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Autumn.

Feathery clouds are few and fair,
Thistle down is on the air,
Rippling sunshine on the lake,
Wild Grapes scent the sunny brake,
Wild bees murmuring take the ear,
Crickets make the silence dear;
Butterflies float in a dream,
Over all the swallows gleam.
Here and yonder, high and low,
Goldenrod and Sunflowers glow,
Here and there a Maple flushes,
Summer reddens, Woodbine blushes,
Purple Asters bloom and thrive—
I am glad to be alive!

—Robert Kelly Weeks.

Editorial Notes.

Have you ever thought of bringing a notebook and pencil to church with you; for the purpose of jotting down ideas which fall from the preacher's lips? If you have not, try it, and see whether you do not enjoy the sermon better, and carry away with you

many a helpful thought which otherwise might escape you.

Many of our friends are even yet unaware of the noble, unselfish work being done in connection with the Walnut Street Mission. Mrs. Geo. Fisher has charge of the Mission committee. Under her guidance a faithful little band of enthusiasts work and pray, visit from house to house, conduct religious meetings, distribute tracts, and in various ways by shewing sympathy and encouragement, help to sweeten the lives of many who are not surrounded with the most favorable chances in life.

We rejoice that our pastor has consented to take charge of an adult Bible-class in connection with the Sunday-school. We hope that the parents and other adult members of the congregation will respond freely. We believe that the class will exert a beneficial influence upon the whole school. The presence of a Bible-class formed mainly of the older members of the congregation will give to the Sunday-school a crowning dignity which properly belongs to it, but which has, heretofore, been entirely wanting. The presence of father and mother will entirely change the child's conception of the importance of Sunday-school. After this if a boy's father should say to him "My son, let us go to Sunday-school together," do you suppose that boy would feel too big to go, or ever have the idea that intellectually, he had outgrown Bible-study? Never! If the parents study the Sunday-school lessons systematically, and talk about them in their homes, with their children, do you not suppose the children will come to Sunday-school better prepared to receive the ideas presented by the teacher? What a grand thing it would be if we could interest more of the parents with the work of the Sunday-school. The systematic study of the Sunday-school lesson by the parents would encourage the children to a like preparation. It would in fact seem to them a duty. On the other hand, what a benefit would ensue, both to the church and her members, through the systematic study of the Bible.