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Don't You Love 'Em?

Don't you love 'em? Just the common
Folks you're meetin' every day,
Folks with whom you're ribbin' elbows
As you jog along the way?
Don't you love 'em? They're so human—
Full of faults the same as we—
Sure our hearts can understand 'em,
They're so much like you and me.
Just the commonest kind of common
Folks a-trudgin' by your side—
Hopes the same as those we're hopin'
Self-same brand of joy and pride;
Burdens like the burdens we bear,
Sorrows plenty, like our own;
Joys an' pleasures mingled with them
Just the same as we have known;
Self-same sort of folks as we are,
Human, faulty, grave and gay—
Know 'em well — but don't you love 'em
Truer, better, every day?
Joggin' on and rubbin' elbows,
Don't you find 'em brave an' true?
When you know your fellow humans,
Don't you love 'em? Course you do!
—Mabel Brown Denison in Gospel Herald.

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EDITORIAL

We are all Columbuses in this life when we stop to think of it. He had an adventurous spirit, and was anxious to go forth into realms which he did not know, probably being intrigued by the mystery thereby. Columbus was enthused by the project which he had in mind, but he failed to interest very many others—in fact only the Queen of his country. The other people probably thought that he was crazy when he presented such fantastic ideas before them of exploring into the unknown where no one had ever gone before.

The goal which Columbus set for himself was an unknown world which he felt sure was beyond the horizon. He thought there was more to the world than what the physical eye could see. To convince others though that there was really more of the earth on the other side of the ocean was a hard thing to do.

When we stop to compare our lives to that of Columbus, we are very much the same in some re-

spects. How many of us are adventurous in spirit and anxious to conquer more? Most of us will admit that we have enough spirit to want to know more in life. We are intrigued by what lies beyond us. Always we want that which is out of our reach. Columbus was sincere in his convictions and so should we be in ours. We will find, however, that we have a hard time trying to convince others of our Christian ideals in life. Many people scoff at those who would walk uprightly before God. They fail to see farther than the things of this life, and do not catch the glimpses of the beyond. Some people will even classify one as being crazy, or simple-minded, because of the stand he has taken for God.

As Columbus had the queen help and encourage him in his aim to conquer a new world, so we have Jesus to help and encourage us in our stand for Him. He is the one who will finance our way to our goal. He will fill us with His Spirit, and give us rich blessings which will keep us strong for Him until the goal is reached. Columbus depended upon the queen—we depend upon Christ.

When Columbus set out upon his adventure, he did not know how wonderful would be the country which he was striving to reach. Neither do we know how wonderful will be the kingdom. We live with anticipation in our hearts, for we are assured that it will pass all expectation, because the Word tells us that "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (1 Cor. 2:9).

Just A Closer Walk With Thee

By Bertie Freeman

JUST a closer walk with Thee.
Grant it Jesus if you please.

Daily walking close to Thee.
Let it be dear Lord. Let it be."

Come unto Me all ye that labor
and are heavy laden. Take my
yoke upon you and learn of Me,
for I am meek and lowly at heart,
and ye shall find rest for your
souls. Blessed rest, in a world
torn by strife and restlessness al-
ways hovering over the brink of
disaster and destruction. "Peace I
leave with you, my peace I give
unto you: not as the world giveth,
give I unto you. Let not your
heart be troubled, neither let it
be afraid." Even though I am
weak, I know that Thou art
strong. From everlasting even to
everlasting Thou art God. It is
He that keeps His children under
the shadow of His wing, and is
their shield and buckler against
the torment of fear and evildoers.

"Jesus, keep me from all
wrong." Keep me close to the
rock of ages, away from the evil
of surrender to temptation. The
first lesson in Christ's school is
self-denial. God says to gather
His children together, those who
have made a covenant with Him
by sacrifice. First the sacrifice of
their will, then the sacrifice of
their bodies on the altar of serv-
ice. Putting aside every weight
and the sin which does so easily
beset them. There is no com-
munion with Christ without con-
secration and sacrifice.

