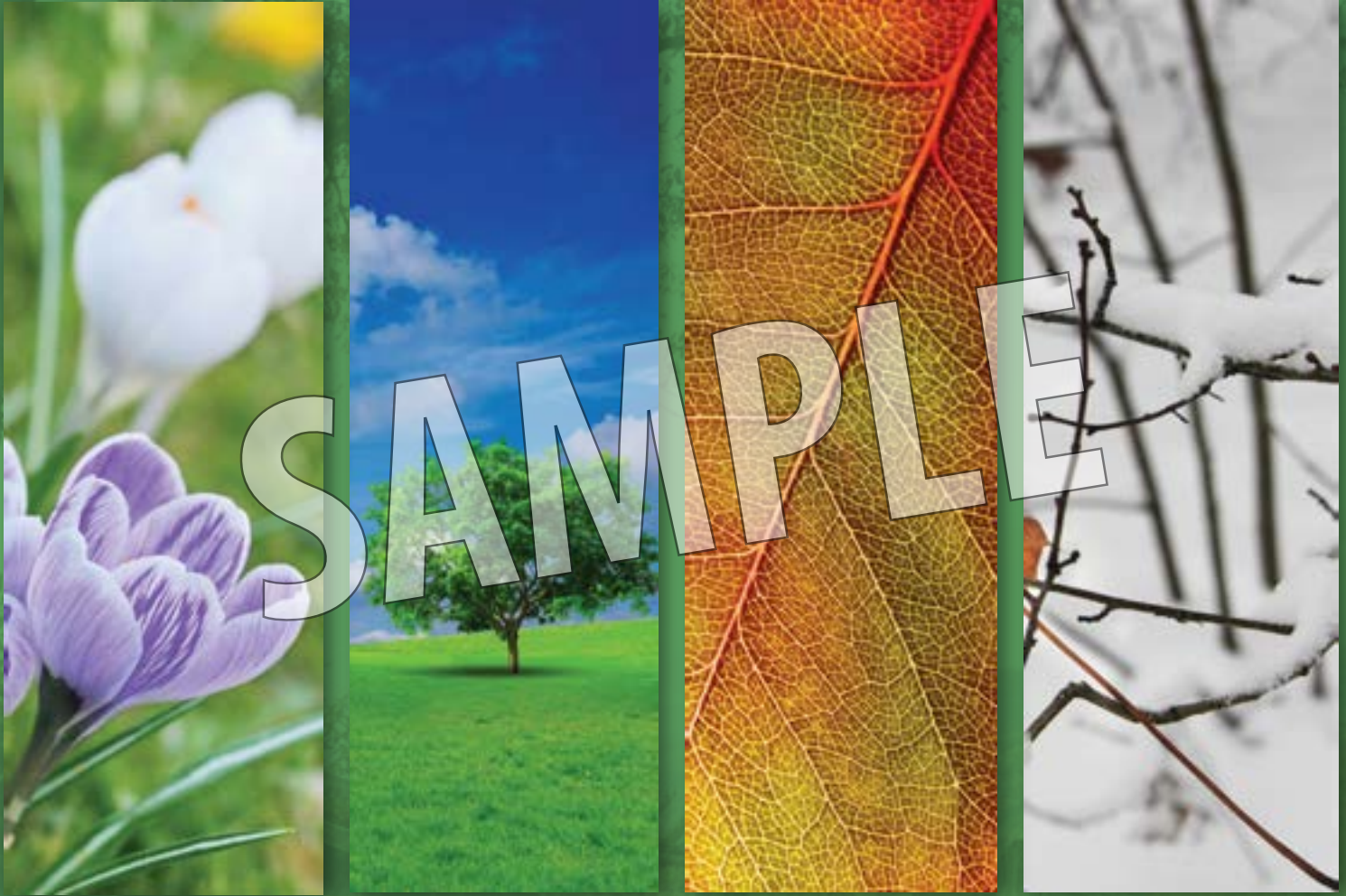
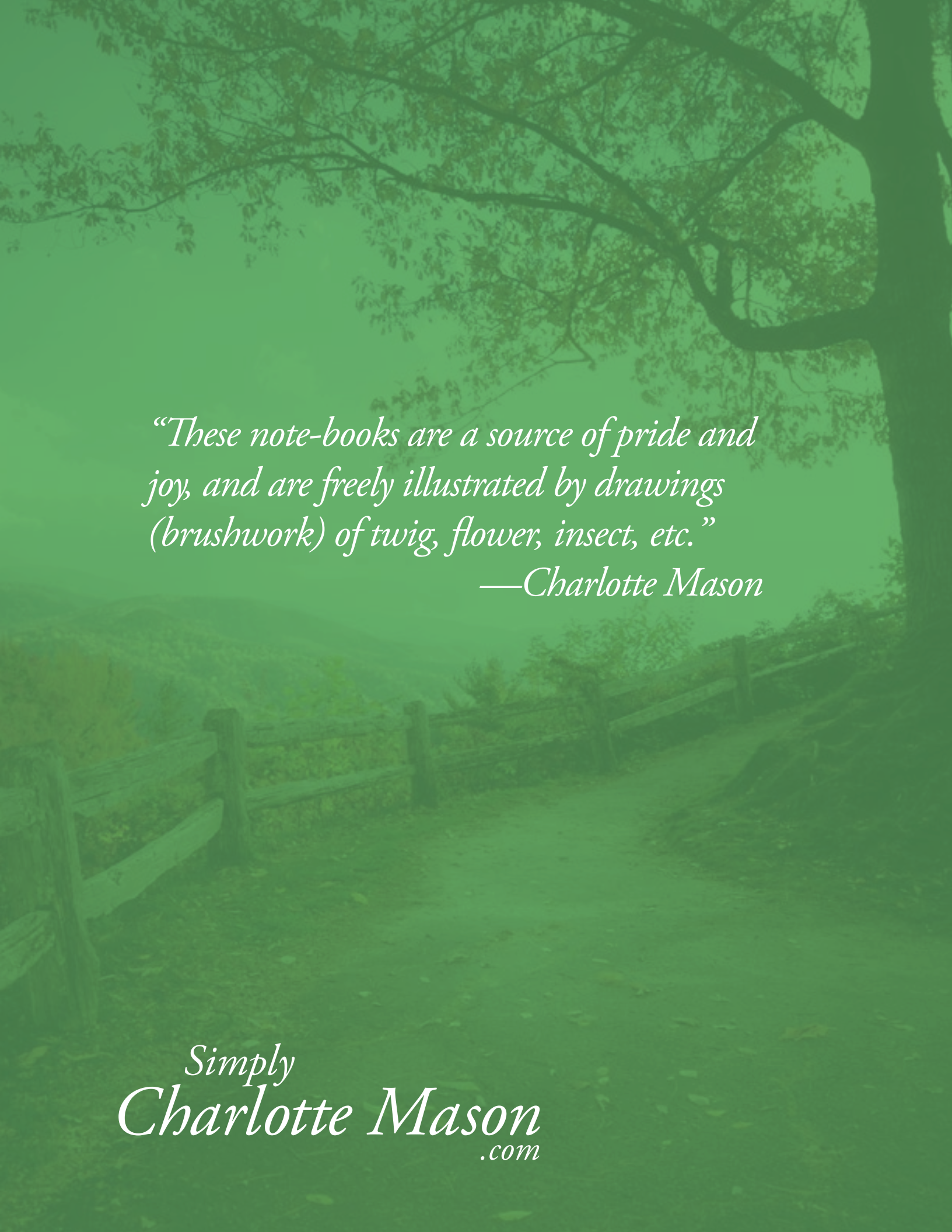


