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## Obedience Better Than Sacrifice

THE first king of Israel took it upon himself to disregard the commandment of God in the matter of sparing the sheep and cattle which he had taken from the Amalekites. His excuse was that he spared them for sacrifice. But the prophet quickly reminded him that to "obey is better than sacrifice."

Some men in our day hope to atone for their transgressions by offering to God in some form the substance which they have gotten by injustice. This would answer for pagans. The worshiper of idols is not required to be righteous. If he will bring rich offerings to the temple he may do as he pleases. His religion does not demand clean hands and a pure heart, but plenty of sheep and cattle. The Bible teaches a different doctrine of justification.

Some Christians seem to think that religion is some kind of miracle or mystery which God provides according to his own good pleasure, and men have nothing to do with it but receive and enjoy it. But what says the Bible? Concerning Christ it is written, "He is the author of eternal salvation to them that obey him." He says, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." "Ye have purified your heart by obeying the truth." There is no mystery about happiness, no magic about goodness, no inscrutable secret about spiritual experience. Obedience is the condition of knowledge, the way of strength the necessary requirement of those who would see good days.

"The way of the transgressor is hard." Some men hope to escape the sentence. Some think that their greatness and dignity will afford them exemption. Saul was obedient while he was small. When he was only the son of a farmer he felt the need of obedience, but when he became a king he was puffed up with vanity and thought he could treat the prophet of the Lord with contempt and disregard the word of the Almighty. There are men among us that think thus. They hold a high office or wield great power. They have great possessions, and feel they are not

under the same obligations as ordinary men. Lord Byron said that genius sanctifies whatever it does, and great men are not to be held to so strict an accountability as ordinary mortals. But with God there is no respect of persons. Kings, senators, and workingmen stand on a common level before him. Human judges may make exceptions in their favor, but the Judge of all the earth will do right.

Others think that their religion is their justification in the case of transgression. They pray, they support the church, they give alms, they make sacrifices. But their hope is vain. Prayer without obedience is an empty mockery. Songs of praise are sweet to human ears, but without obedience they are sounding brass and tinkling cymbals before the Lord. Obedience is better than prayer, better than praise, better than sacrifice.

One may think he can do better for himself and his family and the church by turning aside in his ways. An agent who transacted business for a large firm once thought he saw an opportunity to make a large sum of money for his employers by disregarding their instructions. The temptation was too strong for him, and he made the venture. To his unspeakable delight he succeeded and made all he anticipated. He reported his conduct and success to his employers, expecting to be commended for his shrewdness and rewarded and promoted for his success. But he was discharged for disobedience. What? Discharged in the face of triumphant success? Yes, and justly. He could not be trusted. He was not a reliable man, because he was not obedient to his instructions. Obedience is better than success.

It matters not what we may think about our chances. It is ours to obey, and God will take care of our success. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." This was the injunction of Mary to the servants at the marriage in Cana of Galilee. This injunction comes to us all. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." When he says, "Fill the water pots with water," do it, and he will take care of the result.

When he says, "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy," do it. When he says, "Honor thy father and thy mother," do it. When he says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden," come without hesitation and without delay. Go where he bids thee go. Go when he bids thee go.

Be not too fast, be not too slow;  
Be not too early, not too late;  
Go where his orders bid thee go:  
Wait where his orders bid thee wait.

Keep time with God, await his call;  
And step by step march boldly on;  
And thus thou shalt not faint nor fall,  
And thus shalt wear the victor's crown.  
—*Christian Advocate.*

### VINES PRUNED BY GOD

I stood last summer in a magnificent hot-house, where the luscious clusters of grapes were all around and above, and the owner said, "When my new gardener came, he said he would have nothing to do with these vines unless he could cut them clean down to the stock; and he did, and we had no grapes for two years; but this is the result."

It did not look much like fruit when the stocks stood bare and the floor was heaped with cuttings; but the gardener looked over the two years and saw what we were seeing and tasting.

And thus we naturally turn to our Saviour's words, "Every branch in me which beareth fruit he purgeth [pruneth] it that it may bring forth more fruit." God prunes the trees in his own garden, and faith looks away from the stock which seems so cruelly cut down, and sees the riches of the coming years.

Any one can see, at a glance, how Paul has learned this lesson, when he says of the tribulation and distress, and peril, "Nay, in all these things we are abundantly the conquerors through him that loved us."—*M. R. Vincent.*

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**PLEASE RENEW**

A LARGE number of subscriptions to the GOSPEL HERALD have already expired, and quite a number expire with the close of the year 1905.