"I'll be satisfied as long as I
walk with Thee." We can never

be satisfied with our lives. We
must strive to become more like
Jesus each day. We must not only
pattern our lives like Jesus' but
we must have Him abiding in
our hearts, reigning supreme
over all our desires and decisions.
We must make our choice be-
tween a life of ease, or the strait
and narrow way of the cross.
Power to live a victorious life
comes in proportion to the extent
of one's surrender to Christ.

"Through this world of sin and
snares, if I falter, Lord, who
cares? Who with me my burden
shares? None but Thee, dear
Lord, none but Thee." "Are not
two sparrows sold for a farthing?
and one of them shall not fall on
the ground without your Father.
Fear ye not therefore, ye are of
more value than many sparrows.
For the very hairs of your head
are numbered."

Cowper has said, "Happy is the
man who sees God employed in
all the good and ill that checker
life." Paul assures us that Jesus
has said He will never leave us
nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5).

If I falter, the Shepherd has
promised to leave the ninety and
nine and bring me back safely
into the fold. God doesn't want us
to stray from the fold, but He
loves the sheep of His pasture,
and a good shepherd cares for his
sheep.

"When my feeble life is o'er,
time for me won't be no more.
Guide me gently, safely o'er, to
Thy kingdom shore — to Thy
shore." "Yea though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear not evil, for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Paul said that he would not have us ignorant concerning the dead, that they were asleep. Time for them has ceased, and they await the Life-giver Who will guide them to the kingdom shore. They will be fashioned like Christ and shall gaze upon the only begotten Son of God who has delivered them safely into His Kingdom.

Just a closer walk with Thee. If God sends a cross, bear it gladly, don't drag it, take it willingly and follow Christ. Bear it patiently lest it become a burden and weary you until it becomes intolerable. Receive Him with all your heart. Give your body a living sacrifice, which is acceptable to Him.

Teach us, Master, how to give
All we have and are to Thee;
Grant us, Savior while we live,
Wholly, only thine to be.

—F. R. Hoveyrl.

Oregon Youth Rally

The May 1 youth rally opened with the singing of "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer was offered by J. C. Tierce, and Emmett Samson read the Scripture reading from Matthew 20:1-8. Marion Strunk presented the program.

Lovadene and David Sprouse sang "When God Dipped His Love in My Heart." Dolores and Helen Johnson sang, "You Must Open the Door."

A piano duet was played by Sister Huffman and Darlene. A quartet number, "Throw Out the Life Line," was sung by Beverly Nicholas, Sister Hawkins, Sister Nicholas and Barbara. Phyllis

Smith sang a solo, "Matthew Twenty-four." (She is a young girl who was converted at Crane, Oregon, about a month ago at the revival meeting.)

Eugene Moore gave a timely sermonette entitled "Our Mission of Preaching." An article entitled "A Mother Defeats Communism" was read by Alma Strunk. The offering of \$43.69 was received for Brother Hubert Weekes of Trinidad.

Sister Huffman and Naomi sang a duet, after which David and Sister Sprouse sang, "I'll Be a Friend to Jesus." A very uplifting testimony service was led by Eldon Knight.

"Who At My Door Is Standing?" was sung by Arlene Jenness, Barbara Nicholas, and Ennis Thermon Hawkins. Sister Henry sang "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?"

The closing message was delivered by Billy Watts. Sister Henry, a blind lady, gave her testimony of God's will in her life.

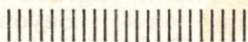
The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Roy Tilley. The next youth rally will be at Scrael Hill on June 5.

—Betty Williams.

That fine part of our constitution, the eye, seems as much the receptacle and seat of our passions, appetites, and inclinations, as the mind itself; at least it is the outward portal to introduce them to the house within, or rather the common thoroughfare to let our affections pass in and out. Love, anger, pride, and avarice, all visibly move in those little orbs.—Addison.

Give this paper to a friend.

Is Life Just For Fun?



What is it that everyone wants out of life? Young people want it just as much as any, for youth is full of ambition, hope and wants.

Is there one word that can describe or reveal what all people want out of life? How many have it? If it is scarce, how can it be obtained? Is it costly? Is it worth the price? One other question: Should we let our desires or wants run rampant, grow into a mountain and push us around like an elephant might push a calf around?