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Journaling

A Year in Nature

A green-tinted photograph of a rural landscape. In the foreground, a wooden fence runs across the frame. In the background, a large tree with dense foliage stands on the right side. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

“These note-books are a source of pride and joy, and are freely illustrated by drawings (brushwork) of twig, flower, insect, etc.”

—Charlotte Mason

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Journaling A Year in Nature

The year _____

as observed by _____

How to Journal a Year in Nature

1. This is your nature journal to make your own.
2. You will find a section in your journal for each season of the year. Begin with the current season.
3. Once a week pick a topic from the seasonal list and turn to the corresponding page in that section.
4. Go outside and use those suggested ideas to do a nature study. Record your observations by writing, sketching, or painting.
5. Create a new journal for each year.

Don't fret if you miss some pages. It's not about filling every page; it's about recording what you did observe in nature over the seasons.

Nature study is a lifelong process. You don't have to identify everything you see all at once. Simply identify a few things each year and get to know them well. As you develop a relationship with God's creation, your knowledge and enjoyment of nature will grow.

Nature Courtesy

- Respect the property you are on.
- Leave what you find for others to see.
- Check conservation laws and obey them.



Autumn

Trees

Bushes, Shrubs, & Other Plants

Insects & Spiders

Birds

Other Animals

Mushrooms & Toadstools

Clouds

Weather

Sun

Moon & Stars

Firsts

Different Time of Day

Different Location

Trees

Notice which leaves are changing color and when they fall off the tree. Look for fruit or seeds on the branches or on the ground nearby. Try to identify one or two trees. If you were unsure about the identity of a tree last season, see if you can find more clues this season to help you identify it.

The Tree You Are Observing All Year Long

Other Trees in Your Area

Bushes, Shrubs, & Other Plants

Notice which bushes, grasses, shrubs, and other plants are still growing. Observe any differences and similarities of seeds on them. If flowers are blooming, notice the color, size, and shape of the leaves and the petals, and the scent of the flower. Try to identify a few of the plants you see. Watch for any berries or other fruit that is ripe this season. If you live near a farm, notice when the various crops are harvested.

Insects & Spiders

Observe carefully any spiders and their webs. Look for caterpillars, moths, or butterflies; watch for any cocoon or chrysalis too. Notice bugs that congregate in cooler weather, such as ladybugs. Listen for insect sounds. Try to identify any insects or spiders that you observe.

“We were all meant to be naturalists, each in his degree, and it is inexcusable to live in a world so full of the marvels of plant and animal life and to care for none of these things.”
—Charlotte Mason

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