

they are mistreated in this way, become hardened and wicked. But this man was willing to forgive. He went to the preacher and told him he'd gladly forgive him. Wasn't that a wonderful thing to do? Then the preacher finally became so ashamed that he decided to tell everyone the whole truth. After he had done this he felt better.

Now we have many examples of forgiveness in the Bible, but I have told this that you may be careful in the future; that you cause no one any discomfort. Do you know that any little careless sharp word may cause some mother to drop a tear of sadness, and cause you to have bitterness because mother died, and you did not ask her forgiveness?

—Geo. D. Lewis

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This picture shows a few of the many children who attended the Bible school at the General Campmeeting last August. They are left to right, back row: Lowell Hendershott, Oklahoma; Marvin Lippincott, Florida; Muriel Walker, Colorado; Wanda Pyle, Missouri; front row, Margie Lippincott, Florida; Ceres Nichols, Washington. Wanda and Muriel have letters in this issue of the Missionary.

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FROM COLORADO

Dear Missionary Readers:

I wish Colorado would be honor state sometime. Daddy is broadcasting over the radio every Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock to 2:30. I was eleven years old last August the fifteenth day. I like school up here. I think it is better than the school up there in Amsterdam. We live by Aunt Jewel and Uncle Kenneth Walker.

I sure did like General Conference. It was my first time that I remember. We sang songs first of all, then the teacher would read stories to us, then we would sing another song and then close. We had it I think in the morning and then after lunch. When General Conference closed we had a play. I wish more people would study the Bible. My address is Kersey, Colorado.

I will close with a puzzle: "odG os edovl het rowd, htat eh vage ish lyon ttogeneb noS, ahtt hwsosveer lievbethe ni imh ouldsh otn eprish, ubt avhe evretisalng file." I must close with love to all,  
 Muriel B. Walker

FROM MISSOURI

Dear Missionary Readers:

I sure liked Camp Meeting last year, and also the children's tent meeting. I met many friends. I hope I can go next year if it isn't too far.

We have had lots of snow this winter, and it got very cold. It is warmer now. Daddy had to drag the snow out of the road so we could go to school. I have missed only one day of school, and it was because I was sick. Two of the boys bring their skates to school and skate.

When I read the Missionary I look first to see if anyone I know has written. If I find a letter from someone I know, I am very happy. I hope I shall see all of my old friends and many news ones at Camp Meeting next year. I enjoyed the little songs that the children sang in their tent. I am afraid my letter will take up too much room in the paper so I will quit. A little friend,

Wanda Lou Pyle

FROM ST. JAMES, TRINIDAD, B. W. I.

Greetings to all from the church here:

Dear soldiers for Christ,

So sorry I have no perfect picture to send just now as the wind prevented our getting some taken while at the Blue Basin waterfall Diego Martin, on May 24th, it being a public holiday and there the only quiet place. We wanted to go to the sea side but owing to lawless revellings (we heard after there were drowning incidents) Eld. Murray decided the other way. A couple of Americans and 2 Portugese gentlemen were the only intruders for the day at the Blue Basin, also slight showers. Despite the weather, bathing was enjoyed by all, which was good too for Elder Murray who at his age is an untiring laborer for Christ. He and Bro. Austin John are two of the church's fine swimmers.

Though late we had fine showers for planting as it beat the moisture into the earth.

Traveling around one feels elated at seeing the miraculous effect the showers have on vegetation. One then thinks how gracious God is.

He has surely blessed us this year too, for we've had melons abundantly, the result of dry season. The bats have not spoiled our mangoes or other fruits this time. God has well promised to take care of them and us more, as we find in Matt. 6:24-32. Can you tell what this says? It reminds me of this song played in the key of "f".

God sees the little sparrow fall

It meets His tender view,

If God so loved the little birds

I know He loves me too.

I must close now. Your friend in Christ,  
 May Cumberbatch

FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Missionary Readers:

I thought I would write to the little paper

again. I am in the 4th grade. I am 11 years old. I like to go to Sabbath school. We go to Blocker, Okla. for S. S. some times. Some times we go here at Crowder.