That one word might be either *satisfaction* or *happiness*. This is a broad way to put it, but we want to cover a lot of ground in short order.

There are innumerable ways in which people try to find happiness—or at least what they think is happiness. Many have the idea that life is just for fun—that is as far as they are concerned. They seem to think *their* wants come first, often regardless of other people, or what is fair and square. They never analyze their wants (which are often hankering) to see if they are justified in the sight of righteousness. They want what they want and they want it. Their wants run wild and any restraint is gone with the wind. Some go so far as to commit crimes in vain attempts to gain what they *think* will satisfy their wants (or hankering). Some are caught; some live in secret sin.

Christian young people confine their wants to things compatible

with the Christian life. It takes prayer to do this—"bringing into captivity every thought [including our wishes] to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5). Does this mean restriction short of happiness? Indeed not, for the things restricted are those which are not good for anyone.

God wants His people to be happy. "Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord his help" (Ps. 146:5). "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding" (Prov. 3:13). The man of understanding knows that sin can bring a momentary and superficial kind of happiness. A life pleasing to God is the only life in which true happiness can be found. Just look about you and see if those in sin are really as happy and satisfied as those you know who are followers of the Master. Which meet the problems of life with the most calmness and assurance? Which know where to turn for help in times of sorrow or deep trouble?

Life has a meaning. It is not just for fun. Life didn't just happen without cause or purpose. Life is for the purpose of testing us, fitting us for the eternal beyond where there will be joy evermore. This does not mean there is to be no happiness along the way. Israel would have found much satisfaction out of life on their way to Canaan had they trusted God rather than continually murmured.

As we read the Bible we understand that life has a purpose. We are caretakers for God in His vineyard. To one is given one talent, to another five, and another ten. As we put these to work for God we gain experience, and as Paul said, that which follows experience is hope, "And hope maketh not ashamed [for it gives us joy]; because of the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us" (Rom. 5:4, 5).

The greatest happiness we can find in life is out of the satisfaction of living for Christ, and committing all our ways into the hands of the loving heavenly Father. He knows what is best even if we may be prone to differ with Him on this point. Pray over all the desires of your heart, young folk. Ask God to direct your ambitions in His way. Then read Deut. 32:29 and 5:29, "... that it might be well with thee . . ." Remember this: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly" Ps. 84:11.

—Written for the H. & C.

Please Explain . . .

Question: Does 2 Corinthians 3:14 mean that there is a veil over the eyes of all who read the Old Testament?

Reply: First it should be explained that the term "old testament" used here, and other places in the Bible does not mean the books from Genesis to Malachi. It means the old covenant God made with Israel. It was agreed to by Israel in Exodus 19, and ratified by blood as noted in Exodus 24.

All of the terms, laws and regulations were not fully given at that very time, but Israel agreed to do all God said.

Beyond Moses, the prophets, strictly speaking, are not part of the old covenant; neither is the Psalms, Proverbs, etc.

Notice in 2 Corinthians 3:15 it reads, "But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their hearts." When what is read? Moses wrote only a small part of the old Scriptures.

The veil upon 'their hearts,' as the context shows, refers to blinded Israel. They became so sinful they could not see that their system of worship pointed to Christ. When Jesus came unto His own, had they accepted Him they would have seen the meaning of their typical services—that it was a shadowy system, foreshadowing Christ.

We, who know Christ as the true lamb of God, see through the system of shadows. There is no veil upon our hearts in reading Moses' writings. Much of it helps us understand the plan of salvation better.

We might add that although the old covenant, the old agreement with Israel, and along with it the shadows of things to come, expired and was done away, does not mean that every standard of righteousness before Christ was abolished. Not at all—for why, as an example, would there be any need whatsoever of abolishing the Ten Commandments? Why would they even need any changing whatsoever? In Romans 7:12 Paul, writing in this dispensation of grace, says the law is holy, just and good. We conclude then that holy, good and just people would naturally love just such a law.—L. C.

Charlene's Caramel Candy

“Let me see you have the sugar measured, and here are the two and one-half cups of cream, and the syrup. We have the vanilla and the butter ready. I guess that is about everything,” Marlene said.

