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"My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

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Love

I SING of love, not sentiment:
Of passionless devotion,
Which, boundless as the ocean,
Knows sorrow, not resentment.

Love means unselfish service.
It seeks its own, no never,
But lives to serve forever,
And bears no taint of malice.

Love reigns supreme in heaven;
Its stream eternal flows,
And with the ages grows,
The universe to leaven.

He dies who knows not love!
Love yearns for every heart;
It is the whole, not part,
Of heaven itself above.

O Charity divine,
O Love that is of God,
Win me from earth's low sod,
And make me wholly thine.

C. P. B.

Practical Instruction

It is in the order of God that the physical as well as the mental powers shall be trained; but the character of the physical exercise taken should be in complete harmony with the lessons given by Christ to his disciples. Those lessons should be exemplified in the lives of Christians, so that in all the education and self-training of teachers and students, the heavenly agencies may not record of them that they are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." This is the record now being made of a large number — "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." Thus Satan and his angels are laying their snares for souls. They are working upon the minds of teachers and students to induce them to engage in exercises and amusements which become intensely absorbing, and which are of a character to strengthen the lower passions and to create appetites and passions that will counteract the operations of the Spirit of God upon human hearts.

All the teachers in a school need exercise, a change of employment. God has pointed out what this should be,—useful, practical work. But many have turned away from God's plan to follow human inventions, to the detriment of spiritual life. Amusements are doing more to counteract the working of the Holy Spirit than anything else, and the Lord is grieved.

Those teachers who have not a progressive religious experience, who are not learning daily lessons in the school of

Christ, that they may be examples to the flock, but who accept their wages as the main consideration, are not fit for the solemn position they occupy. "Take heed therefore unto yourselves," the Word of God declares, "and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the flock of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." These words are spoken to the teachers in all our schools, which are established, as God designed they should be, after the example of the schools of the prophets, to impart knowledge of a higher order, not mingling dross with the silver. But false ideas and unsound practises are leavening that which should ever be kept pure, institutions in which the love and fear of God should ever be first.

Let the teachers learn daily lessons in the school of Christ. "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," he says; "for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls." There is altogether too little of Christ and too much of self. But those who are under the dictation of the Spirit of God, under the rule of Christ, will be ensamples to the flock. When the Chief Shepherd shall appear, these will receive the crown of life that fadeth not away.

"Likewise ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace unto the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

All self-uplifting works out the natural result, making character of which God can not approve. Work and teach; work in Christ's lines, and then you will never work in your own weak ability, but will have the co-operation of the divine.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." He is on the playground, watching your amusements, and catching every soul whom he finds off guard, sowing his seeds in human hearts and gaining control of human minds. He is present in every exercise in the schoolroom. Those students who allow their minds to be deeply excited over games, are not in the best condition to receive the instruction, the counsel, the reproof, most essential for them.

Physical exercise was marked out by the God of wisdom. Some hours each day should be devoted to useful education in lines of work that will help the students in learning the duties of practical life, which are essential for all our youth.

There is need of every one in every school and in every other institution being, as was Daniel, in such close connection with the source of all wisdom, that he will be enabled to reach the highest standard in every line. The love and fear of God was before Daniel, and, conscious of his amenability to God, he trained all his powers to respond as far as possible

to the loving care of the great Teacher. The four Hebrew children would not allow selfish motives and love of amusements to occupy the golden moments of life. They worked with a willing heart and a ready mind. This is no higher standard than every Christian youth may reach.—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

Our Publishing House

Home Office News

ELDER EASTMAN left Nashville, January 28, for the Keene meeting, expecting to stop off on the way at Sherman and Fort Worth, probably spending the Sabbath at the latter place.

Brother Brown, of the periodical department, left on the night of the 30th of January, going by way of New Orleans where he expected to spend the Sabbath.

Brethren Smith, Harvey, and Bollman, of the Publishing House board, left Nashville at 11:30 P. M., February 1, going by way of Memphis and Fort Worth. Elders Rees and Maxwell, and Brethren Wolff and Knox, members of the Southern Union Conference Committee, were also in this party.

Bro. L. D. Randall, manager of the Atlanta Branch, was an office visitor Friday. He and Eld. Stewart Kime, president of the North Carolina Conference, spent the Sabbath in Nashville, where they joined the party going to Keene.