Will not every subscriber who sees this notice be so kind as to send in his renewal at once? This will effect quite a saving to the Southern Missionary Society, as it costs a good deal of money to send out notice of expiration of subscription.

The label on the wrapper of each paper tells the date to which the subscription is paid. "John Smith, April-06" would mean that John Smith's subscription expires April, 1906. "Nov-05" after a name means that the subscription expired November, 1905. In like manner "Dec-05" after a name would mean that the subscription expires with this month, December, 1905.

Thus every subscriber may know each month to what date his subscription is paid, and if he is in arrears, just how many months his subscription is overdue.

The subscription price is *ten cents* per year. This is very cheap, and within the reach of every one. It is highly important that our list be kept as large as possible for several reasons. In the first place, the Society needs a medium of communication with its patrons, and the work cannot be managed successfully without this, because the needs of the cause must be kept before the people who are supporting it.

Another reason is that the readers of the paper need it in order that they may keep in touch with the work, and that their interest in the mission schools may not flag.

The Lord has laid the responsibility of maintaining this work upon our people in the United States. This makes it the duty of each one to contribute toward the support of this work; but how can this be done unless those whose duty it is to contribute know the needs of the cause and have their hearts drawn out toward it? Our hearts are touched and drawn out toward any work only as we become acquainted with it and realize to some extent the needs of the field where the work is being done.

But it is not necessary to multiply words, as every one will readily see the force of these remarks. Now, kind readers, please co-operate with us in the matter of maintaining a good subscription list by sending us your renewal at once. Do not put it off until to-morrow or next week, but *do it now*. If you put it off, you will likely overlook it altogether, and the Southern Missionary Society will be put to the expense, by and by, of writing you a letter, which will cost a large part of the subscription price of the paper for a year.

We want to save every penny possible for the real work of the South, and you can help very materially in this by renewing your subscription without a personal invitation.

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THE New Prophetic and Law Chart, printed in colors, size, 19½ x 28 inches, is a wide departure from any other chart offered. The combination of colors, blended in perfect harmony, give an artistic and attractive effect.

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We need to study these great truths day by day, and to disseminate these principles among our friends and neighbors. We are sure these charts in this attractive form will be acceptable to many who would not study these truths if otherwise presented, and believe, therefore, they should have a wide circulation.

The Society owns and publishes these charts, and the proceeds from their sale go to support the work among the colored people. You will not only benefit thereby yourself, but you can help your neighbor and also assist in advancing this important missionary effort in behalf of the colored people.

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SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

**HOW TO HELP THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

SOMETHING over ten years ago an organized work was begun in behalf of the colored people of the South. The Southern Missionary Society has endeavored to foster and care for the needs of this poor people, but could accomplish comparatively little, when the magnitude of the undertaking is fully understood and considered. Again, there are many departments in this great cause, and each has its unsupplied needs ever before us. Therefore in an attempt to provide for any line of missionary effort, ways for raising funds which will not impede the work in any other department must be found, for it is all one great work, one great truth, to be promulgated under one harmonious, vigorous effort under divine guidance.

Various plans have been followed from time to time, and we are indeed gratified at the kind responses and the encouraging words that have come to us from every State.

About two years ago, several editions of the little book, "Story of Joseph," were dedicated, by the author, to this work. We have found this little volume an attractive means for raising funds, and after a careful consideration by the Board, the copyright, plates, etc., have been secured, so that they now belong to the Society.

This was done for two reasons:—

First, a larger profit would result to the Society, as we will have no royalty to pay.

Second, while we are well satisfied that our people are interested in this work and feel a willingness to help all that they are able, yet we also realize that there are urgent calls for means on every hand, and each has his labor to perform, so that time for any other work is necessarily limited. There are but few persons, however, who would not devote

a few hours each week to the sale of "Story of Joseph," if they could be compensated to the extent of the loss of time so given. It is to meet this need, which we so sensibly appreciate, that we make an offer of discount on this book. Heretofore it has been sold at full price, and the entire proceeds have been sent to the Society. Now we will allow a liberal discount so that all may be able to lend a hand in this important work, and to do so without detriment to any other line of work in this needy cause.

Dear friends, we assure you that we need your earnest personal assistance, and we sincerely hope for your hearty co-operation in the sale of "Story of Joseph," with results of personal benefit to you, and that the cause among this neglected race may be advanced.

Address your tract society secretary for further information regarding discount and plans for handling "Story of Joseph."