I enjoy reading the little paper. My Sabbath school teacher's name is Mrs. Edith Killgore, my mother. I play the piano accordion. One of my aunts picks the guitar. We change instruments and I play the guitar and she the accordion.

My grandfather, whom I live with, Elder R. K. Walker, held a meeting at Blocker. We helped with the music. I can say the commandments.

I will close with a puzzle: utho lsath ton tlsa.  
Velma Edith Killgore

#### FROM OKLAHOMA

Dear Editor and Missionary readers:

I am a girl 12 years old and like to read the little paper. I go to school at Crowder High School. I am in the seventh grade. I like to go to S. S. I attend at Blocker. My sisters and nieces helped my father in a meeting at Blocker. We sure had a good meeting. I would like to hear from all of the Church of God children from 10 to 15. My address is Crowder, Okla., B. 223. I am sending a poem to the Missionary. I will close with a puzzle: memeberr het babasth ayd ot peek ti yhol.

A Sister in Christ,  
Louise Walker

#### HOME

(Continued from first page)

Strange everything was so still.

Mollie ran down the stairs, calling, "Mother! Mother!"

"Yes, dear!" answered Mother from the kitchen. "Come here, and look from the west window. The Carter's house is all afire. I'm so sorry for them—and with all those children. Father and Carl have gone over. We'll make room for them somehow."

Mrs. Gray had started a fire, and soon had an early breakfast cooking for whoever might come. Mollie looked from the window to where, a mile away, the leaping flames from the Carter house rose lurid and fearsome. They could never save it. With all that fire the house must be nearly gone already.

Gray dawn was beginning to break, Mother came and stood by the window, slipping her arm around Mollie.

Mollie turned suddenly and laid her head against Mother's comforting shoulder.

"Poor things," said Mollie, wiping away starting tears, "to see their home going like that! And I thought it was ours burning. Oh, Mother! since I went to visit Margaret, I've been ashamed of our home, Mother." Mollie's voice was low. "But now, after I thought it was burning, I know how I love it—every last speck of it. Why, it's home—it's home, Mother!"

"Yes, dear," said Mrs. Gray, understandingly, "I saw how you felt, but I knew your good sense would make you see things in the right way after a while. I hear a cry—they're coming, dear. Now, help me all you can!"

L. Ellingwood in Raymond Christian Advocate.

### PRIMARY LESSON No. 9, Mar. 2, 1940.

#### THE TEN LEPERS

LESSON: Luke 17:11-19 — MEMORY V. Luke 17:17.

One day as Jesus was going to Jerusalem as He entered a village He met ten men who were lepers. As this is a very bad disease there was a law they must not go near any one, so they stood away off and raised their voices and called, "Master, have mercy on us." He told them to take a present to the priests and show themselves to them. As they went they were healed. One, who was a Samaritan turned back and fell at Jesus' feet and gave thanks. Jesus asked where the other nine were, but he was the only one who came back to thank the Lord for healing him. Jesus told him to arise and go on his way for his faith had made him well.

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### INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 9, Mar. 2, 1940

#### THE TEN LEPERS

LESSON: Luke 17:11-19 — MEMORY V. Luke 17:17.

- 1—Through what 2 places did Jesus pass on His way to Jerusalem?
- 2—How many lepers did He meet? Why did they stand afar off?
- 3—What does Matthew tell us they were to do besides show themselves to the priests?
- 4—When were they cleansed?
- 5—Why did one turn back?
- 6—From what place was the one?

What question did Jesus ask?

9—What did Jesus say to him?

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### PRIMARY LESSON No. 10, Mar. 9, 1940

#### JESUS BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN

LESSON: Mark 10:13-16 — MEMORY V. Mark 10:14.

They brought young children for Jesus to touch. The disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus was displeased with the disciples for this: He told them to let the little children come to Him for of such was the kingdom of God, and that whosoever did not receive the kingdom of God as a little child should not enter it.

