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Ellen's Chain. BY LINA LEE.

the young and gay of the village were assem-

den links in the chain of life. Life for Ellen Somers had presented naught but the fairest and brightest nictures. Clouds of disappointand darkness for her, but very bright her sky God would bless him and his holy work.

heart's first work, and she felt she would suc- those who name the name of Christ? ceed, not trusting in her own strength, but inhis promise, "that if we ask in my name, ye love to God, and in her daily walk an evidence that she had learned lessons of love which the world never teaches, his heart was moved, he before a Union Meeting, held at Church Hill, tle wife had been practicing for many years.-Ellen sat in her room this tranquil summer evening looking at her new chain. She knew worn missionary on "India's coral strand," as he wandered beside rude jungles surrounded by dark-browed idolaters, groping their way surely down to eternal darkness, and amid this throng, she seemed to hear one voice crying earnestly to the fair-browed messenger of life,

like a river" filling her young heart,

A RELIGIOUS AND LITERARY PAPER:

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the supplication of the supplicat The Recorder is conducted strictly upon the CASH was not of earth. Doubt the truth and reality system. All papers are discontinued at the expiration of religion he could no longer, and though he of the time for which they have been paid. Subscribers will be notified FOUR WEEKS before their time is out. Let us pray often and let our originated among the infidels of France.

Now brethren can anything that is so adverse prayers be fervent. We should not come be-

and prayed as he never had before for life and

it for Jesus' sake, and her reward came in her ness. Do you expect to ride to Heaven own calm and happy feelings. Its influence was felt for good in her own heart. A triumph of while you are so enveloped in darkness? grace over nature was gained. To her father it was the light which shone out from the dark-

ness of unbelief, to lead him to Christ, Beneath the burning cays that fell on the A beautiful chain lay on Ellen's table, her bills and valleys of Asia, a care-worn missionafather's present on her seventeenth birth-day. ry of the Cross was laboring for Jesus. For The fair-haired girl gazed on it with the enthu- days and months his heart had been sad, not siasm of her young heart. She imagined how that he doubted the promise of his God, that beautifully it would sparkle in Mrs. Raymond's He would be with him. Oh no; but from afar brilliantly lighted parlor, the next night, when over the "blue sea" there came few tidings of home christians working, praying, giving, for the bled there, to trifle away precious hours—gol- Saviour's cause. A letter came to his humble home with joy for his weary heart. It contained Ellen's offering-the price of her beautiful chain, with a kind wish that the gift from a ment and care, which overshadow so many "young friend" might be appropriated to the hearts, had never gathered up their blackness good of the heathen, and a simple prayer that

had been. Taught by a gentle pious mother, The missionary's heart was strengthened as he she had learned the value of truth and piety, toiled on in his Master's vineyard. He felt that and months before, Ellen Somers had given her who remembered the perishing, degraded sons heart to the Saviour, Not under the influence of darkness? Thousands of miles from home of a moment of excitement, but seriously, pray- the influence of Ellen's sacrifice was felt, and erfully, and for eternity. She had seen the m- shall we say that time will measure its blessed nate depravity of her own heart, her utter ina- influence? Will not eternity reveal its entire, bility to make herself better, and she had given parifying, soul-saving influence for the honor her heart to Him who alone could cleanse it, and glory of God? Shali Ellen Somers alone and make it a temple fit for his indwelling pres- give up a pretty bauble for Jesus' sake? Are ence. Before the world, she had professed her there not others who will say, as glittering jewallegiance to the Saviour in his own appointed els meet their eyes and tempt them to buy, way. "The vows of God were on her," "and "My Saviour hath need." There are his poor, she could not stop to play with shadows." Be- his suffering children, precious souls for whom fore her was the world harvest, and it was "plen- He died, sinking surely down to eternal destoous, but the laborers were few." Her father pair. A small effort by every christian, O what was not pious, and to endeavor by gentle lov- would it not accomplish? Who can estimate thanks to God. I believe no christian contends question, has done the cause justice to stir this them. ing efforts to lead him to Christ, was ler new the blessed result of one sacrifice by each of that there is any good at such places. But question, as done the cause justice to stir tims them.

When He commands us to be baptized, as or human prejudice, nor public opinion, nor fear that there is any good at such places.