Charlene pulled the flour sifter from the cabinet. “I don’t want any lumps to be in the candy, so I’m going to sift the brown sugar. This just has to turn out perfectly. It will mean so much to the girls at the detention home if we can show them that we are really interested in them. I spent all of my allowance for the ingredients, so this has to turn out right,” Charlene told her twin.

“It was nice of Miss Reynolds to let us choose our own project this time in Home Ec,” Marlene said. “When my turn comes I want to surprise Mother with cream puffs. I heard her say once that she loved them.”

Charlene stirred the ingredients together and set them on the stove to cook. The twins worked as partners in their Home Economics courses. They were not identical twins, but their interests were enough alike to cause them to want to do everything together. Each Sabbath afternoon the young people of their church visited the Girls’ Home of Correction and held a service for them. Usually the girls were rather sullen or belligerent, and they had been difficult to win for the Lord. But Charlene had got the idea that perhaps if they gave them something that they had

gone out of their way to prepare the girls would become more interested in the message which they presented.

The twins watched the candy cook slowly and when it reached the soft ball stage, they took it off the stove and turned it into a buttered pan. When it was cold, they were supposed to cut it into squares. Charlene put her knife into the candy, but the knife didn’t leave a sharp path behind it, as she had expected. Instead, the candy filled in behind the knife and she pulled it out covered with the sticky substance.

“Wouldn’t you know it,” Charlene almost cried. “Ruined! After I tried so hard, too.”

She threw the sticky knife into the candy where it slowly began to submerge, then she fumed some more.

Marlene put her hand on Charlene’s shoulder, “Listen, Sis. I know you are disappointed, but maybe it isn’t ruined. Try cooking it over again.”

“There isn’t time; besides, I don’t care if I never see caramel candy again,” Charlene stormed.

“Shhhhh, don’t make a scene right here in Foods class,” Marlene said quietly. “We know that everything works out for good for them who love the Lord. Perhaps some good will come of this.”

“I don’t see how it could, now. When I sacrifice to do it for the Lord, I don’t see why the Lord allowed it to be ruined,” Char-

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TEEN



Letter From Aunt Lena

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

Are you happy? Deep within each one of us is the desire for happiness. True happiness lies in the state of mind or heart.

Many are running to and fro seeking happiness in the pleasures of this world. Others are making slaves of themselves so they can buy beautiful homes, cars and many other things. They are too tired to enjoy the beautiful sunsets. Others are aiming to make a great name for themselves.

Genuine happiness does not consist in external things like pleasures, riches, honor, leisure, science and so forth. We can find happiness in the simple things of life if only we will look for it and take a moment to enjoy them.

The morning sunshine, the joyous songs of the birds, the beautiful flowers, a mother's embrace, the smile of a child, the letter from a friend, the rivers and the mountains and hosts of other things should bring us much joy. Have you counted your blessings lately? All of these blessings can really thrill one if he is in a receptive mood.

True and lasting happiness comes from serving God and our fellow man, visiting the sick and lonely, and being loving and considerate of others. When we kneel

to pray our prayers should be for others.

We should be content with such things as we have in this life, but never be content with what we are. We are told to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness: and all these things shall be added unto you. (Matt. 6:33).

We shall never be completely happy in this life because we were created for greater things and a higher goal. Our goal is eternal life with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us enjoy the simple things of life by doing the lowly and humble tasks bringing glory and honor to Him to whom honor is due.

Lovingly,
Aunt Lena

IT'S YOUR GUESS

What do you know about—?

1. He instituted the feast of Purim—
a. Moses, b. Mordecai, c. Micah
2. He was cast into a dungeon—
a. Jeremiah, b. Jehu, c. Joseph
3. An archangel of the Lord—
a. Gabbatha, b. Gideon,
c. Gabriel
4. The city where Paul was let down in a basket—
a. Damascus, b. Decapolis,
c. Jericho



TALK

5. A wife of Abraham—
a. Miriam, b. Keturah,
c. Rebekah
6. Where Barak assembled his
army—
a. Horeb, b. Zion, c. Tabor
7. She took the blame for her
husband's foolishness—
a. Anna, b. Abigail, c. Athaliah
8. Abraham's chief servant—
a. Eliezer, b. Eleazar, c. Ehud
9. The seventh son of Jacob—
a. Gideon, b. Gesham, c. Gad
10. The father of Samson—
a. Saul, b. Manoah, c. Jacob

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Answers to *It's Your Guess*
b, a, c, a, b, c, b, a, c, b

THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

The power of the Bible confirms the proposition that it is a revelation from God. It is the living Word. It transforms character. It makes a revolution such as no book of human authorship has ever done.

