave California. Geyserville is on the Russian River, and its fertile valley is famous for its fruit orchards and vineyards. There is only a moderate crop this year owing to frost. They do not expect any more rain here this summer, and since we have been here there has been a cloudless sky. Many of the ranches, as they call their farms, here can be irrigated from the mountains, and the water is brought by pipes into the houses, which is very convenient. Everywhere we see the goodness of the Heavenly Father over all his works, and do we sufficiently love and thank him for our every blessing?

DAVID WILSON.

#### REPORT OF LINCOLN Y. F. A.

The day was very stormy, and our Association was only represented by seven members. The review of the lesson was given by all of the members. It was thought that the lesson for us was to be faithful as Paul was faithful. One person said that it is astonishing how the clouds will disappear when we have a certain work to perform, if we go forward in faith in our Divine Father. Two papers had been prepared—one upon the "Eighth Query," by Martha Davis, and the other upon "Faith," by C. A. Burgess. After some discussion upon them, we closed.

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