The following article on dancing attending take from the Mississippi Baptist. It was read felt there was truth in religion, such as his Lowndes county, Miss. It contains some good daughter professed, and whose precepts his gen- and valuable thoughts, which we commend to the perusal of those christians who are in the habit are not sinning. of dancing, and of visiting the circus, &c., and on such wordly and frivolous amusements.

Should Christians Dance !

"The many heavy was ever heard of lamp con"The mine and power of the many heavy was ever heard of lamp con"The mine and power of the mine and power of

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER, than a chain, father?" Tears came into Mr. smallest christian to be guilty of this evil as it places think, look, and consider this matter, and would for any of our ministers or El er brothers. let me say to you, to beware of this evil. Let

and when she had retired to her own room to diately. We are to walk in newness of life our anxiety is a home in Heaven, and the salcount over her treasure, the proud man knelt, after we obtain God's inestimable love, and be- vation of a living faith. When asking such come members of the church. And christians blessings, every faculty of the soul should be salvation. The mountain of his unbelief was dancing! are they walking in newness of life active with holy desire. Every word should trembling, shaking ready to be removed by his when it was the very thing they delighted come glowing with fervency and devotion from daughter's prayer of faith in God. in before they became members of the church? a heart melt-d under the influence of divine love. Ellen Somer's first sacrifice for the cause of Look into this and see what a bad example you Christ was blessed of God-its influence was are setting before others. You shold live felt far and wide. True, it was a small act of self- humbly, uprightly, and devotedly. You should denial to give up a superfluous ornament, yet be known by a pious walk and a godly conver-it was a sacrifice to her young heart. She did sation, instead of dancing and walking in dark-

> "Upon flowery beds of case," pose Christ had have consulted his what would be your condition? I tell you, yourselves, take up your cross and follow him. To encourage us, he has promised to make his yoke light, and he will do it, yes, his grace will count all lost for the excellency of Christ. have to contend?" a question of vast impor- Protestant. Take up your cross with Bible in hand, and tance to the purity and efficiency of the churchfinal day you will have a good account to give excluded for covetousness?" The writer has away from the words of this prophecy, God shall your Master. He will receive you with the shown in detail some of the withering evils it take away his part out of the book of life, and ther, inherit the kingdom prepared for you." the church, and then asks if there is any rule by are written in this book." This surely should from them. But to those who profess to have ving so many. It would be like breaking up a by precept or example, that to do. The word of God requires that we should occu- keep up, to pay out the expenses of the church, with hope of mercy through Him. py ourselves for his glory, for usefulness to oth. The conclusion is, we had better bear with such | When He requires us to believe, that we must our amusement. We should not engage in keep house any how. there is no harm. But there must be some in the same way.