Jesus took the little children up in His arms and blessed them.

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### INTERMEDIATE LESSON No. 10, Mar. 9, 1940

#### JESUS BLESSING LITTLE CHILDREN

LESSON: Mark 10:13-16 — MEMORY V. Mark 10:14.

- 1—Why did they bring the little children to Jesus?
- 2—What did the disciples do?
- 3—What was it that displeased Jesus?
- 4—Compare "suffer" and "forbid."
- 5—What is meant by, "For of such is the kingdom of God"?
- 6—What age limit of the children do you think is meant?
- 7—How would one receive the Kingdom of God as a child?
- 8—What did His laying of His hands on the children symbolize?
- 9—What else did He do with them?

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S FRIEND Page 3

## June Allen and Her Friends

June Allen tripped lightly down the sloping sidewalk that led from her home on the hill to the village in the valley. As she hurried along she hummed a little tune in keeping with her happy thoughts. Happy indeed she was for in her hand she carried a large yellow kite her big brother Bob had just finished making. She was going to join the group of children who always played in the vacant lot opposite the street from Bentley's old Blacksmith shop.

This vacant lot the children often used as a play ground, and the village folk gathered there for their annual fall fair and their many community picnics and fourth of July celebrations. When a circus came to town, which wasn't very often, it located on this lot too.

As June hurried on she could hear the children gaily laughing and see them playing. Also she noticed that two kites were being put into the air. Up—up she watched them ascend and hoped that her own would fly as high.

"Hi, June—oh here comes June with her kite," they shouted when they saw her approaching.

"Your kite is certainly a dandy," said Carl as he took it from her for inspection. "Want me to help you fly it?"

"Yes, please do," replied June eagerly. "You are taller and can run faster than I can."

Carl took the ball of string June handed him and wrapped it around a stick so that it would be easier to hang on to the kite when it was flying.

"Now get ready, set," ordered Carl. The children stood apart to give him plenty of space.

Just as Carl started off on the run a loud noise banged in the street and everyone stood still and looked in the direction from whence it came. A large red truck had just pulled to a stop and the engine back-fired, creating the noise which startled the children.

"Oh, oh!" exclaimed Ralph, "I wonder what's going to happen now, why that red truck has got a big tent rolled up on it. Come on fellas, let's go and find out."

The two boys who were flying their kites, quickly tie their strings to a fence post and they all started running in the direction of the truck, forgetting, for the moment, about the yellow kite they were planning to fly.

Slipping in a row on the sidewalk they watched

as two men alighted from the truck and started to unload the tent on the corner of the lot near the street. They were all curious as to what was going to happen. Was a circus coming to town, or some kind of a show? It must be one or the other, they thought, because that was about all that ever came to Elmdale, and not very often at that.

As the children watched on, another car drove up and stopped behind the truck. Out of the car got a middle-aged man, well dressed and kindly looking. He wore a black suit, black hat and

rimless glasses.

"A magician, I betcha," guessed Carl. "Just look at him. Aren't magicians always dressed nice like that? I reckon he is a good one."

"What was that?" enquired the man coming up to the group of children. "Did I hear someone say something about a magician?"

June, looking up said shyly, "Yes sir, mister, Carl said he thought you must be one by your looks."

The man smiled as he surveyed the group of children before him. "No, I'm not a magician, but little girl, what would you guess I am?"

"I don't know," she replied as though trying hard to make a guess. "Maybe you're a preacher for all I know, but if you are, you don't preach in a tent, do you?"

"It can't be a circus," whispered Carl to Ralph, "because, where are the animals?"

"Your guess is right, my little girl," he replied. "Do any of you children go to church?" he asked.

"Sure, we all do," answered Ralph a little proudly.

"That's fine," commended the man, "and if you haven't ever heard preaching in a tent, I assure you I'll have some interesting things for you—in fact so interesting you'll want to come every night. Tell all the children you know to come because we are going to show Bible pictures right on a screen."

