

SOMETHING EACH DAY.

Something each day—a smile;
It is not much to give,
And the little gifts of life
Make sweet the days we live.
The world has weary hearts
That we can bless and cheer,
And a smile for every day
Makes sunshine all the year,

Something each day—a word;
We cannot know its power;
It grows in fruitfulness
As grows the gentle flower
What comfort it may bring
Where all is dark and drear!
For a kind word every day
Makes pleasant all the year.

Something each day—a thought
Unselfish, good, and true,
That aids another's need
While we our way pursue;
That seeks to lighten hearts,
That leads to pathways clear—
For a helpful thought each day
Makes happy all the year.

Something each day—a deed
Of kindness and of good,
To link in closer bonds
All human brotherhood.
And thus the Heavenly will
We all may do while here!
For a good deed every day
Makes blessed all the year.

—Selected.

FIELD STUDY FOR JANUARY.

SUBJECT—"Prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Mission Fields and Workers."
(A Catechism for Mission Band Workers.)

Q. What is the significance of selecting this subject for the very first of a New Year?

A. No true, lasting work, can be done without the Holy Spirit. Humbled by the failures of the past, we feel the truth of the Master's own words: "Without Me, ye can do nothing."

Q. Who is the Spirit?

A. He is God, the Holy Ghost. Read John 16: 8.

Q. Do you believe in organization for special, and direct Missionary work?

A. Yes, because no other work is so near and dear to Christ, as that of bringing lost sheep into His fold. The majority of our Mission Band members are young, but not too young to be interested in the Mission and work of the Holy Spirit. Children can grieve, and quench the Spirit, they can honor the Spirit, they can pray, the promise is unto us and unto our children.

Q. How may we know that the Spirit will be given in answer to prayer?

A. Read Luke 11: 13. The command is, "Be filled with the spirit."

Q. Who may expect to be filled with the Spirit?

A. All who have given a true and hearty response to that question in 1st Chron. 29: 5.

Q. Dear Mission Band Members, have you done this? Or, are you waiting for God to do what He calls you to do? Tell us briefly, why this subject is of greater importance to-day than ever before?

A. Misapprehension, doubt, and indifference at home.

Our Missionaries suffer sore privations, their necessities are never fully met, their greatest need to-day, is the abiding presence of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Q. When shall we pray for the outpouring of the Spirit?

A. Now. Dear Mission Band Workers do not leave this important duty and privilege until night, when the body is tired; cultivate the habit of asking constantly for the Spirit, not forgetting your own part in the work of preparation, in order to be filled with the Spirit. When you are struggling with your grammar, think of the weary task our Missionaries have in learning so many difficult languages, and then of imparting the truth of God to such dark, benighted souls; pray that the spirit may be given to help them in this part of their work.

Q. Suppose that the Master Himself should come into every Mission Band to call the roll at this New Year's meeting, would He find all the members there to respond, who once pledged themselves to this work for Him?

A. Alas, No! Oh, the number who have grown weary, Where are they to-day? Christ will call the roll some day.

Q. Does He really know each Band—its name—its members?

A. Yes, Read Matt. 10: 30. Oh, heart breaking fact, that even some whole Bands have dropped out of this distinct and special work!

Q. Were the officers and members of these bands filled with the Spirit?

A. Let them answer for themselves before the great Searcher of hearts.

Q. From what source do we get our best suggestions for work.

A. From the Holy Spirit.

Q. Filled with the Spirit, will we never grow weary in well doing?

A. No, Never.

Q. Our field Studies are read by many people who are not practically identified with any Missionary Society, has this subject no claim upon them?

A. Yes, The Spirit is saying as distinctly to them, as to Philip of old, "Draw near, and join thyself."

Q. What will be the manner of the Spirit's manifestation?

A. Leave that to God. Lovingly, earnestly, we call upon each one to unite at once in fervent prayer for the descent of the Holy Spirit; redoubling our diligence, let us wait, work, and pray, for the glad time when the glorious prophecies shall be fulfilled and Jesus shall reign in every land and in every heart.

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