it was costly. In imagination she saw the toil- hope that it may serve to convince them of the the circus. It is not only a few hours wasted may come up with the covetous member; so Does He say come to my table and remember faithful to his trust, he delivers his soul from impropriety of wasting valuable time and money in attendance, but hours, and sometimes days, as to make him amenable to the rule, with his me? That we must do. How dare we stay guilt. in thinking and talking of the coming event, general course in his dealings, In 2nd Corrin- away when he requires us thus to show forth And when it is added; that the responsibility and in hearing and telling of all that passed with. thians viii, we find this rule to raise means for his death, until he come. Are we unworthy? of a watchman of Zion is co-extensive with his in this court of folly. It is injurious to the in benovolent purposes. If it is allowable in be. That is not the question; but this, do we love influence, and who can think of it without fear God requires the worship of man undivided tellect to attend the circus or theatre-it induces neficence, it must be more so to raise money to the Lord Jesus, and have we been scripturally and trembling? It rests on the preacher. The and universal. We are not to serve Him with dissipation of thought, superficial habits of re- meet actual indebtedness. In this chapter the baptized? Have we lost confidence in some salvation of the souls to whom he ministers, "Books, books, give us books." Sighing, sorrow a half service, but we are to serve Him with flection, and renders sober application of the members of the church? This is not the ques- may be depending, under God, on his faithfuling, the missionary turns from these petitions, all our being. For "Thou shalt worship the mental faculties irksome and intolerable. Many form the doing of it"—a command. Then, tion—we do not come to remember brethren, ness. Woe to him, if by fear of man, if by a He has none to give: perchance he utters an im- Lord thy God and him only shalt thou serve." things could be said concerning the injury of again, there is a positive command in 1 Cor v: but our Saviour. ploring petition to God that he would give to Then is it doing God's service to attend the the intellect in attending circuses and theatres. 11, "not to keep company if any man that is Does he require us by his grace to become ough preparation; a soul is left to perish in his his redeemed children in the land of light Ball-room, and other places of amusement? I It is also wasting money. The money you called a brother be a fornicator or covetous," hearts to sympathize with the dying heathen, answer, No. We are to give Him all our ser- give to them should be used for charitable pur etc., evidently the meaning is to exclude him. and a willingness to give them books, instructive, and our time is our service. For time is poses. The christian has no right to throw The church is to judge him too-see ver. tion, light and knowledge. And then from afar given to man to prepare himself for eternity; away money. He or she is a steward of God's 12. there came a voice, "Send us men, money, and hence it is not doing God's service to dance. - treasure, and must account for all he receives. It may be asked, How shall we detect him? doing good, we must do it. Let us ever pray, he may sacrifice his own temporal interests, but books for the perishing." Ellen Somer's heart But one may say, "Christians danced in olden And if you imagice that you have a right to Just as we would a liar or a drunkard-by his answered the appeal, "What can I do for thy times, and why not dance now? The fact is throw away money in this way, because you fruits. The rule is also a valuable aid in fer-enter upon every opening field of usefulness. cause, for Thee, O my Saviour; Thou who hast simply this. In ancient times christians danced can spare it, you should remember that you are reting out the guilty member. done so much for me?" She had given her pray- in honor and praise to God; they danced for also influencing others, who cannot afford it, to I might here ask this question, Does not the stance, our families, our persons? Then He suffer, when the tide of even is flowing in he ers, her pocket money, her words, her influ- joy. That was one of the means by which they throw away their money instead of paying their church in her fellowship indorse the sin of coveence, but still her heart cried out more, more for praised God for their deliverance. But anoth debts—yes, even borrow other people's money, tousness by so doing, and thus become parta- ing, though He slay us, yet will we trust in Watchman. the Saviour. Could she not give up her chain? er may ask what can be done with the passage and insanely throw that away for admittance ker of his evil deed? And yet, as party to Him. It is good to obey him-unmurmuringly With its price might she not do much good? which says a time for all things. 3d c. 7th v. into the circus or theatre! I do not doubt his sin, openly violating God's law, she pleads to lie in his hand, and say "thy will be done." were her heart's questions. Then came fair vis- of Eccl. "A time to weep, and a time to laugh, but there are some professors of religion who innocence, by ignoring the evil. Yes, and Does He require prayer? Prayer for ourions of beautiful maidens, "wreathing their a time to mourn, and a time to dance." Now are all the time in debt for the necessar God sends the mildew and the blight, with selves and others—prayer for the outpouring of terity, singularity, is the lower and earthlier smiles," fairy forms, sparkling eyes, jewels rare as we have seen dancing was the custom of ries of life who never fail to go, and even holding the early and the latter rain, while its His Spirit upon all flesh? This we must do form of religion. The life of godliness is the and costly, glittering charms encircling swan worshiping God in those times, of rendering take their families to all the circuses that come members profess to be lamenting, the barren- without ceasing. Our hearts must be kept at glory of Christ. It is a thing far more striking like necks, and amid that joyous throng she God praise or glory, this undoubtedly has ref. along, and often have to borrow the money to ness of the church. What! a church expecting tuned to prayer "like David's harp of solemn to the vulgar imagination to be religious after saw herself attired simply, beautifully it is true, erence to something like this. A time to mourn, but with no ornament amid the jeweled throng. and a time to be merry or rejoicing. But this tendance to the circus and theatre, also injures of God's law. Never. A little while the struggle continued, then fact ought to satisfy every one that the present the heart; it blunts the moral sense; it causes Let churches deal with the covetous and the His gospel? Then refuse, and his woe is upon at no feast—to wrap ourselves into solitariness, kneeling there with the silvery moonlight rest. form of dancing is not in vogue with that spoken a man to walk in the counsel of the ungodly; extortioner as they do with the liar, and look you. Is it to go as a missionary to the head and abstain from all social joys; yes, and far ing on her fair sweet face, she prayed to God to of in the Bible. Let me ask the question: to stand in the way of sinners, and to set in the to God for his protection, if they desire a bless then? Then remain at home, if you dare. Is easier so to live, and far easier so to win a charbless her first sacrifice for His cause, small Where is the Ball-room that has ever had any. seat of the scornful. With the evil that is in the ling. I know of a church that has excluded it to teach in the Sunday school, to lead a pray- acter of religiousness. A silent man is easily though it was, and through life to help her to thing like this in it-praise to God-and on circus, the visitor, whether male or female, is some forty members for this one sin alone, and er-meeting among the destitute, to sing? De- reputed wise. A man who suffers none to see love them, and His cause, more than all the the contrary, how many there who have been inevitably affected, and more or less corrupted to-day she is doing more for all the missions of cline to comply, and you are under the censure him in the common jostle and undress of life; earth besides. She arose strengthened, "peace cursing the God that made them all the while? by every visit. No christian can attend the church than she did when they were all to-How many have you ever heard of being con- circus with an approving conscience, unless that gether, and she is infinitely more healthy, mo-"Father," Ellen said gently, as she entered her verted in the Ball-room, or ever convicted of conscience be a very ignorant one. The fantas- rally, than she was before. The equality rule safety. Duties are ours, events are God's.— saint. The unknown is always wonderful.