"Won't that be grand?" said June excitedly.

"When does it start?" inquired Carl anxiously.

"Tomorrow evening will be our first services," informed the man. "Be sure to come with your parents, and remember I'm going to announce

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## CHOOSING YOUR FRIENDS

What kind of children make the best playmates? You'd just naturally rather play with some than others, wouldn't you?

Did someone answer, "Those who are pleasant"? Yes, we'll all agree it is no fun to play with anyone who is always complaining or is ever ready to quarrel.

Then we all like generous people—those who are not selfish, but are always ready to divide their candy or fruit and let others play with their toys. Especially, should we help those who are less fortunate than we.

You don't like playmates who swear? "Oh, Of course not, nor those who tell coarse jokes or undecent stories.

We must never judge people by the amount of money they have. Because a little girl's father is a banker or a merchant or a rich doctor does not make her any better than if her parents were poor. In fact, I know some rich little girls who are very ill-mannered and even tell falsehoods. God judges people by their hearts. He doesn't think any more of one who lives in a palace than one who has only a one-roomed house. But He wants them to think pure thoughts and say pure words.

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## CHILDREN, PLEASE NOTICE

Th next time you receive the Missionary, before you tear the wrapper look at the date on it to see if your subscription is paid up. You like to help the grown-ups, I know, and this is one way you can help. If dad and mother pay for the paper you can remind them when the time comes to send the money. If you pay it yourself, then you will not have to be reminded. You can think ahead and save your pennies carefully so you'll have enough when it's due; then you can write a nice little letter to the Missionary readers and at the same time send the fifty cents.

—Editor.

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A good scout is one who never makes fun of old age, no matter how decrepit or unfortunate or evil it may be. God's hand rests lovingly on the aged head. —Sel.

## A Message From Aunt Lena

Dear Nieces and Nephews:

I usually write to you, dear children, on a Sabbath morning (today is Tuesday) but we had an all-day meeting last Sabbath so didn't have time to write to you. I heard one of the ministers say it was one of the best meetings he was ever in. It sure was a wonderful meeting, and do you know what I think made it such a good meeting? I'll tell you, everyone's heart seemed to be in tune with God and they were praising and glorifying Him thereby spreading His glorious love to each other. Everyone seemed to forget the imperfections of each other and just looked for the good in each one, and you know it is so easy to find something good if you look for it, isn't it?

May our Heavenly Father help us (both young and old) to always look for the love, beauty and goodness of Christ in others everywhere we go.

Do you know, children, why I wrote "both young and old?" Well, here's the secret. I've found out that a lot of grown-ups are reading these letters that I write you. Now, aren't you surprised? I was, but we think its rather nice anyway—don't we?

This is another of those beautiful sunshiny days we all love. Our snow is nearly gone too and everyone is glad. There is something about spring that brings new joy into our lives—the budding of the trees, the early blooming flowers, the green grass, the lovely birds with their songs of rejoicing all speak to us of our heavenly Father's care and love. I love to look at the beautiful sky, especially at night with the pretty stars twinkling about us. All of these things and many, many more speak to us of Jehovah and His goodness to man. Psalm 19th chapter, 1st verse says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork." Can you learn this beautiful verse?

Let us keep our eyes open, looking for the beautiful things that God has made to bring happiness to us, not forgetting to thank and praise Him for the beauties that are all about us.

Bye, bye, children. May God bless you, every one.

Lovingly,  
Aunt Lena

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## JUNE ALLEN AND HER FRIENDS

(Continued from first page)

about a contest for all you children, and some valuable prizes will be given away too."

"I'm going every night," vowed Ralph.

"So will I and I and I," said the others as they hurried home to bring the news to their parents.

—By Elaine Christenson.