**AN APPEAL TO TOUCH THE HEART**

WE have reference to the letter published in this paper from Elder Sebastian, one of our colored ministers in Mississippi. In this letter he presents a situation such as but few can really comprehend; but the writer has lived in Mississippi, connected with the work for the same people, and is familiar with circumstances such as he relates. We can assure you that the situation is not overdrawn by Elder Sebastian, and the experiences which he mentions do not stand alone. It seems to us that an appeal like this would touch a heart of stone.

We do not care to go into particulars in speaking of the dishonest methods which have been employed against colored people in the darker corners of the great colored belt of the South. We will say, however, that to our knowledge there are places from which it is difficult for colored people to get away when once they are induced to go there. The United States Government itself has been aroused to investigate conditions in certain localities, which are as bad, if not worse, than in the days of absolute slavery.

But it is of little use to dwell upon this sad phase of the situation. We only do so for the purpose of arousing our people to their duty to those who, on account of the difficult circumstances which surround them, are in desperate want for both food and clothing, and whose families need Christian sympathy and Christian help in their efforts to educate their children so that they may be fitted for the battle of life which is before them. Those who have not been actually in the field can neither understand nor sense the difficulties and distress which there is among the race represented by this paper. Those of us who are more fortunate have a work to do in assisting these people, for which God will call us to account in the great settling day.

Nine years ago the following statement from the pen of Mrs. E. G. White was published in the *Review and Herald*:—

"Let us not be content with simply looking on, with simply making resolutions that are never acted upon; but let us do something heartily unto the Lord, to alleviate the distress of our colored brethren. The bur-

den of poverty is sufficiently weighty to *arouse our heartfelt sympathy*. We are not simply to say, 'Be ye warmed and filled,' but we are *actually* to relieve the needs of the poor.

"It is no use to send missionaries to work in the Southern field unless they are furnished means from your abundance to help the distressed, and those who are in poverty that cannot be described. We may do the work that Christ would do if He were here upon earth. We may relieve those whose lives have been one long scene of sorrow. *Who will go on in indifference*, and pay no attention to the woes of those who are in hunger, in nakedness, in ignorance, and degradation? Who will rouse up and go without the camp, and bear reproach for Christ's sake? Who will put on Christ, and seek to rescue their colored brethren from ignominy, crime, and degradation? Who will seek to restore them to the ranks of common humanity?"

Ten years ago the following words occurred in an article by the same author in the same paper:—

"As men and women embrace the truth in this field, there will be abundant opportunity for relieving their pressing necessities. *Unless this can be done, the work will largely prove a failure*. To say, Be ye warmed, and be ye clothed, and be ye fed, and take no steps to bring these things to pass, will have a bad influence upon our work. Object lessons will be of far more value than mere precepts. Deeds of sympathy will be needed as well as words that will touch the heart, and leave an uneffaceable impression upon the mind."

Now, dear friends, we are glad to have the opportunity of presenting the difficulties of this situation to you in such a forcible manner as is done in this letter from Elder Sebastian, and we come to you with a request and an earnest appeal.

*First*, for barrels of good clothing, boots, shoes, hats, caps, etc., to be gathered by our people everywhere, which may be sent to the most needy places in this great Southern field. Those who desire to aid in this work should correspond at once with the Southern Missionary Society, at Edgefield, Tenn., as this Society is in touch with all these places where our mission school work is being done. Our Society will then inform you just where to send such clothing so that it may best meet the pressing needs of the hour. We shall be compelled to stipulate that *all freight charges shall be prepaid*, for the Society is not able to meet this expense. We remember that during one season alone more than seventy-five barrels of clothing were sent to our Society when its headquarters was located in Mississippi. You can readily see that the freight on so large a number of barrels would have been an expense to the Society which could hardly have been borne, while each individual barrel was only a small expense to the individual sender. We therefore repeat, *do not send a single barrel or box without first communicating with the Southern Missionary Society*, as above stated, and *prepay the freight*.

*Second*, some help in the way of ready cash is needed to procure food for those who

are really suffering hunger. We have no hesitancy in calling for this in view of the quotations from the *Review and Herald* which are given in this article.

Brethren and sisters, will you rally to the help of the special relief work for this field? The poorly paid workers for the colored people sacrifice much of their wages to help those who are poorer than they are. Will you in the North, who are better situated, do your part to help those who are "in discouragement and distressing want that can hardly be expressed"?

Send all remittances to the Southern Missionary Society, Edgefield, Tenn., and they will be carefully distributed according to the special needs of the field.

