

OUR WORK.

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AUTUMN.

Moons wane and wax, and wax and wane,
And Time reveals perpetual round ;
The Summers go and come again,
And Spring times out of Winters bound.

Again we hail the Autumnal times,
When fields and woods are growing sere ;
And Nature's music faintly chimes
In this grey twilight of the year.

Unnumbered tokens of decay—
Of Summer's verdure—round us spread,
Remind us that we pass away,
Shortly to mingle with the dead.

And shall the lesson not inspire
With strong intent, and firm resolves,
To kindle up the smouldering fire
While yet the day of life revolves ;

To labor for the weal of woe,
To lighten labor, lessen grief,
To soothe and cheer, where'er we go,
And lend the sorrowing relief.

O, let us rouse from shameful sleep,
Ere Death's cold winter drifts its snows ;
And, thrusting in the sickle, reap
The whitened harvest, then repose.

Written for Our Work.

Joy and Gladness.

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Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.
Phil. 3 : 1.

Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and
worketh righteousness, those that remember
thee in thy ways. *Is. 64 : 5.*

Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the
sweet, and send portions unto them for
whom nothing is prepared ; neither be ye
sorry ; for the joy of the Lord is your
strength. *Neh. 8 : 10.*

Wilt thou not revive us again ; that thy
people may rejoice in thee ? *Ps. 85 : 3.*

Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy
may be full. *John 16 : 24.*

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation ;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways ;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
Ps. 51 : 12, 13.

These things have I spoken unto you,
that my joy might remain in you, and
that your joy might be full. *John 15 : 11.*

*Rejoice in the Lord always ; and again I
say, rejoice. Phil. 4 : 3.*

I will be glad and rejoice in thee ; I

will sing praise to thy name, O thou most
High. *Ps. 9 : 2.*

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye
righteous ; and shout for joy, and ye that
are upright in heart. *Ps. 35 : 9.*

We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in
the name of our God we will set up our
banners. *Ps. 20 : 5.*

Let Israel rejoice in him that made
him ; let the children of Zion be joyful in
their King. *Ps. 149 : 2.*

Let all those that put their trust in thee
rejoice ; let them ever shout for joy, be-
cause thou defendest them ; let them also
that love thy name be joyful in thee.
Ps. 5 : 11.

Let the saints be joyful in glory ; let
them sing aloud upon their beds. *Ps.
149 : 5.*

Rejoice evermore. 1 Thess. 5 : 16.

Behold, I bring you good tidings of
great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city
of David a Saviour, which is Christ the
Lord. *Lu. 2 : 10, 11.*

Blessed is the people that know the
joyful sound ; they shall walk, O, Lord, in
the light of thy countenance. In thy
name shall they rejoice all the day. *Ps.
89 : 15, 16.*

Then Philip went down to the city of
Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.
And there was great joy in that city.
Acts 8 : 5, 8.

With joy shall ye draw water out of the
wells of salvation. *Is. 12 : 3.*

Thou hast turned for me my mourning
into dancing ; thou hast put off my sack-
cloth, and girded me with gladness. *Ps.
30 : 11.*

Let the righteous be glad ; let them re-
joice before God : yea, let them exceed-
ingly rejoice. *Ps. 68 : 3.*

Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
more than in the time that their corn and
their wine increased. *Ps. 4 : 7.*

*The voice of rejoicing and salutation is
in the tabernacles of the righteous. Ps.
118 : 5.*

Although the fig tree shall not blossom,
neither shall fruit be in the vines ; the
labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields
shall yield no meat ; the flock shall be cut
off from the fold, and there shall be no
herd in the stalls : Yet I will rejoice in
the Lord, I will joy in the God of my sal-
vation. *Neh. 8 : 10.*

Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye
shall weep and lament, but your sorrow

shall be turned into joy, and your joy no
man taketh from you. *John 16 : 20, 22.*

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my
soul shall be joyful in my God ; for he
hath clothed me with the garments of sal-
vation, he hath covered me with the robe
of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh
himself with ornaments, and as a bride
adorneth herself with her jewels. *Is. 61 : 10.*

Whom having not seen, ye love ; in
whom, thou now ye see with joy not, yet be-
lieving, ye rejoice with him unspeakable
and full of glory. *1 Peter 1 : 8.*

YEARS OF WORK FOR A BIBLE.

Several interesting and encourag-
ing incidents are briefly reported to
the *Church* by Miss Chamberlain, who
is laboring at Sivas in Turkey. She
says : "A few days since a girl burst
into my room, saying : 'O, teacher, I
am afraid I have not money enough
for a Bible ; but please give me one,
for father has promised to read with
me.' The six cents that were wanting
were not to be thought of in the pres-
ence of such an eager girl.

In one of our villages, some fifteen
years since, a Bible-seller was thrown
down stairs, dragged out of the vil-
lage and beaten. One of the perpet-
rators of this cruel act sent for a
coarse-print Testament, and he and
his wife are reported to be quite
changed in their daily life.

A little girl of the Gregorians came
to our Sabbath-school, and for learn-
ing the Golden Texts she received a
Testament. This she carefully kept,
as she had an old one. The follow-
ing year she gained another Testa-
ment, and the third year something
else. Then she brought her long-
kept treasures and a few cents, and
entreated that she might exchange
them for a Bible ; and the tears
streamed down her face as she said :
"I have waited these years for it." I
often see her on the Sabbath, and
look to see where her mark is, for she
reads day by day the Word for which
she labored so long. It is her one
treasure, the only thing she has on
earth that is her very own, save the
threadbare clothes she wears.