It was announced last week that Eld. A. G. Daniels, W. T. Knox, F. M. Wilcox, and N. Z. Town would attend the Keene meeting.

Brother Hook left Loma Linda early last week en route for Keene, via Roswell, N. M., where some important business interests demanded his attention.

Because of the absence from the office of several members of the board and heads of departments, increased faithfulness is demanded on the part of those who stay "by the stuff."

Quite a number of our office and factory force are finding Morning Watch texts not only helpful but most intensely interesting. Every one ought to join in this daily study of a portion of the Word of God.

Bro. Harlan Harrison is again at his desk in the Superintendent's office. His brother, W. W. Harrison, of Marshall, Mich., formerly employed here, came with him from Graysville and spent a few days visiting friends in Nashville.

Professor Waller from the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, at Madison, Tenn., was an office caller Thursday morning.

One of the largest orders received at this office last week was from the New York Branch of the Review and Herald.

Eld. C. A. Hansen gave an interesting talk on the present condition of the work in Nashville at chapel service, Monday morning, February 3.

God's word to his militant people has ever been, "Be strong and of a good courage." Our strength is to be the strength of Israel's God, and our courage the courage of perfect trust in the Great Captain of our salvation.

Obedience begets courage, as saith the apostle: "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." Again, courage begets obedience: "Only be thou strong and very courageous," said the Lord to Joshua, "that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee."

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News Notes

BRO. C. D. SLOAN, of Louisville, Ky., handed in his first report this week. Brother Sloan is working here in Birmingham and we are sure the Lord will bless his efforts.

We still have a few Morning Watch Calendars at the office. The calendar is a beauty this year, and every Seventh-day Adventist should have one and learn the text every day. The price is only five cents.

We have not received the annual report from all the churches yet. The blanks were sent out in December, and we are very anxious to get the reports in so we can make out our report to the General Conference. I hope that the church clerks will see to this matter right away.

Brother Wilson is now at home for a few days, after having spent about four weeks in the field among the workers. While he was out, Brother Wilson took a number of subscriptions for the *Protestant* magazine and other periodicals.

Elder Bellinger is in the northeastern part of the State visiting churches and isolated members. He is at present at the Old Paths church. We are sure his visits will be appreciated and will be an encouragement to the churches.

Elder Miller left Birmingham Sunday morning, February 2, for Keene, Texas, where he is called to attend a meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association. After returning from this meeting Elder Miller expects to visit the churches in the southern part of the State.

We have received some good orders for tracts this week from Mobile and Pensacola. Tracts are not expensive and there is no telling how much good will be accomplished if we will all carry a few tracts with us and then hand them out as opportunity presents. Order a few tracts and carry them with you when you go out on business and hand them out. I am sure you will receive a blessing and some soul may be saved in the kingdom of God through your efforts. The tract society has a full supply of tracts.

The Colporteurs' Institute will soon be held at Borden Springs, February 21 to March 2. The Oak Level church has kindly offered to entertain the colporteurs free of charge. Begin now to plan to attend this meeting. For further information, address the State agent, Mark Wilson, 1700 N. 7th Ave., Birmingham, Ala.

An Institute for the colored colporteurs will be held in the latter part of March, probably at Sylacauga. The date and place will be definitely announced a little later, but let the workers be planning to attend this meeting.

Don't forget the offering for the medical work to be taken in our churches the first Sabbath in March. We hope that we will be able to raise enough in this one day to meet our portion of the amount to be raised by the Southern Union Conference.

In last week's news items our portion of the Loma Linda Fund was stated to be \$299.29; it should have read \$29.29.

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Interesting Visits With the Churches

DURING the past month it has been my privilege to visit a number of our churches and smaller companies throughout the State. Almost without exception I have found the message advancing and our people of good courage. Especially am I encouraged with the way the young people's work is making advancement.

Before leaving Yamacraw I was glad to see three young people baptized at that place, and thus strengthen the band of Sabbath-keepers in that section of the State. A few others had also begun the observance of the Sabbath.

After leaving there I spent two days with the Grove church, where I met with the Young People's Society and also held two other meetings.

Bro. Raymond Deihl, wife, and sister, lately from the Madison School, have moved there and have just opened a school for the children and youth of that neighborhood. At the beginning of the third week, twenty-five children were enrolled. I was much pleased with the interest shown by teachers and students in their work.