(To be continued)

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"God, make my life a little song,  
That comforteth the sad;  
That helpeth others to be strong,  
And makes the singer glad."

their Savior, because we "know not the day nor the hour in which the Son of man cometh," and if we aren't prepared (young or old) when He comes, we shall be shut out as the five unwise virgins were. I am sure that everyone wants to be at "The Marriage of the Lamb."

I am enclosing 25 cents for one dozen "Ben Knows His Bees and His Bible" tracts and one dozen "Letting Light Shine by Letters."

My letter is getting long so I will close. — A Sister in His Name,  
Mary Peaslee

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(A letter from Alberta, Canada will appear in the next issue. We regret to have to omit it this time.)

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**BIBLE TEST No. 30.**

(Check the a, b or c as the case may require for a correct answer in the following. Answers on page 6).

- 1—What king had his eyes put out?  
a. Zedekiah; b. Nebuchadnezzar;  
c. Ishmael.
- 2—Who said, "Woe is me now"?  
a. Paul; b. Baruch; c. James.
- 3—In what was Samson's great strength?  
a. His words; b. His hair; c. His feet.
- 4—Who was Samson's father?  
a. Jephthah; b. Ammon; c. Manoah.
- 5—Who was Jonathan?  
a. Saul's son; b. John's brother;  
c. Samuel's father.
- 6—"Blessed are the peacemakers for they—"  
a. shall be called the children of God; b. shall see God;  
c. shall be kings and priests.
- 7—How many brothers did Christ have? a. 2; b. 3 c. 4.
- 8—Jacob's first born was—  
a. Reuben; b. Asher; c. Dan.
- 9—Who was beheaded by Herod?  
a. Paul; b. Peter; c. John the baptist
- 10—For how many pieces of silver was Joseph sold?  
a. 10; b. 20; c. 30.

—By Mrs. Donald Brandt

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**TEST YOUR MEMORY**

(One point for each answered correctly).

- 1—What prophet sent his servant 7 times to look for a cloud?
- 2—Who tested the favor of the Lord by a fleece of wool?
- 3—Where in the Bible is the first mention of lanterns found; and on what occasion?
- 4—What question did two of John's disciples ask Christ?
- 5—Who nearly lost his life by tasting a little honey?
- 6—Where was Paul born? By whom was he taught?
- 7—What were the first recorded words of Christ?
- 8—Who was commanded to hide his girls in a rock?

- 9—What two Evangelists sang praises at midnight, to God?
- 10—Who concealed their earrings under a tree?

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ANSWERS: (1) 1 Kings 18:42, 44; (2) Judges 6:36-37; (3) John 18:3; (4) Matt. 11:3; (5) 1 Sam. 14:27, 43, 46; (6) Acts 22:3; (7) Luke 2:49; (8) Jer. 13:4-5; (9) Acts 16:25; (10) Gen. 35:4. —Opal Williams

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**"YES" or "NO" QUIZ**

(Write Yes or No after each of the following as the questions may require. Do not look up the texts given below until completing this Quiz. One point for each correct answer).

- 1—Did Moses have any children when he went to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage?
- 2—Was it Nebuchadnezzar who had a dream of seven fat-fleshed kine?
- 3—Did a man named Adonizedec ever reign as king at Jerusalem?
- 4—Was Joseph's interpretation of the chief butler's dream favorable?
- 5—When the ark of God was among the Philistines, did God bless them?
- 6—Was the ark Noah built made of the cedars of Lebanon?
- 7—Did king Solomon have a Navy?
- 8—Was king Saul the son of Kish?
- 9—Did David make any preparations for the temple of Solomon before his death?
- 10—Were there any man-made lions around the throne of Solomon?

ANSWERS to the above Questions are found in the following texts: (1) Ex. 2:21-22; (2) Gen. 41:17-18; (3) Joshua 10:1; (4) Gen. 40:9-13; (5) 1 am. 5:7; (6) Gen. 6:14; (7) 1 Kings 10:22; (8) 1 Chron. 12:1; (9) 1st Chron. 22:5; (10) 1 Kings 10:19-20.

—Editor.