**SELF-DENIAL BOX ECHOES**

*Dear Workers in the South:* Please find enclosed the contents of our Self-denial Box. Last summer mama gave us each a hen to set, and the chickens were to be for this work; but as chickens were cheap when we sold ours, we had only one dollar and ten cents. We asked the Lord to bless it, but very much wished it was more.

Papa sent us on an errand to a neighbor's, who asked about how our missionary box was getting along and gave us fifty cents to put in it, saying that he wanted to help in that work too. We were very thankful for this. This man was not one of our people, but had been watching our missionary chickens and asking how they were getting along all summer.

With our prayer that God will bless this and help us to get some more.

RUITA and TAVITA C.

**DISTRESS IN MISSISSIPPI**

I WRITE to my brethren and sisters to let them know of the conditions in this field. I have been here five days. I have noticed that there are some who need clothing. One sister is supporting five children (ages 5, 7, 9, 13, and 15). A barrel of clothing would be highly appreciated if we had it now. The water destroyed a part of their crop, and the place being quarantined, made it hard for them to get along, yet they are strong in the truth. These children attend our school. We cannot help the poor here because we have not the means. In many places my people are oppressed and suffering for want of proper food and clothing.

Last month a family of seven started in a wagon a distance of twenty-one miles to this place (the weather being cold) to come out from under bondage. When they told me the history of that place and the way they were treated, I could not restrain the tears. The people are suffering, and are kept cowed down. They get them into these places, promising a good many things to them, but they fail to receive, and of course they are kept in want.

One said to me, "I prayed night and day. I would get up at night and pray for deliverance; my whole family prayed earnestly; so the Lord came to our rescue."

My mind ran back to the time when God's people were under cruel bondage in Egypt. The cries of God's people reach the ears of our heavenly Father; so the cries of my people

have entered the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

"Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you." James 5:2, 3.

"Behold the hire of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth."

"Ye have condemned and killed the just, and he doth not resist you."

We read and hear of the conditions of things in this field; but, my brethren and sisters, when you see it and hear for yourselves, it is different. The half has never been told. We need your help. We need clothing to keep them warm, shoes to keep their feet dry, and your prayers to keep them steadfast. If we had means, we could help the poor Sabbath-keepers down here; but we cannot, because there is nothing to help them with.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

**RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1905**

DONATIONS.		F. W. Groom	50
E. A. Peterson	\$ 2 50	Mrs. Allie Cal	2 90
Mrs. Geo. R. Manby	7 10	Mrs. Hardd	52
Mrs. Dora Straight	2 30	Samantha Reed	50
W. S. Wright	5 00	Albert Anderson	1 82
Annie M. Garton	1 00	O. B. Tuttle	4 00
Mrs. Lizzie Cushman	6 50	J. S. Gilfillan	50
Clara M. Sutphen	1 00	W. H. Wilber	32
Mary E. Arnold	1 00	David Craig	30
Ashland Y. P. Society	2 20	Joseph Craig	30
Ashland Church	6 50	Leston Rogers	10
Ashland S. S.	1 00	Irena Guilford	30
H. A. and D. S. Mead	20 00	Clark Wilber	11
Ella Mead	50	Eunice Letts	6 25
Hattie E. Kuhn	8 00	Anna Oakes	4 00
Mrs. Fannie Woolf	1 00	Frank H. Porles	2 65
Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Fisher	1 00	Mrs. D. Miramontez	3 60
Battle Creek Tract Society	3 13	G. A. Larsen	4 83
New York Conference	6 94	Ruth M. Gates	1 22
Emma Knapp	35	Mabel Marvin	6 90
Illinois Tract Society	13 96	Emma M. Brunzell	2 00
Mrs. F. W. Bartle	1 00	Mrs. M. A. Bishop	2 50
Carey S. Smith	10 30	Carpenter Rasmussen	7 70
G. A. Larsen	35 07	Heacock Kelley	1 00
F. M. Reynolds	20 00	Mrs. S. S. Post	2 00
Mrs. L. V. _____	25	A Friend	1 00
Mattie I. Moss	6 80	Lucy Showers	1 00
Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder	4 00	Mrs. John Sheldon	3 80
M. W. Wells	4 76	Mary Spencer	5 00
Dr. F. A. Washburn	1 50	Mollie James	25
A Friend	1 50	Mrs. Steele	50
Lucy E. Mayo	1 06	Mr. Peyton	25
A Friend	10 00	Mrs. J. W. Payne	1 00
H. C. J. Wollekar	\$7 45	Mrs. Emily Hollards	2 00
Total	\$244 67	Henerita Schafer	3 00
FOR THE NASHVILLE COLORED SANITARIUM.		A Friend	50
Henry and Carrie Campbell	\$ 2 00	Louise and Helen Baylier	87
FROM THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES.		Harry Starrett	2 38
Florence E. Bostwick	\$ 1 01	Eloise Case	25
Mrs. H. C. Mitchell	1 10	Mrs. Ida Webber	2 07
Alice E. Zerbe	50	Ruita and Tavita Cole	1 60
N. H. Larson	10	Mrs. Ida A. Smith	2 20
George A. Chapman	25	Mrs. Lillie Berry	30
Lillian Fulton	25	Mrs. J. A. Howell	1 00
Peter Frederickson	2 05	F. J. Harris	2 00
Allie Byers	50	Lucy E. Mayo	3 00
Dora E. Guy	20	Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Risley	65
Mesdames Sayre and Harrison	37	Mrs. F. M. Horning	3 00
Mesdames Thrapp and Miller	12	Total	\$125 78
Kate Lumley	25	FOR THE \$450 FUND.	
Effie Cunningham	36	Clara M. Sutphen	\$ 1 00
Mrs. Merchant	30	Mrs. J. A. Howell	80
Martha Dorsey	50	Total	\$ 1 80
Austin Fix	18	FOR SUPPORT OF MINISTERS WORKING FOR COLORED PEOPLE.	
R. L. Simpson and wife	65	The following sums have been sent for the above purpose by some who know there is no regular provision for the support of this line of work. For years the Southern Missionary Society has kept in the field from two to five ministers.	
E. D. Hurlburt	19 00	Henry and Carrie Campbell	\$19 63
Mrs. L. A. Weaver	1 08	A Friend	8 50
Mrs. J. L. Wheeler	50	Cedar Grove Church	12 31
Mrs. Della Beckberger	2 55	A Friend	12 00
Mrs. Mary Winters	1 39	W. T. Dawson	12 00
Mrs. Geo. Thompson	1 15	Mrs. Eva E. Johnson	5 00
Alba D. Campbell	80	Minnie Johnson	5 00
Marie Jensen	74	A Friend	4 90
Clara M. Sutphen	52	B. J. Thompson	7 00
Amelia Osman	1 15	Fritz Zuck	42 00
Mrs. A. S. Anderson	1 00	Total	\$128 34
Mrs. M. A. Rees	25		
J. seph Friedl	50		
Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mansfield	72		
Mrs. James I. Smith	28		
Grandville Church	2 75		

## THE GOSPEL HERALD.

ARE YOU using a Self-denial box?

This Society has just added a new school to its list—at Edgefield Junction, Tenn.

Self-denial boxes are sent from this office post-paid upon application by letter or postal card.

Reports from the mission schools under the auspices of the Southern Missionary Society were never more encouraging than this winter.

An intermediate school has been opened in connection with the mission school at 209 Fayette Street, Vicksburg, Miss. This school will supply a long-felt want.

WHEN we came to mail the GOSPEL HERALD, we found that we were several hundred copies short. We think however, that papers were mailed to all our regular subscribers. If any have been missed who are keeping files of the paper, we will do our best to secure them each a copy, if they will drop us a card.

We must have from some source two or three hundred copies of the November number; we would ask therefore that readers who are not keeping files of the paper kindly send us their papers after reading them. It will not be necessary for every reader to send us a paper, that would involve a large expense in the aggregate and give us more papers than we need; but in churches where several copies are taken, some one can gather up from one to a half dozen papers and send them to us in one package at the rate of one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof. If mailed singly, the postage would be one cent per copy. In case you have to write to the office on other business, if you will slip in a November copy of the HERALD it will not cost any more postage than the written letter enclosed with it; in other words, a two-cent stamp takes your letter and the paper.

Now if some churches where a number of papers are received will interest themselves in this matter, our wants can easily be supplied, and that at a very trifling expense to our friends who send us papers.

THERE was printed in these columns two or three months since a letter from the church school teacher at Pomona, Calif., telling how that school with only a very small plot of ground, 20 x 50 feet, raised produce, we believe to the amount of \$8.00 to assist in the mission school work in the South. To this was added one dollar self-denial money, making the entire remittance \$9.00.

Though the letter was printed shortly after being received the matter did not receive the attention it deserved. It has occurred to us that the suggestion is a valuable one. The success which attended the effort of that school to assist the work in this needy field ought to encourage other schools and other individuals to try the experiment of helping the work here in a similar manner.