From there I went to Rollingburg, Greene County, where there is a company of Sabbath-keepers as the result of the tent effort held at that place last fall. All that I was able to see were of good courage and holding firmly to the truth.

After a two-days stop at that place I went on to Ohio County, to be with the Hartford church over Sabbath and Sunday. On Sunday a meeting was held to transact the usual church business and especially to discuss the question of erecting a suitable place of worship, of which the church is greatly in need. All were in favor of building a church, so the next question was how much money could be raised. In a few minutes over one hundred dollars was pledged by those then present, and more was added later. This gave us courage to appoint a committee to proceed with the work as they best saw fit. We all felt that the Lord had blessed us and given his people liberal hearts, although we knew it would mean much sacrifice.

Leaving the Hartford church I came on to Louisville where I enjoyed one day's visit with the workers there. I was glad to find that a live Missionary Volunteer Society had lately been organized and that the work was progressing nicely.

From there I came to the hills of Henry County, north of Louisville, where I expect to hold a series of meetings.

As I hear of the many calls that are continually coming from all over the State for workers while we have such a small force to respond, I am impressed with Christ's words: "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." WM. H. WHITE.

"EACH particular star has its own light. So have you. Let it shine."

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Among the Churches

I LEFT New Orleans, January 3, for a tour among the churches, and stopped first at Jennings, where I spent Sabbath and Sunday. This church has only six members remaining, but in the per capita tithe and donations it stands at the head of the list in the conference. The meetings were held in the home of Brother Bolles, at whose home also I was hospitably entertained. The brethren had circulated 500 hand bills announcing that I would speak on the Eastern Question in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon. Only about forty were present to hear the subject presented. Brother Peabody, the elder of the Jennings church, has sold out and is planning to enter the colporteur work soon. His removal will be a great loss to the little company, but we hope it will prove a gain to the work of God.

The time from the 6th to the 8th was spent with the Lake Arthur church. The brethren at this place also desired me to speak on the Eastern Question. Only a small congregation was present to hear, but the county paper published a synopsis of the discourse which occupied one and one-half columns of space.

I then joined Elder Frank at De Ridder, where we remained until the 14th. We had hoped to be able to organize a church there, but felt that the time had not yet come for it. While there the brethren arranged for the purchase of a lot on which to erect a house of worship. I hope the time may soon come when an organization may be effected there.

I was at Lake Charles from the 14th to the 19th. Meetings were held every night but two, and two services were held on Sabbath and Sunday during the day. The meetings on Sunday consisted of Sabbath-school and Young People's Convention. At this point my wife joined me, and accompanied me to Iowa and Welsh, speaking twice to appreciative congregations.

One night was spent at Iowa, and we then went on to Welsh on the 21st. On the 22nd the doctor returned to New Orleans. The Welsh church was once the largest church in the conference, but removals, death, and apostasy have greatly reduced its membership. At my last meeting all hearts were cheered when six promising young people made a surrender to God, and asked for baptism. The parents of only two of these were members of the church.

At this writing, January 27, I am en route for Leesville. My schedule for the future will be as follows: Leesville, January 27; Mansfield, 28th; Shreveport, 29th to February 2nd; Keene, Texas, February 3rd to 6th; Ringgold (Colporteurs' Institute); February 7 to 14; Lena Station, February 15 to 17. At this latter place it is to be hoped that a church organization may be effected.

To my brethren all I would say, Be of good courage. The end of this vale of tears is almost in sight. Let us be faithful until that glad day. R. W. PARMELE.

From the Field

I STARTED out last week to help a brother get orders for some books that he had had on hand for more than a year. The Lord wonderfully blessed in the effort. In twenty-eight hours I took orders for seven more books of the kind that he had than he could supply, besides orders for ten "New Testament Primers" and twenty of "The Man that Rum Made," which I find to be an excellent seller. I am glad to see the work advancing in Louisiana.

S. F. REEDER.

The Lord Cares for His Own

I TRULY feel so, after making a delivery of \$98 worth of books in one month. There was much rain, and during the bad weather it sometimes seemed a great hardship to put in so many hours, but in spite of all the difficulties I sold for cash and delivered \$110.25 worth of books in all. So I am sure the Lord will care for his own, and pay what is right to those who will labor in his vineyard. J. HARZMAN.