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**QUESTION DEPT.**

Is it right to sell and buy or go to the post office on the Sabbath?

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Should Christians bob their hair?

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Should you take the Lord's Supper the night Jesus was betrayed or the night after He was betrayed?

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(Editor's note: We would like to have our readers send in more questions as our supply has depleted? Remember also, to send your answers to questions appearing in this Dept. Who is going to send their answer to the long question about various games sent in some time ago?)

**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY SENT IN**

QUESTION: What all is considered swearing when Christ said, "Swear not at all—"? Matt. 5:34

ANSWER: Christ says that "By—(anything)" is swearing, and He says

"Swear not at all by anything in heaven or earth." Matt. 5:34-35. And isn't everything either in heaven or earth? You know we are not supposed to use idle words and aren't all "by-words" idle words? Isn't it easier to just say "My, my" or "Oh, oh," or nothing at all? If our sinner friends heard us use by-words, he would say, "Well, he surely isn't much of a Christian." Don't you think by using by-words we are casting stumbling blocks? Any expression in the form of swearing dims our lights.

By refraining from idle words we are noticed more by the public, therefore giving us more of a chance to be of service to the Lord. If we talk like worldly people, how is anyone to know we are not?

—Avis Hicks.

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QUESTION: Should Christians have anything to do with Christmas?

ANSWER: Jer. 10:2-5 says, "Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are upright as the palm tree, but speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither also is it in them to do good."

To me, this is a very thorough description of the Christmas tree, therefore we see what the Lord says about the tree, that goes along with the observance of the day. So when we know of what origin (heathenism) Christmas comes, the very least we can have to do with it is the more pleasing to God. Some think they must give presents at that time, but there are other days on which one may give presents, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, etc.

Mrs L. D. Snow.

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QUESTION: Is an education necessary to those preaching the Gospel?

ANSWER: I don't think an education, as we think of it today, is necessary. Christ didn't go to college or to high school or even to a grade school and He is our example. If we understand the Bible that is all that is needed. But I think an education would help us to understand the Bible in that we learn the meaning of words and phrases. We may also learn more how to put our thots into words.

—Jesse Rodgers

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QUESTION: Is it a sin to read True Stories?

ANSWER: I think True Stories are the trashiest novels that can be

read. If we really loved to read the Bible, we could hardly like to read True Stories. There are some stories which can be read that will be profitable, but I would not consider True Stories as such.

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**QUESTION:** Is it considered a sin to wear finger nail polish?

**ANSWER:** 1 John 2:15-16 tells us to "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life, is not of the Father but of the world."

When the Lord created man, He said, he was very good and perfect and in His own image, and I do not think that we can improve it in any way (Gen. 1:7, etc.)

He intended us to keep our finger nails the same as He gave them to us, only of course we are to keep them trimmed and cleansed. Whatever is of the world is sin.

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**QUESTION** about Christmas.

**ANSWER:** Why should Christians have anything to do with Christmas? It is not spoken of in the Bible. Then it must be of the world, if it is not of God. Since we know it is of heathen origin we know it is not the date of Christ's birth as it is not the time of year He was born. Therefore Christians should not celebrate it in any way.

—Genevieve Moore.

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**ANSWER** to question about necessity of education to those preaching the Gospel.

Educate means "to develop and improve, especially mentally, by teaching or training; instruct." Education: "the training of the mental and moral powers, as by a system of study and discipline; instruction; culture."

Of all men a minister should be well educated. The apostle Paul was an educated man. Daniel and his companions were skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science and had ability, and this included more than spiritual matters alone.

God has given us talents and should a minister bury his rather than improve and develop them? Does he not need instruction and culture?

It is not altogether necessary for one contemplating entering the ministry to go to college, but education in a Christian college is very helpful. He can take up the subjects he will most need in his work. It is a sad fact, however, that in many schools of higher learning, and even in high schools, much of the teaching has a lot to do in making students infidels and unbelievers, discrediting the Bible and making it out as unreliable and old fashioned.