The net results from such a small piece of ground spoke well for the effort put forth. At Pomona teacher and pupils worked together to cause the ground to produce just as much as possible. The letter does not state what crop was raised; perhaps it is just as well that it does not, for the same crop might not succeed as well in all places. Each individual or each group of individuals undertaking work of this kind must determine what crop is likely to be most profitable.

We have referred to the matter at this time in order that those who desire to assist the work in this field in this way may have plenty of time to lay their plans. Jack Frost is busy just now preparing the soil for successful cultivation next year; he is loosening up the ground, bursting the hard clods or lumps that were formed during the summer, and putting the soil in excellent condition for the plow or spade next spring. We trust that many friends of the mission school work will be ready as soon as the winter is over to apply themselves to the task of fitting some of this soil for the seed and then after sowing the seed they will keep down the weeds, and keep the ground loosened so that the crop may grow and mature, and then that from a number of sources there shall flow into the treasury of this Society a golden stream for the mission schools.

### ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

THE seventh annual meeting of the stockholders of the Southern Missionary Society will be held in the chapel, 209 Fayette Street, Vicksburg, Miss., Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1906, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the election of a board of directors and for such other business as shall properly come before said meeting.

J. E. WHITE, *President.*

C. P. BOLLMAN, *Secretary.*

### THE STORY OF JOSEPH

THE book "Story of Joseph," which is owned by the Southern Missionary Society, will be sold hereafter through the tract societies as a subscription book.

A circular letter has been sent out to the several societies explaining the new plan fully, and all persons who desire to sell this book are requested to write to their tract society secretary for sample copy of the book and terms to agents.

Heretofore the "Story of Joseph" has been sold only as a relief book, the canvassers giving their time, but comparatively few of our people are in a position to donate any considerable amount of time to this kind of work. There are however, thousands who would gladly assist in selling such a book if they could receive a moderate compensation for the time employed. The new arrangement provides for this compensation, every agent receiving a liberal commission on all sales.

The secretary of the tract society has just written us saying that one little girl in that conference had taken orders for sixteen books expecting to receive a commission, and wanting to know if we could furnish the books to the tract society upon that basis. The secre-

tary added that quite a number of young people in that conference were ready to take hold of the sale of this book.

We are glad to be able to offer the "Story of Joseph" through our tract societies upon liberal terms as a subscription book. It means a largely increased volume of business for this office, and while the per cent. of profit will not be so great, in the aggregate, much more money will come to the mission schools through this source than ever before; at the same time the friends of this work who go out to sell this book will be receiving a reasonable compensation for their time.

Nor is this all; children and youth who engage in selling this book will gain an experience which will qualify them to handle larger books when they are grown a little older.

The "Story of Joseph" is deservedly a popular book; it tells one of the most interesting of Bible stories in a most interesting way. The illustrations serve to fasten upon the minds of all who read it, the story that is told. The book appeals not only to the mental faculties through the ordinary channel by which information is gained in reading, but the pictures emphasize the text and fasten the story upon the mind never to be effaced. We invite the friends of the mission schools everywhere to take hold of the sale of this book and to push it vigorously during the present winter. The society makes a good profit, and it is possible for the energetic canvasser, even though he be a child, to earn good wages selling the "Story of Joseph."

If you wish to engage in this work, write your State tract society for a sample book and terms to agents. If your tract society cannot supply the book to you, write direct to this office. We mean that all shall have a chance to help in this work.

### THE SELF-DENIAL BOXES AGAIN

ARE you using a Self-denial box? If not, will you not kindly drop us a card at once, giving us your name and address in order that we may send you a box with the 1906 calendar?

We have just had a new supply of boxes and calendars prepared, and wish to place them in the hands of our friends just as rapidly as possible.

Some complaint has been made because the little flap on the back of the box by which it is attached to the calendar, tears off very easily. We are overcoming that difficulty in the new boxes and calendars by glueing the boxes securely to the calendars. This will make them very substantial, obviating entirely the difficulty complained of.

"We didn't get any but two old speckled apples this morning," Bennie said discontentedly; but his little sister piped up cheerfully, "Two firds of 'em was good, Bud." That is all life in epitome; it never comes to us perfect, and we may fix gloomy eyes upon its defects, or we may cheerfully enjoy its good two thirds. There is no grief without some alleviation, no joy that is flawless; and when all are counted, the golden threads far outnumber the black, and make up a bright two thirds of the whole.—*The Wellspring.*