Pastor Hirsch says that in his parish visitation he gave a Bible to a seller of low literature. At first she refused it, and when she consented to accept it she said, "I will sell it." "All right," replied Mr. Hirsch, "but read it before you sell it."

When he returned to that bookstore several months afterward, he found that all the low litera-

ture had been cast out. The woman, who had never read the Bible before, was so impressed by its truths, and her character was so changed, that she decided to run only a first-class bookstore.

The Bible thus cleanses and keeps clean every heart and business that will accept its teaching.

—*Faithful Words.*

LIFE QUICKENED THROUGH SERVICE

A traveler was crossing mountain heights of untrodden snow, alone. He struggled bravely against the overpowering sense of sleep, which weighed down his eyelids; but it was fast stealing upon him, and, if he had fallen asleep, death would have been inevitable. At this crisis his foot struck against a heap lying across his path. Stooping down, he found it to be a human body, half buried in the snow. The next moment the traveler had taken a brother in his arms and was chafing his chest and hands. This effort to restore another brought back to himself life and energy and was the means of saving both. Helping others in highest matters, our own spiritual vitality is quickened.—*Sel.*

The heart has eyes that the brain knows nothing of.

CHARLENE'S CARAMEL CANDY

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lene said. She wondered why some of the girls were raising their eyebrows, and looking skeptical toward one another.

She was in a vile mood the remainder of the day. Even her classmates were saying to each other, "Charlene is in a huff again. Better leave her alone."

Sabbath afternoon came and the girls went with the group to the Girl's Home of Correction. When the invitation was given after the service, Charlene went to a girl about two years younger than she in whom she had developed a special interest.

"Won't you kneel and give your heart to Jesus?" she asked.

"Nope, I'm not interested," the girl replied rudely.

"Why don't you want to?" Charlene asked. "Jesus will cleanse your heart and make you different."

"Ohhhh," the girl said with a question in her voice. Then she continued, "Since you ask, if you are the twin who got mad and stormed all over the schoolroom when you were making candy, that's one reason I'm not interested."

"B — But — how — how did you know about that?" Charlene stuttered.

"My sis was in your class and she told me about it. Some of you people who come out here and sing and act so holy aren't any better than we are. The only reason I'm here was because I got mad and hit my little brother once too often. He landed in the hospital the last time, and I landed here."

For a moment Charlene was

silent. "I get the point. But it certainly isn't the Lord's fault. I know that I have a bad disposition sometimes, but I never realized before that it was important to even pray about. I'm sorry. Please don't think that all Christians are this way."

Charlene knew that further talking wouldn't convince the girl, so she rejoined her group.

When the twins got home Charlene told Marlene about the incident. "I know I've always let things upset and provoke me, but I never thought about it mattering to anyone else. I just accepted it as part of my nature."

"It might be, but the Lord has promised to give us new natures," Marlene replied. "That must be one part of my old nature which I didn't allow Him to have. I can see how right the girl was. If I allow this to go on, then I am no better than she. Now, I see the significance of the text which Brother Davis preached from. I didn't pay much attention to it at the time. It was something about ruling our spirits. Let's look it up."

Charlene got her Bible and found the verse in Proverbs, chapter sixteen. It read, "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

"Say, that really is important, isn't it? I never thought before about how important one's disposition is. I just thought that if you loved the Lord, didn't lie, steal, wear make-up and go to shows, drink, and things like that, you were living a pretty good life."

Marlene began brushing her hair. "I guess I've felt about the same way until lately. I've no-

ticed a few times when you failed to take things that happened in the right spirit, the girls have taken it all in, and have given each other that 'I told you so' look."