J. G. MONTGOMERY. Covetousness.

The subjoined article on "Covetousness," we clip from the Western Recorder, published in Louisville, Ky. It is important that covetousness in church-members should be noted and rebuked. But how are we to tell when a professing christian is covetous? We should think christian friends, old and young, if you expect that a brother worth from \$5,000 to \$20,000, to be the disciples of Christ, you must deny that don't pay more than from \$3 to \$10 for the support of the ministry, is a covetous man. But to the article:

Thus christians not only indulge in idleness, but espoused by the church.

You waste time in attending the theatre or so far as church expenses are concerned, you to baptism as roundness is to a ball.

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,

Dr. Reynolds beautifully says: "When Christ attered in the judgment hall of Pilate the remarkable words, 'I am a king,' he pronounced a sentiment fraught with unspeakable dignity and power. His enemies might deride tion of all on board. How solemn is the trust his pretensions, and express their mockery of even of the property and the lives of other his claim by presenting him with a crown of But to be placed in trust, with the spiritual; thorns, a reed and a purple robe, and nailing him eternal interests of souls, to stand as a watch to the cross, but in the eyes of unfallen intellied over that derisive ceremony, and converted it into a real coronation. That crown of thorns was indeed the diadem of empire, the purple robe was the ensignia of royalty-that frag.le a very brief, plain, and estilest statement of the reed was the symbol of unbounded power, and that cross the throne of a dominion which shall to his eternal Judge, respectively. It is of the never end." Jesus is a sovereign—the King of highest importance that these relations, and kings, and Lord of lords.

The Will of this great king is contained in the Bible. In this book nothing is superfluous. There is not a chapter or a verse which may be disregarded by us without absolute sin.-There is nothing wanting; no room left for decrees of Councils, Conferences, Synods, or Popes.
All that is necessary for faith or practice is put down in the Word or clearly implied. It was down in the Word, or clearly implied. It was herefore, a noble principle of Chillingworth, the Bible, the Bible alone is the religion of do it. Y must throw aside selfish feelings I notice in the Recorder of July 11th, under and dancing, cast them to the idle winds, and the caption, "With what does the Christian ed by most of those who rejoice in the name of sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning;

How solemuly does the Holy Spirit warn us march into the destitute parts of your benight- es of Christ; namely, "I ask every Baptist against adding to, or taking from the words of ed land. Go with the lamp in your hand, and what is the rule or manner to prove covetous. God's book! "If any man shall add unto these labor, and toil your days away in love and ness on a member of the church? who can things, God shall add unto him the plagues writhumility for the good of others. Then at the show one instance where a member has been ten in this book: and if any man shall take welcome plaudit, "Come ye blessed of my Fa- has entailed upon the efficiency and purity of out of the holy city, and from the things that parties, theatres, circuses, and all vain babblings. member ? I would answer there is certainly obedience to the words, "Whatsoever he saith

