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A Morning Hymn.

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"Deliver us from evil." Matt. 6: 13.

GUARDIAN invincible! unerring Guide!
Friend, in whose loving-kindness we confide!
Protect Thy people through the coming day,
Nor suffer from Thy paths their feet to stray.

Arm Thou the strong, in the front ranks of life
Who walk,—that they may conquer in the strife,
If powers of evil shall their souls assail,—
For panoplied by Thee they must prevail.

Be to the weak, whom Thou apart dost lead,
A tower of refuge for the time of need;
Since it is often at the feeblest heart
The craven tempter aims his poisoned dart.

All need Thine aid; not one, alone, can be
For aught sufficient; each depends on Thee:
Hear Thou the suppliants this morn who pray—
And keep from hence to everlasting day!
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Seedtime and Harvest.

ONCE more the fields have turned from green to gold under July and August suns. Once more the flying sickle-bar has proclaimed the time of reaping. Once more has God fulfilled the promise made under rainbow-tinted skies: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest shall not cease."

Through all the centuries that have intervened that promise has never failed. Four thousand times the husbandman has gone forth bearing precious seed, and four thousand times has he come back again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Seedtime and harvest in the natural world are the counterpart of processes that occur in the life of man. Nature is a picture book in which we may read truths that are vitally important to every human being.

Youth is the seedtime of which old age is the harvest.

Youth bears the same relation to age that June does to August. "The child is father of the man." The life which we live to-day is the garden, the seed-ground of the life that is to be. There are no more solemn words in Scripture than those of the apostle: "Be not deceived; God is not mocked. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." This world is under

the reign of law, and there is no escape from the powers that hem us round. Sow "wild oats" and you will reap a harvest of dishonor and remorse. Sow virtue and you will reap a harvest of eternal joy.

Time is the seedtime of which eternity is the harvest.

Every man's life is a prophecy of his eternal state. Character determines destiny. The judgment methods of God are neither arbitrary nor mysterious. In the book of Revelation we have unfolded the principles that will govern in the determination of the coming life: "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still; he that is filthy, let him be filthy still; he that is righteous, let him be righteous still; and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

A Fresh Beginning.

DURING the summer months almost every society has to record a visible slackening of energy. Because of the enervating nature of the heated term, or the absence of a large proportion of the members, all the wheels move slowly. But with the approach of the autumn days there is a disposition to take up with renewed vigor the work that has been laid aside for a time.

Let the officers and members plan for a forward movement—a campaign for Christ and the church in their own neighborhood this winter. Why should not Christ, as well as politicians, have His campaigns and campaigners? That their candidate may be elected political managers will arrange their plans with the greatest care, canvass all whom they are likely to influence, and provide all the means that may be needed to secure the end in view. Why could we not secure as much for Jesus Christ?

Seek earnestly an advance along every line Christian Endeavor activity.

Do not be content with equalling past achievements; go forward.

First and foremost, aim at deeper spiritual life. Give more time to Bible study and prayer.

Resolve upon heartier support of the regular church services.

Enter with greater energy into the work of the Sunday-school.

Do more as a society for the great missionary enterprises of the church.