"Oh," Charlene groaned. "I wish I could have recognized that in myself before, but I guess it took caramel candy to open my eyes. It's strange how sinners look for Christ in a Christian. isn't it? On second thought, it isn't strange, either. They should expect to see the spirit of Christ in Christians. They sure notice in a hurry when it is not there, too. Pray with me about it now, will you, Marl? I want to get rid of that old un-Christlike spirit. It will take awhile to show the girls what the Spirit of Christ is really like, but by His help I'm surely going to try!"

—Juanita Brown in HiCall.

TEN REASONS WHY

Christian young people should be soundly convinced in their own hearts that the Bible is indeed the Word of God. Many problems will be automatically solved by our perfect confidence in the Scriptures. The credibility of the Bible is firmly founded on many lines of irrefutable proof. Let me list some very briefly:

1. The Bible is perennially fresh. It's been applicable to all ages. It's ancient, yet as up to date as tomorrow. It's a living Book. It never grows old.

2. The character of its teachings. It hates sin, loves righteousness. Deals with otherwise unknowable subjects: God, Heaven, [death], hell, angels, demons, Satan.

3. The marvelous unity. 1600 years in composition, many countries, various languages, forty

writers with varying abilities and under strange circumstances—yet one Book, coherent, progressive in thought, complete.

4. The prophecy. Detailed, minute, complete foretelling of events and persons given centuries before fulfillment. Today's conditions predicted and tomorrow's.

5. Its indestructability. Nations, kings, emperors hating, threatening, burning it. Friends neglecting it yet today it is the best seller in the world.

6. The unusual honesty of the writers. They write of the evil as well as the good. They show the hero's faults as well as his good points. Sin never condoned.

7. The completeness of its message. No problem in human life left out. The story sweeps from eternity past to eternity future.

8. Its power to alter lives. Makes sinful people holy, dishonest people honest, unclean, clean, and vile, pure — millions upon millions of cases.

9. The character of those who love it. Always the finest, the noblest, the righteous are aligned on the side of the Bible. Wicked sinful men oppose it.

10. The revelation of the God-Man, Jesus Christ. Here is the crowning feature of the Book. Here is portrayed the matchless birth, life, deeds, teachings, death, resurrection, ascension and return of the greatest Man who ever lived, the Son of God.—*Christian Youth Herald*.

Poetry is the record of the best and happiest moments of the happiest and best minds.—*Shelley*.

The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.—*Carlyle*.

Friendship

By Max Morrow, Midwest Student

IT IS NOT coincidental in any way that men enjoy the warmth of friendship and seek to find a true friend to share their sorrow and happiness as they do. God made men to do just that. He placed in man the natural instinct to want companionship as he does along life's pathway, and that desire becomes remarkably vivid in any individual's life, beginning early in childhood and continuing throughout life.

The water was made in such a way that it reflects one's face when one looks into it; likewise, man is made so that one man's heart will answer another man's; that is, one man may supply the comfort or sympathy that another one wants (Proverbs 27:19).

Even infants possess a desire for friendship. Babies only a few weeks old learn that life is much more enjoyable if they have someone giving notice to them as they lie in their cribs. We say they are spoiled, but God has made them that way.

David and Jonathan enjoyed the experience of a perfect friendship, an affection growing out of mutual good will. Each one was seeking the good of the other and not himself. Their souls were "knit" together as the Scriptures say (1 Sam. 18:1) because Jonathan loved David as his own soul, and both were comforted in the companionship of the other.

The trials of this life are made much easier for those who have

a friend, for "Two are better than one . . . for if they fall, the one will lift his fellow . . ." (Eccl. 4: 9, 10). However, friendship is a responsive institution. As the wise Solomon wrote in Proverbs 18: 24, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly . . ." Greed is not included in the character of a friend. Each one is ready to give willingly to or for the other one.

If two pieces of iron of the same quality are whet together, each one will rub off the rough edges of the other. In a like manner, one man will polish off the smudges on his friend's character (Prov. 27:17). Hence, friendship helps the parties concerned to mold their lives into a stage that is nearer the mark of perfection because the good of each one penetrates into the makeup of the other; thereby, making each one a little better. However, friends must be carefully chosen, because the bad virtues too, can transfer from one to the other if neither is made of a good quality of iron, so to speak. Yet, if one is a good firm piece and the other is a softer piece, then the one of poorer quality will receive all the wearing off because it cannot withstand the friction from the one made of better material.