Notice

THE Young People's Society of Ringgold wishes to ask through the columns of the WORKER for literature that will be suitable for mailing. Clean up-to-date periodicals preferred. The young people are going to put forth a special effort to distribute our literature by mailing or giving away all that they can obtain. Any that the WORKER readers can supply will be thankfully received. Please address them to

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News Notes

THE last week of January has been a pleasant and profitable one for the Jackson church. Sister M. C. Kenyon has been with us, organizing the missionary volunteer work. Almost every member of this church has taken an active part in the magazine work, and in so doing have been greatly blessed.

Thursday, January 30, Elder Wiest returned from Speed, Mississippi where he has been conducting a short series of meetings. An interest had been awakened there by Bro. A. L. Saxon, one of our successful colporteurs. Several had begun to keep the Sabbath through the efforts of Brother Saxon, and at the close of the special series there were fifteen who took their stand for the Sabbath. There are others who are interested, and we hope to be able soon to organize a church at this place.

We are just shipping out a nice order of books to Bro. C. R. Canada who is located in Winston County. The good beginning which Brother Canada is making this year is very encouraging.

Those who make a success of the colporteur work are not necessarily the ones who make a brilliant record for a few months in the year, but usually the ones who keep everlastingly at it—like the race of the hare and the tortoise.

Bro. Elmer Chastain, of Jackson, went out in his neighborhood, and, by working a few hours each day, took orders and sold for cash \$28 worth of books in one week. This is Brother Chastain's first experience, but while engaging in colporteur work during his spare hours he has given a few more persons an opportunity to know of the message for this time.

Bro. Virgil Smith is at Amory, arranging for the Colporteurs' Institute which will be held at the Hatley church, near Amory.

Sister M. C. Kenyon who has been with the Jackson church since Friday, January 24, expects to meet with the Meridian church Sabbath, February 8, and will stay at that place as long as the work seems to demand. We appreciate her untiring efforts in Jackson, and shall be glad if she can create a new interest in Meridian.

We have recently received a sample copy of the Temperance *Youth's Instructor* for 1913, and it is very attractive. It is carefully gotten up, and has a very pretty cover. We feel sure that many in this conference will want to help in the circulation of this good paper, and we will be glad to receive orders at any time.

Tennessee River Conference

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The Honor Roll

SISTER MAMIE MOORE has passed the thousand-dollar mark which entitles her to the twenty-five dollars towards paying her railroad fare to the general conference, as offered a year ago by the Tennessee River Conference to all colporteurs selling a thousand dollars' worth of our literature during the year 1912.

Five others have passed the five-hundred-dollar mark, which is one of the qualifications that entitles them to colporteur's credentials.

The list is as follows:—

Colporteur	Hours' Work	Val. Lit. Sold	Av. Per Hr.
Mamie Moore	1 329	\$1 030 80	\$ 77½
C H Chenault	1 212	651 25	53½
Eugene Sykes	1 303	554 25	42½
R H Hazelton	1 658	543 45	32¾
Ulysses Bracy	1 342	533 75	39¾
Stanley L. Clark	758	526 65	69½

C. F. DART.

A Splendid Offer

THE Tennessee River Conference offers to pay the traveling expenses to the next session of the Southern Union Conference, of all colporteurs who deliver a thousand dollars' worth of our literature during this year, and have paid for the same, or put in sixteen hundred hours in the field. The Southern Publishing Association will entertain the same while attending the conference.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us take advantage of this offer. How many will try to reach this mark? Let us do

our best. Plan now to attend the Institute which is to be held in the chapel of the Southern Publishing Association in Nashville. Please notice that the date has been changed to a week later—February 28 to March 9.

C. F. DART.

Five Baptized

We are glad to report another baptism. On Sabbath morning, February 1st, a large audience gathered in the Memorial church in Nashville and listened to a discourse on "Lot's Coming Out of Sodom." Good impressions were made on all present, among whom were some new Sabbath-keepers. We had the pleasure of burying five adults in baptism at the close, all of whom gave evidence of having a new life formed within.

We deeply regret to report that another of our Bible workers, Sister Robinson, has been taken with a fever and is seriously ill. She was carrying two or three readers every day, some of whom are keeping the Sabbath and others about to start. We feel that earnest prayers should ascend to God for our workers and their readers, that we may not lose that for which we have all labored so hard.

