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## “Be of Good Cheer”

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**I** AM getting discouraged, I see so little to cheer; the children leave us so soon; and so few of them give testimony of their having been brought to a knowledge of the truth before they go.” So said a teacher in one of our meetings during the past summer. And there are others like this lady who need a message of encouragement.

And first, it is good to know that these discouraged teachers have loving, longing hearts, wishing to see the Master's glory, desiring better and brighter days, and that despite their own fears and faintings by the way, they are amongst the most faithful workers in our great field.

It was such a discouraged one who waited at the sepulchre after “the disciples had gone away to their own home,” and who received from the Lord the gracious and glorious message, which has passed from heart to heart all along the later centuries, “I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.”

God has his own way of giving cheer. We should take it as He gives it. Mary very naturally wished to embrace the risen Savior. She was not permitted to enter into the joy of her own desire, but we may well believe her heart was glad, and her steps light and bounding as she hastened back with her “good news.” So may we well be encouraged by the thought that it is God's message we carry, the best news in the world.

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Changed men were the disciples after that first day spent with Jesus. Compare Tenneyson's account of King Arthur's founding of the “Order of the Round Table.”

“Arthur sat  
Crown'd on the dais, and his warriors cried,  
'Be thou the king and we will work thy  
will  
Who love thee.' Then the king in low, deep  
tones

And simple words of great authority,  
Bound them by so strait vows to his own  
self,

That when they rose, knighted from kneeling,  
some

Were pale as at the passing of a ghost,  
Some flush'd and others dazed, as one who  
wakes

Half blinded at the coming of a light.  
But when he spake and cheer'd his Table  
Round

With large, divine and comfortable words  
Beyond my tongue to tell thee—I beheld,  
From eye to eye thro' all their Order, flash  
A momentary likeness of the King.”

## Catechetical Instruction of Young Children

By Rev. George S. Carson, B. S., Author of  
*Carson's Primary Catechism*

The suitability of catechetical instruction for young children is generally admitted by the most thoughtful and successful teachers of the young. This form of instruction is specially fitted to arrest attention, to stimulate thought and to sustain interest. Very young children are not capable of long continued mental effort. We would not ask a little child to carry even a light burden any