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Ellen's Chain.

A beautiful chain lay on Ellen's table, her father's present on her seventeenth birthday. The fair-haired girl gazed on it with the enthusiasm of her young heart.

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Should Christians Dance?

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than a chain, father? Tears came into Mr. Somer's eyes. Never before had he felt so powerfully the truth, and beauty of the spirit of Christ.

Christ was blessed of God—its influence was felt far and wide. True, it was a small act of self-denial to give up a superfluous ornament, yet it was a sacrifice to her young heart.

The missionary's heart was strengthened as he toiled on in his Master's vineyard. He felt that in his own native land there was one, at least, who remembered the perishing, degraded sons of darkness?

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smallest christian to be guilty of this evil as it would for any of our ministers or El'er brothers. Any member of the church who has been informed upon this subject, and will not quit dancing, ought to be cut off and let go to the world where he belongs.

Now brethren can anything that is so adverse to religion as infidelity, be right for a christian to practice? Would we not say, with one accord, that a member of the church who would say there is no God, ought to be cut off immediately.

while you are so enveloped in darkness? Suppose Christ had have consulted his case, what would be your condition? I tell you, christian friends, old and young, if you expect to be the disciples of Christ, you must deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him.

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places think, look, and consider this matter, and let me say to you, to beware of this evil. Let us live more humbly, uprightly and devotedly. Let us pray for God's rod and staff to comfort us.

Covetousness.

The subjoined article on "Covetousness," we clip from the Western Recorder, published in Louisville, Ky.

I rejoice that the brother who asked the question, has done the cause justice to stir this question. I am glad he has talked plainly, and I am sure he will not be offended if I shall talk in the same way.

It may be asked, How shall we detect him? Just as we would a liar or a drunkard—by his fruits. The rule is also a valuable aid in ferreting out the guilty member.

I might here ask this question, Does not the church in her fellowship indorse the sin of covetousness by so doing, and thus become partner of his evil deed?

I also know of another church that adopted this rule, and has excluded members under it, and yet it survives and is blessed.

The Sum of all Christian Duty.

The sum of every Christian duty is expressed in the words of the mother of Jesus, to the servants at the marriage in Cana of Galilee, "Whatever he saith unto you, do it."

Dr. Reynolds beautifully says: "When Christ uttered in the judgment-hall of Pilate the remarkable words, 'I am a king,' he pronounced a sentiment fraught with unspeakable dignity and power.

When Jesus commands repent, this must engage our cheerful obedience. We must look at sin as a real evil, loathe it, and give it up. Finding our inability to remove it from the soul, we must look to the Divine Redeemer, with hope of mercy through Him.

When He requires us to believe, that we must do. All his declarations must be received as certain truths, fixed facts, and be acted upon as such. We must love his requirements, and do them.

When He commands us to be baptized, as He was immersed by John in the river Jordan, we must do it. Never should the question be asked for one moment, will something else do—is it essential—is it fashionable—what will my friends say?—! Away with all such trifling with the commands of Jesus.

It is strange that the experience of so many ages should not make us judge more solidly of the present and the future, so as to take proper measures in the one for the other. We do not upon this world as if it were never to have an end, and we neglect the next, as it were never to have a beginning.

A Watchman's Commission.

The office of a watchman is one of great sacredness and responsibility. He is entrusted with the safety and welfare of others, besides himself. The sentinel on the out-post of an army, in the neighborhood of a dangerous foe, has a weight of trust that no one can estimate.

But to be placed in trust with the spiritual, eternal interests of souls, to stand as a watchman on the towers of Zion, to be charged with the responsibility of taking orders from the mouth of God, and of warning the people from him, who is sufficient for that trust?

"Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman; if when he seeth the sword come upon the land; he blow the trumpet and warn the people, then whoe'er heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.

Here are some things to be observed. First, the spiritual watchman is to utter the warning which God bids him. The Word of God is his authority. He is not to consult human wisdom, or human prejudice, nor public opinion, nor fear the public frown. He is to warn the people as a faithful messenger of God.

The second thing to be remembered is, the people may, or may not, give heed to the warning. The watchman is not responsible for the manner in which they treat the warning, but for his own faithfulness, or unfaithfulness in giving it.

The third thing is, if any soul perish through the watchman's unfaithfulness, his blood will be required at the watchman's hand. But if he is faithful to his trust, he delivers his soul from guilt.