One most difficult problem just now is to find work for our new Sabbath-keepers. At the present time three men and one sister desire employment. They have a deep conviction of the truthfulness of the message, but just what to do with them is a problem. May God be merciful to them, and may his tender love cast about us the cloak of his deliverance, now while the darkening shadows are gathering about us.

C. A. HANSEN AND WORKERS.

An Interesting Missionary Society

A few words about our missionary society at Springville might be of interest and encouragement to others. Our missionary society was organized two years ago last October. At present Earnest Stuhl is president, and Clara Brigham, secretary. The society meets every two weeks, and some make ready the literature for mailing while others sing songs of praise. This makes our meetings pleasant and good for outsiders. We realize that every effort that has been put forth to make this society a success has brought a special blessing for each one who has taken a part in this grand work of sending the message to those who know it not. We can not all be colporteurs, and we can not all go to foreign lands, but we can do whatsoever our hands find to do, and do it with our might.

While we may not see the result here, if only one soul is saved through our efforts it will be of more value than a thousand times the cost of our labor. Eternity alone will tell what has been accomplished. The Lord says his word shall not return unto him void. We know that many may hear the third angel's message through the literature that we send out, and we certainly thank and praise the dear Lord for the blessed privilege of doing this in a time of peace and plenty; for the time will come when we will not have this privilege. Every time we try to bring some one to Jesus it draws us closer to him, and we receive a blessing that can be gained in no other way.

M. E. ALLEN.

"MINISTERS who have preached the truth with all zeal and earnestness may apostatize, and join the ranks of our enemies; but does this turn the truth of God into a lie? 'Nevertheless,' says the apostle, 'the foundation of God standeth sure.' The faith and feelings of men may change; but the truth of God, never. The third angel's message is sounding; it is infallible."—*Testimonies*, Vol. 4, page 595.

Talks on Foreign Missions. No. 2

BY ELD. C. A. HANSEN.

FRIDAY, evening, January 31, Eld. C. A. Hansen gave the second of a series of lectures at the meeting of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society. A few of the many interesting points mentioned on the subject of the Hindu were as follows:—

India is among the darkest of heathen countries in that the people are so egotistical. A Hindu feels that what he doesn't know isn't worth knowing, unless it comes from America, notwithstanding the fact that ninety-five per cent can not read or write.

The Hindu is a descendant of the same son of Noah that we are, and the Indian race dates back almost a thousand years before Christ. Their faces resemble ours a great deal with the exception that their skin is of a dark brown color. They have high foreheads and are without the thick lips of the African race. As a rule they are from four to six inches shorter than the American.

The appearance of this people and also the diseases which are so common among them go to show that they are an underfered race. There are many more people in India hungry than those who are not. A large share of India is uncultivated and one may travel for hours and see only a monkey or something of that sort, but no signs of civilization.

The Hindus are divided into four principal castes.

First, the priests, who are the real Bengalis of India. They are not supposed to work but receive their living from others.

They carry a pot of something which resembles red paint with them, and when a man gives them money they put a mark on his forehead, which shows that he has made a gift that day and is an honored man.

Second, merchants. This caste is composed of quite intelligent people and the men are nearly always taught to read, and are taught Hindu or Bengali.

Third, the tradesmen. Perhaps the tradesmen comprise the most interesting class. Many of them become experts in their line, sometimes receiving the astonishing price of thirty-two cents a day. The wages of the sweeper caste runs from two to three dollars a month and they board themselves.

Fourth, the sweeper caste. The sweeper does only the most menial tasks, as sweeping, washing the dishes, etc. No matter how much you offer them, they won't do anything but what they are bidden to do by their caste.

The home of a native is ordinarily 8x10 or 12 feet in size, contains no table, no chairs, and no beds, their bed consisting of a little mat made from the fiber of cocoanuts, and their cooking utensils of a round dish made of beaten copper, which they scour with sand from the street and keep very bright.

The food of the native is meat, rice, and curry which is a powder made of mustard, ginger and red peppers. When the meal is ready, they sit down on the floor around the big kettle and help themselves with their fingers. The wife can not eat until the husband has had all he wants.