Friends may easily be the same way. If one is a faithful Christian with a firm character, the other one will be benefited by be-
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MIDWEST NEWS

Hello and good-bye! Yes, this is the first greeting this week, and the last greeting from *Midwest* for this school term. Sighs of relief and sighs of regret are all combined into the expressions of the students as they talk about the end of school. Sure, it will be nice to have a vacation from studying, but the vacation away from the gang is not so inviting.

The Roy Marrs family entertained the student body, other faculty members, and a number of local brethren in their home last Monday evening. It was sort of a last time get-together for the students this year. The evening was topped by the serving of lots of ice cream to all those present.

Since many of you readers have expressed your interest in the students here at school, very likely you will enjoy knowing where each of the group is going. Joyce will be returning to her home in Oklahoma where she expects to take up office work. Nelson will spend the summer at his home in New York state. LeRoy again will put on his overalls and work shoes to mount the tractor on his folks' farm in South Dakota. Jack intends to find employment some around this local vicinity. Roberta has already arranged for a job right here in Stanberry for the summer. Haskell and Willard both plan to spend the summer working in Kansas City and staying with their parents there. Paul is planning big on returning to his home state, Oregon. Gladys has decided not to leave the "old stomping grounds" at all, for she

is ready to begin work in the publishing house office. Lawrence will eventually land in Oregon for the summer after first making a couple of "delayed route" stops. Max has already arranged to work with Brother Heavilin in Wisconsin. Lyle will team up with Brother Moldenhauer in District No. 3. Jim is intending to spend the vacation at home in North Carolina working. Sister Grantham plans to visit some friends for a while and then go on to Oregon. Brother Marrs and his family will spend the summer months working in District No. 9. Brother Heavilin and his family expect to be located in Wisconsin until fall. All in all, everyone is eager to get started at his summer's work.

Naturally, with the closing of one school term, thoughts are turned toward the next one. Every year appears to be better than the previous, and it is with that expectation that Nelson, LeRoy, Jack, Roberta, Haskell, Lawrence, Max, Lyle, Jimmy, Sister Grantham, Brother Marrs, and Brother Heavilin plan for the 1954-55 school year here at *Midwest*.

Till then, may the Lord be with you. Pray for each student and teacher that he may be what God wants him to be.

—Max Morrow, Reporter.

A man should never be ashamed to own he has been in the wrong, which is but saying, in other words, that he is wiser today than he was yesterday.—Pope.

Poetic Gems

USE TIME CAREFULLY

I heard him shout in frenzied tone,
And run at frantic pace;
"Come back!" he cried, "and let me
own
Just one more day of grace."

The sun sank down, and time rolled on,
The old man sank in shame;
He wasted youth, now time was gone—
Let us not do the same.

L. C.

LIGHT IN THE STORM

None could see a trace of light
In all that stormy hour;
The winds that raced the angry clouds
Had wondrous, mighty power.
But when the curtains of the clouds
Were drawn to east, and west,
The light beamed forth with healing
ray
And gave the sky a rest.

Men, too, have storms within their
hearts,
Where faith has never been;
And many of their fears are caused
By willful, selfish sin.
But if by faith, these clouds are
drawn,
And scattered east and west,
The One who waits will enter in
With healing Light—and rest.

—Grace Cash (Sel.)

THE WAITING GUEST

Who is this that waiteth,
Waiteth for my call,

While the dews of morning
Gently 'round Him fall.
Hark! I hear Him knocking,
Knocking at my door,
Asking me for entrance,—
Pleading o'er and o'er.
"Let Me in, let Me in,
Patiently I wait,
Wilt thou not unbar the door,
Ere it be too late?"

Who is this that waiteth
In the storm outside,
Sad and worn and weary,
Still His wish denied?
Oh, such gentle patience,
Must an entrance win;
Still I hear Him pleading,
"Let Me enter in."

Oh, it is my Savior!
Saw I not before,
All that bleeding sorrow,
All that anguish sore?
Saw I not the nail prints,
When His Blood was shed?
Saw I not the thorn-crown
On His kingly head?

