

Chautauqua Song.

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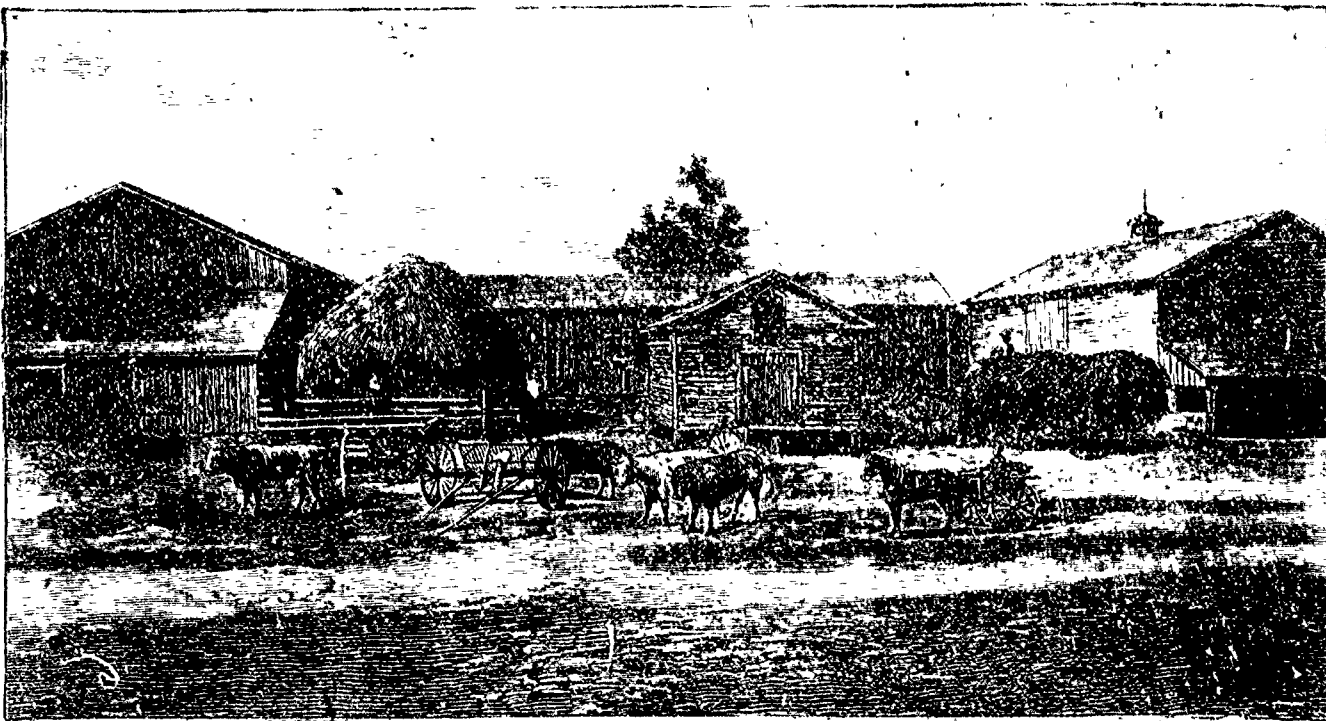
BRIGHT gleams again Chautauqua's
wave,
And green her forest arches,
As with glad heart and purpose
brave,
The student homeward marches;
Before him rose the pleasant goal,
Thro' all the year's endeavour,
Blest inspiration of the soul!
For light aspiring ever.

REFRAIN.

Once more we stand, a joyous band,
Our songs to heaven up-sending;
They freely rise, a sacrifice
Of prayer and praises blending.

Our college halls are grand and free,
Her charter heaven granted;
Her roof the summer-crowned tree,
Where nature's hymns are chant-
ed;
And round her shall her children
cling
With loyal love and duty,
And yearly all their offerings bring,
Of gathered wealth and beauty.
—Ref.