In 1 Cor. 12 we learn of the various gifts God gives, by His Spirit, to those who make up the Body of Christ. "Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers?" No, but God gifts some to be preachers and some other ways. These gifts or talents need to be cultivated.

It is true that to be called of God to preach, and gifted for this work is the greatest asset one could want and is definitely essential for success. Theological seminaries may give one a good education, but they cannot give him the Holy Spirit. But, when one has the gift for preaching, that does not mean he should sit down and wait for God to put into his mind everything he should know. The Spirit of God does not teach a man how to count, read and write. Just because one is gifted to preach does not mean he need never study—acquire an education. If he has not been fortunate enough to have even finished a grammar school, he will want to get more education, whether by home study or otherwise. The better understanding he has of the English language the better he can express his thoughts and make his points more forceful and convincing, and the better he can understand the Bible. However, creeds and preconceived views hinder many well educated people in rightly dividing the word of truth.

A good knowledge of history is a great benefit to a minister, especially in understanding prophecy. A course in public speaking is a benefit, but God does gift some for speaking, yet they need to develop it by practice.

If a young man who is anxious to enter the ministry, has a opportunity to travel with an evangelist and receive instruction, it is a fine way to receive part of an education for that work. It is part of his education—an important part. He will study the Bible all he can, for a knowledge of the Scriptures is indispensable in the ministry.

"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning—" Prov. 1:5.

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Prov. 9:9.

"The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright—" Prov. 15:2.

If we lack wisdom we should pray for it. Wisdom is "the right USE of knowledge." A man may have considerable knowledge or education, but if he does not use it wisely he lacks wisdom.

God will bless those who train and educate and develop their talents to use in His service. Remember He blessed Joseph, Daniel and his companions, and He can bless others for His service too.

—Editor.

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**ANSWER** to question about eat-

ing things baked on Sabbath by non-commandment keepers.

Inasmuch as Christ gave no commands against such, neither did the disciples, the question is automatically solved.

The same line of argument might be continued by asking, is it right to live in a house, use a car or a dollar bill that might have been made on Sabbath?

God is a reasonable Master and requires reasonable service.

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## OUR HONOR STATE

MISSOURI — 2596 points

WISCONSIN — 2435 points

OKLAHOMA — 1844 points

CALIFORNIA — 1338 points

MICHIGAN — 769½ points

IDAHO — 636 points

ARKANSAS — 609 points

IOWA — 177 points

W. VIRGINIA — 150 points

NEBRASKA — 70 points.

Some of the points were earned this time by ordering tracts. May more come in the same way.

The States are in the same position as last time, as you will see, except that W. Va. follows Iowa.

Let us keep up the good work with a desire to always improve our knowledge of the Bible at every opportunity we have. And we hope this paper is a definite help in this way.

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## THE WORLD'S A STAGE

As Shakespeare once wrote: All the World's a stage. We can compare the world to a play. Some actors have more to say than others, but it would not be complete if one was left out. Everyone has a work to do.

Sometimes I think if it weren't for other people putting temptations on the stage I could live a righteous life. Perhaps I have put stumbling blocks on the stage. Perhaps others have said, "She did a certain thing, so it will be all right for me to do it." I hope no one followed if I led in a by-road. If we follow God's Law, the play will run smoothly. New actors are coming on the stage all of the time; let us set a good example, by living right.

If we act well enough on the stage the first time, we have the promise of returning to stay forever (life eternal on earth). But if we do not act well the first time we will not be able to return to the stage, for "the wages of sin is death."

—Opal Estep.

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## ANSWERS TO TEST NO. 30.

1 (a) Jer. 39:7; 2 (b) Jer. 45:3; 3 (b) Judges 16:17; 4 (c) Judges 13:2; 5 (a) 1 Sam. 19:2; 6 (a) Matt 5:9; 7 (c) Matt. 13:55; 8 (a) Gen. 29:32; 9 (c) Matt. 14:10; 10 (b) Gen. 37:28.