Buddhism is the religion of the Hindus. They believe that Buddha was so much greater than Jesus Christ that the Lord sent him long before Jesus Christ. The sacred ox enters into their worship, also the rat. Their temples are about 6x8 feet in size and fifteen or twenty feet high.

When a Hindu dies he is put on a long stretcher and a few flowers laid over him, if they can be afforded. Then a red powder is sprinkled over the corpse and on the ground all about, so the devils will not dare to follow as he is taken to the burning ghat.

The man who has a daughter is considered unfortunate, as

her marriage will probably cost him two hundred dollars or more. The custom of infant marriage is very deep-seated, often occurring when the bride is only a baby. The drum and fife are important factors at a wedding. The couple sit, one on each side of the house for three days and have nothing to eat, except what someone may chance to throw at them, while the rest have all they want. The father of the bride is very proud if an American happens to attend a wedding ceremony.

A native will not come into your presence with his head uncovered or with his shoes on. When he enters your house he remains standing unless he is to stay for some time, when you may give him a rough stool, and he will not leave your presence until you tell him he may go. The practise of lying is very common and hard to be overcome.

We have a faithful band of workers in India and progress, though very slow, is being made among these people.

Miscellaneous

The Boy That Did Not Care

"JAMES, my son, you are wasting your time playing with that kitten when you ought to be studying your lesson. You will get a bad mark," said Mother Mason to her son.

"I don't care," said the boy, as he continued to amuse himself with the kitten.

"But you ought to care, my boy," rejoined the lady, with a sigh. "You will grow up an ignorant, good-for-nothing man if you don't make use of your opportunities."

"I don't care," said James, as he raced into the yard.

"Don't care will be the ruin of that child," said the mother to herself; "I must teach him a lesson he will not easily forget."

Guided by this, the lady made no provision for dinner. When noon arrived, her idle boy rushed into the house, as usual shouting, "Mother, I want my dinner!"

"I don't care said his mother, very calmly, working with her needle without looking up.

"I'm hungry, mother," said the boy.

"I don't care," she repeated.

James was puzzled. His mother had never thus treated him before. They were strange words for her to use, and her manner was so cold that he could not understand it. He was silent for a while then spoke again. "Mother, I want something to eat."

"I don't care," was the cool reply.

"But recess will soon be over, mother, and I shall starve if I do not get some dinner," urged James.

"I don't care."

This was too much for the boy to endure. He burst into tears. His mother, seeing him subdued, laid down her work, and, calling him to her side, stroked his hair very gently, and said:—

"My son, I want to make you see the folly and sin of the habit you have of saying, 'I don't care.' Suppose I did not care for you, what would you do for dinner, for clothing, and for education? You see, I must either care for you, or you must suffer. And if you must suffer through my lack of care for you, don't you think you will also suffer if you don't care for yourself? And don't you see that I must suffer, too, if you don't care for my wishes?"

James had never looked on his evil habit in that light before. He promised to do better, and after having his dinner, went to school a wiser boy.—*Christian Commonwealth.*

The Musicians

THE strings of my heart were strung by Pleasure,
And I laughed when the music fell on my ear;
For he and Mirth played a joyful measure,
And they played so loud I could not hear
The wailing and moaning of souls aweary, or
The strains of sorrow that sighed around.
The notes of my heart sung blithe and cheery
And I heard no other sound.

Mirth and Pleasure, the music brothers,
Played louder and louder in joyful glee,
But sometimes a discord was heard by others,
Though only the rythm was heard by me.
Louder and louder, and faster and faster.
The hands of these brothers played strain on strain,
Till all of a sudden a mighty master
Swept them aside, and Pain—

Pain, the musician, the soul refiner,
Restrung the strings of my quivering heart,
And the air that he played was a plaintive minor,
So sad that the tear drops were forced to start.
Each note was an echo of awful anguish,
As shrill as solemn, as sad as low,
And my soul for a season seemed to languish
And faint with its weight of woe.

With skilful hands that were never weary,
This master of music played strain on strain:
And between the bars of the miserere
He drew the strings of my heart again
And I am filled with a vague, strange wonder
To see that they did not break in two;
"They are drawn so tight they will snap asunder,"
I thought, but—instead they grew—

In the hands of the Master firmer and stronger,
And I could hear on the stilly air—
Now my ears were deafened by mirth no longer—
The sounds of sorrow and grief and despair;
And my soul grew tender and kind to others,
My nature grew sweeter, my mind grew broad,
And I held all men to be my brothers,
Linked by the chastening rod.