Thou shalt wait no longer
In the gloom outside!
Enter, O sweet Stranger
And with me abide!
Long I sought Thee, Savior,
Thou wast at my door,
Now I bid Thee welcome,
Welcome evermore.

Oh come in, O come in.
Be my Guest today;
Savior come, abide with me,
Evermore I pray.

—God's Revivalist.

My Privilege As A Christian

By James Stroupe, Midwest Student

WHAT privilege does a Christian have? Today, it may be considered by many that the privileges of Christians are very few and small. However, one of the greatest privileges to be had is to be a true Christian, for then we can take Jesus with us wherever we go, and He is with us in whatever we do. Sometimes young Christians feel as if it is a disadvantage to be a Christian, because they cannot take part in the things of this world.

Many of us young people in the United States do not fully realize the privileges which we have. There are many who do not have the privilege of worshiping God—for example, the young people of Russia and her satellite countries. We have studied in history that for many years Russia has not allowed any religious work to go on in her country. The people have been living under a dictatorship.

Do you think the people in Russia would accept the truth of God's Word if they had a chance to hear it? We truly believe a good many of them would take the Word of God if it were offered to them, for surely many of them are looking for something which they do not have. It is impossible also for them to have meetings openly in Russia as we have here in our country. If any do meet together, they have to do it in

secret, and they cannot make it publicly known. If the secret police, or any other high official, found out about their meetings, they would be confined to prison, persecuted or killed. Just because this is brought upon the people for trying to serve the true God, many of them still do not let it interfere with their worship. The privileges of these people are slim compared with those which we Americans have today. My privilege is far greater than that of those living in Russia.

I heard mentioned this past summer of a man who had been in Russia and had started a group of religious people behind the iron curtain. This was a very risky thing for him to do. Still, he was not afraid to take the risk, for he knew of someone who would take care of him in times of trouble. That someone is God our Father who is in heaven.

In Deuteronomy 31:6, it tells us to "Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee." If we be of good courage and fear not, the Lord will not fail us, nor forsake us when we need Him most.

In comparing Russia and the United States in Christian privileges, they do not have anywhere near the privileges we have. My privilege as a Christian means

more than can be expressed on paper. I am very thankful for the privilege which God has given to me to live in this country and to worship Him without fear. How about the privileges which you have? Have you ever thought seriously of them? Why don't you, as you go about your work, or while you are taking a ride, or whatever you are doing, think of the privileges you have, and ask yourself the question, "What privileges has God given to me?"

FRIENDSHIP

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ing encouraged to pattern after his friend.

May we as Christians, seek friends, especially from among those who need the aid of a friend and give our life's efforts toward the bettering of their spiritual condition. In so doing we may be called the friends of Jesus.

A Book Review

"ALTER YOUR LIFE" by Emmet Fox

If you are well-grounded in your belief that the Bible is Truth, then you could read this book and enjoy its good admonition and ignore the points that are not in harmony with your belief.

Several chapters give you much food for spiritual thought. For example, the chapter entitled, "Make Your Life Worth While" suggests that there surrounds us a realm of infinite power which we can train ourselves at any-time to tap for our own use. This

power is, as we know, the Holy Spirit that God promised would come to us if we would seek God's face. The author suggests that we follow the admonition given in the Bible, "Be still, and know that I am God." If we will get by ourselves and have a quiet moment of meditation, being receptive, and humble, then we can feel the presence of God in our lives.

Another interesting chapter is entitled, "Keep on the Beam." In this chapter it is explained that today most commercial flying is done on a radio beam. As long as the pilot keeps on his directional beam he knows he is safe. If he get off the beam he is in danger. We have what might be called a spiritual beam upon which to navigate on the voyage of life. If we are on this spiritual beam we'll feel God's presence in our lives, and will feel safe and secure in the Lord.

The chapter, "The Magic of Tithing," is inspirational to all children of God. The author brings out the truth that God blesses the cheerful giver and he quotes Malachi 3:10, which says, "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

—Mary Holbert

Knowledge and timber should not be much used until they are seasoned.—O. W. Holmes.

Some persons do first, think afterward, and then repent forever.—Secker.