indulgence in this fushionable amusement - such offending members. Such a trial it would engage our cheerful obedience. We must look Those places are professionally places of amuse- produce ! such a mouthing ! But few have at sin as a real evil, loathe it, and give it up. ment. And I do assert that the christian has nerve for the conflict. We would lose mem. Finding our inability to remove it from the no right to seek for places of mere amusement, bers, and the rest would have to do more to soul, we must look to the Divine Redeemer,

ers, and improvement to ourselves, and not for as are suspected of the evil; for we can hardly do. All his declarations must be received as certain truths, fixed facts, and be acted upon as the spiritual watchman is to utter the warning anything which would be inconsistent to give I rejoice that the brother who asked the such. We must love his requirements, and do which God bids him. The Word of God is his

there are some who contend if there is no good, I am sure he will not be offended if I shall talk He was immersed by John in the river Jordan, the public frown. He is to warn the people as we must do it. Never should the question be a faithful messenger of God; thing in it, for they have a powerful effect in The Scriptures condemns covetousness, and asked for one moment, will something else do in our baptism an illustration of His burial and ing it. in vicious idleness, and foully dream that they Adopt, then, the "equality" rule to raise resurrection, we must do it. We cannot be The third thing is, if any soul perish through

A Watchman's Commission:

The office of a watchman is one of great s credness and responsibility. He is entrusted with the safety and welfare of others, beside himself. The settinal on the out-post of an army, in the neighborhood of a dangerous foe has a weight of trust that no one can estimat The man at the main top of the ship, may, by one moment's inattention, occasion the man on the towers of Zion, to be charged with gence, he was a king. A higher power presid. the responsibility of taking orders from the mouth of God; and of warning the people from him, who is sufficient for that trust?

To one of the Prophets of Israel, God mad relations in which he stood to his people, and tne duties and responsibility that belong to them, be seriously pondered, by all who presume to undertake the office of a spiritual watchman Here is the commission given to the Prophe Enekiel:

"Son of than, speak to the children of thy their watchman; if when he seeth the sword come upon the land; he blow the trumpet and if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet and took not warning his blood shall be upon him; but he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.

" But if the watchman see the sword come and blow not the trumpet, and if the people be not warned: if the sword come and take any person from among them; he is taken away in his in:quity; but his blood will I require at the

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a Those places are exactly suited to wicked per- a rule; but the difficulty is to get the body of unto you, do it." It is our duty to take the watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore sons. 'e expect the wicked to follow their the church to act in ferreting out the guilty New Testament especially, and begin with the thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn wicked ways, until through grace they turn member : because the evil is whispered, invol. beginning, and whatever we find commanded them from mer. When I say unto the wicked O wicked man; thou shalt surely die; if thou turned, we should suggest to them against their church in the use of the rule in dealing with When Jesus commands Repent, this must dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity: but thou hast de livered thy soul."

Here are some things to be observed. First, authority. He is not to consult human wisdom

The second thing to be remembered is, the shall receive." When her father saw her devoted the theater, and the circus, by christians, we the community where they make their appear the church is admonished to withdraw from evance. Now that something, cannot be not ing, ery brother that walks disorderly; i. e., exclude my friends say-no! Away with all such tri- ing. The watchman is not responsible for the and as it is not good it must be evil, and this him. The covetous member acts disorderly in fling with the commands of Jesus. It is un. manner in which they treat the warning, but evil is what christians call innocent amusement. withholding that which is just and due the cause worthy, it is sinful. He requires us to present for his own faithfulness, or unfaithfulness in git-

> means to meet the expenses of the church, and, obedient without it. Immersion is as essential the watchman's unfaithfulness, his blood will be required at the watchman's hand. But if he is

> > desire for popularity, by sloth, by want of thorholy in heart and life? This must we do _ suns! It rests with peculiar responsibility on "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord. the editor of a religious journal. If he is faith-Be ye perfect, even as your Father in heaven is ful, if he warns the people in earnest, he may . perfect." When He requires us to go about incur their ill-will, he may loose their patronage, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" and woe to him to him if he fails to do his duty .--If he see the sword coming, and he lifts no Are His judgments upon us; upon our sub- voice of warning when the interests of Zion

The Life of Godliness.

The ascetic life of abstinence, of fasting, austhe type and pattern of John the Baptist-to Whatsoever He says, do it. Is it to preach fast-to mortify every inclination-to be found