My soul was lifted to God and heaven;
And when on my heart strings fell again
The hands of Mirth and Pleasure even,
There was no discord to mar the strain,
For Pain, the musician, the soul refiner,
Attuned the strings with a master hand,
And whether the music was major or minor,
It was always sweet and grand.

—*Author Unknown.*

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"We have two ears and one tongue, that we should hear much and speak little."

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A J Rice	23	\$ 2 30
Mrs. H G Smith	37	3 70
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LOUISIANA CONFERENCE		
Josie Jenevein	70	7 00
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Legal Meeting Called and Adjourned

At 10 o'clock, Friday, Jan. 31, the legal meeting of the constituency of the Southern Publishing Association, was called to order by the Secretary, L. A. Smith. It appearing that there was not a quorum present, and that there was not likely to be for some days, on motion of C. P. Bollman, supported by W. A. Harvey, an adjournment was taken to 10 o'clock, Monday, Feb. 10, 1913, at which time it is expected that the actions of the Keene meeting will be fully ratified.

An Encouraging Report

Bon Aqua, Jan. 29, 1913.

ELD. C. P. BOLLMAN:—

Dear Brother in Christ: I am writing to-day to let you know about our meetings. I am at home again for a little breathing spell; came home last night. Six adults have taken a firm stand for the truth, and they with the children connected with them we have organized into a Sabbath-school which numbers fifteen. This includes Brother and Sister Artress, who will be good help in developing them, as this work has been done in their neighborhood.

There is still an interest, and I expect to return the last of the week and continue my labors for them. I hope to see several more take their stand for the truth. Three more families are convinced and were it not for the seeming difficulties in the way of keeping the Sabbath the number of Sabbath-keepers here would be doubled. Oh for more of the Spirit and power of God to make the people see the importance of implicit and unwavering obedience to every ray of light God gives them, also how transient and fleeting the things of this life are!

How difficult it is to see truth in its proper setting while hearts are hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

While resting at home, I am hard at work trying to get ready for spring crops, making fence, cleaning land, making hotbeds, and plowing some.

Your brother in Christ,
C. N. MARTIN.

Religious Liberty Offering

By vote of the General Conference, five annual offerings are taken in all the churches of this country for various phases of our work. One of these offerings is taken in February for the benefit of the Religious Liberty work. With the approval of the General Conference Committee, this offering will be taken this year on the fourth Sabbath of February, the twenty-second. A special reading, prepared for use on that day in all the churches, will be sent to church elders, with the suggestions concerning the program for the day.

The renewed activities of various organizations to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia, as well as local movements in various States, such as, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and California; and the opportunities offered by the holding of the World's Christian Citizenship Conference in Portland, Oregon, during the coming summer, give much emphasis to the call for a liberal donation for this line of work. It should be remembered that one-third of this offering is retained in the local conference for local work, one-third is used by the Union Conference, and one-third comes to the General Conference treasury to aid in the support of the general department work.

Elders of our churches should give notice of this collection not later than Sabbath, February 15, so that the people may come prepared for the collection on the day set apart for it.

Army Book Fund

THROUGH this fund the book "Daniel and the Revelation" was sent to an artillery company in California, to be placed in the company library. The following letter shows that the books are being read. It was written to Bro. B. N. Brown, himself a soldier for ten years, having learned of and accepted present truth while stationed in the Philippines, and since which time he has sent out, by the help of voluntary donations, over six hundred copies of "Daniel and the Revelation," to army posts all over the United States, Philippines, and Alaska:—

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This plan of reaching the United States Army has proven practical, and has the hearty endorsement of the General Conference. Funds are protected by being sent to the Southern Publishing Association, 2123 24th Ave. N. Nashville Tenn., where Brother Brown is connected with the *Watchman* magazine. He does not ask for large donations, just a book of stamps from many will help greatly. Send him clean copies of "Daniel and the Revelation" or "Great Controversy", or a book of stamps or money. He has received over \$400 through this method. Who will be next to respond to this call for an untouched field. Send all funds to the Southern Publishing Association 2123 24th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn. He especially requests that no funds be sent to him. It will accomplish the same result if sent to the Association.

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