From the vast ocean shore of
thought,
We bring our earliest treasure,
With many a golden memory fraught,
And many a lofty pleasure;
We offer now our work to him
Whose loving light hath guided,
Thro' pathways to our knowledge dim,
From his great thought divided. —Ref.



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A Beautiful Answer.

A HAPPIER illustration of the wonderful character of the Bible, and the facility with which even a child may answer the greatest of questions and solve the sublimest of mysteries, was, perhaps, never given than at an examination of a deaf and dumb institution some years ago, in London.

A little boy was asked, in writing: "Who made the world?" He took the chalk, and wrote underneath the words: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

The clergyman then inquired, in a similar manner: "Why did Jesus Christ come into the world?" A smile of gratitude rested on the countenance of the little fellow as he wrote: "This is a true say-

ing, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

A third question was asked, evidently adapted to call the most powerful feelings into exercise: "Why were you born deaf and dumb, when I hear and speak?"

"Never," said an eye-witness, "shall I forget the look of resignation which sat upon his countenance as he again took the chalk and wrote: 'Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight.'"

REMEMBER
THE
S. S. AID COLLECTION
ON
REVIEW SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23RD.

THIS collection, it will be remembered, is ordered by the General Conference to be taken up in each and every Sunday-school in the Methodist Church; and the Review Sunday, in September, is recommended as the best time for taking it up. This fund is increasing in usefulness, and does a very large amount of good. Almost all the schools comply with the Discipline in taking it up. In a few cases, however, it is neglected. It is very desirable that every school should fall in line. Even schools so poor as to need help themselves are required to comply with the Discipline in this respect, to be entitled to receive aid from the fund. Superintendents of Circuits and Superintendents of schools will kindly see that—in every case—the collection is taken up.

It should, when taken up, be given in charge of the Superintendent of the Circuit, to be forwarded to the District Financial Secretaries who shall transmit the same to the Conference Sunday-school Secretary, who shall, in turn, remit to Warring Kennedy, Esq., Toronto, the Lay Treasurer of the fund. The claims on this fund are increasing faster than the fund. We need a large increase this year to even partially meet the many applications made. Over four hundred new schools have been started in the last three years by means of this fund. No fund of this comparatively small amount is doing more good.

On the Farm.

No life is more independent than that of the farmer. What would we do if there was no one to cultivate and till the soil for us that we may be supplied with food? How much in the way of variety should we have if it were not for the farmers, be they tillers of acres or of only the small garden patch. I fear that some of us would be under the necessity of turning farmers ourselves.

And yet, independent as he may be of all human aid, it seems to me that in no other occupation is a man so dependent upon the Creator, for no other leads one so near God and heaven, if he who is engaged in it will only let it lead him. The "green things growing" ever point upward. Day after day is the farmer taught his dependence upon God.

He prepares his soil, sows his seed, and while God is watering it with his rain, and ripening it with sunshine, the husbandman must wait in hope for the harvest; and the plenteousness of his harvest depends in a measure upon the amount of labour and care he has bestowed upon the soil and the tender young things.

Our illustrations represent scenes in the early morning on a farm. Many allusions are made in the Sacred Scriptures to the husbandman and his labours. Our Saviour was fond of drawing lessons from the sower, the corn, the wheat, the harvest, and the reapers, and what are the lessons he teaches us? Let us search his word and find out, if we do not know already. Will you?

The Chautauqua Idea.

We give considerable prominence in this number to the account of the Chautauqua graduation day. We wish to interest our young readers, and older ones too, in this great movement and to induce them to take up the course of reading. It has been an untold blessing to many thousands. For full information and programme of study write to Mr. L. C. Peake, Queen City Buildings, Church Street, Toronto. Now is the time to begin. A great C. L. S. C. Convention is to be held in Toronto, in October, to increase public interest in this great educational work.

A PAGE of wisdom is worth more than a bag of money. The latter may be squandered or lost, but the former is secure, and will yield daily fruits that will delight and nourish the soul.