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"This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you" 1 John 1:5

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BIG REASONS

FOR ATTENDING BIBLE CLASSES

1. YOU OWE IT TO GOD
2. YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF
3. YOU OWE IT TO OTHERS

COME SUNDAY

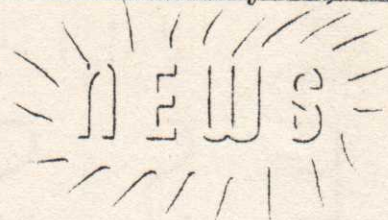
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Sister Kimel is now convalesing at her home. We hope she will soon be able to attend worship services again.

Sister Metzel Doub is in bed with a severe cold. We wish for her a speedy recovery.

Mr. & Mrs. George Harper recently visited their son and his family in Tennessee. They also visited the Derryberrys and found Bro. Derryberry doing fine.

We enjoyed having the Sorrells with us recently and hope they will come again soon.

OUR SERVICES

SUNDAY

- Bible Study.....10:00 A. M.
- Worship.....11:00 A. M.
- Worship..... 7:00 P. M.

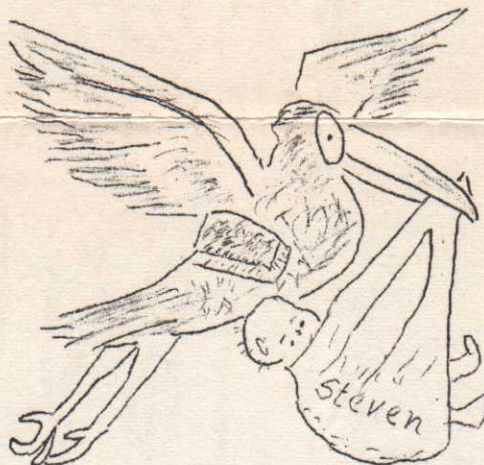
WEDNESDAY

- Ladies Bible Class....2:00 P. M.
- Prayer Meeting.....7:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

- Men's Training Class..7:30 P. M.

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BABY BOY AT THE BOBBY WARNERS'

Last Saturday Night a little boy was born to Bro. & Sister Bobby Warner at City Hospital. His name is Stephen Eric. CONGRATULATIONS, Bobby and Mildred!!

HORSE SENSE

A horse can't pull while kicking; this fact I merely mention. And he can't kick while pulling, Which is my chief contention. Let's imitate the good old horse. And lead a life that's fitting; Just pull an honest load, and then There'll be no time for kicking.

WHICH IS MORE USELESS ? ?
A clock that will not run, Salt that will not savor, Sugar that will not sweeten, A candle that will not burn, A zipper that will not "zip", Or, A Church Member that will not work. (Ephesians 2:10) Taken from THE EXHORTER, Manchester, Tennessee.

QUESTIONS—BIBLE ANSWERS

LETTER REVIEWED—INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our readers are asked to read again the article in last week's paper. In closing last week we were commenting on the reasoning of our respondent, that because harps are mentioned as being in Heaven, that it is alright to have instrumental music in the church today.

But the fact is that there will not be mechanical instruments of music in Heaven. You will notice in Rev.5:8 a reference that Mr. Miller gave in his letter, that each of the four and twenty elders had a harp. Now, let us ask John what they did. And he answers in verse nine of this same chapter, "And they SUNG a new song." Not a word said about playing. Therefore clearly indicating that the word harps refers to the vocal cords or vocal harp that God has given man. Again in Rev.14:2, another reference given by Mr. Miller, where harps are mentioned. It says, "And I heard the VOICE of harpers." Mr. Webster says in his Dictionary of English words, that the word VOICE means: "Sound uttered by the mouth especially by a human being; to give utterance or expression to." Thus again we see that these "hundred forty and four thousand," were using their vocal harps which God has given man. Verse three says, "And they SUNG as it were a new song." Thus they gave expression to their praise of God by word of mouth.

Therefore, the idea that there will be instruments of music in Heaven, is just as far from the truth as can be. Mr. Miller, and all those who use mechanical instruments of music in worship are wrong. I am therefore calling upon them to give up their error, and do only that which God commands.

Next Mr. Miller says, "We should read any or all of the Bible and

Not the parts which please us." Yes, that is true, we should read all the Bible, Rom.15:4. But, we also should rightly divide the scriptures. 2 Tim.2:15. When a man goes back to the Old Testament to try to justify something he is practicing in religion, he has failed to comply with 2 Tim.2:15, to rightly divide the word of God. We cannot go back to the Old Testament today and find out what God wants us to do in worship to Him. The Old Law has passed away. Col. 2:14; also Eph.2:15. The Law of Christ did not come into force until after his death. Heb.9:15-17. We are living under the Law of Christ today.

Now let us take up some of the scriptures that Mr. Miller cited. Let us remember according to our respondent these scriptures are supposed to be "definitely proclaimed for public worship," according to his understanding.

He first cites, 1 Sam.16:16-23. In this passage we find that Saul who was king over Israel, had sinned, 1 Sam.15:24. And now, an evil spirit troubled Saul, and his servant said to him, "Let our Lord (Saul) now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp.....And Saul said unto his servants, provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me." 1 Sam.16:16-17. David was chosen and brought, "And it came to pass, when the EVIL spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand." 1 Sam.16:23. Now, kind reader can you not see that this has absolutely nothing to do with public worship? I am sure that you do! God had absolutely nothing to do with commanding, or commending music in this instance.

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(BIBLE QUESTIONS CONT.)

Again Mr. Miller cites us to another passage in the Old Testament Psalms 33:2. It is not denied that instruments of music was used under the Old Law. But because they were used back there, does not give us the right to use them today in worship to God. But you do not have to get out of the Old Testament to find the use of musical instruments condemned. Let us look at Amos 6:1-5. Here we find God through his prophet Amos pronounced a "Woe" upon some of His people because of the things they were doing. The "Woe unto them" in verse one threads itself through the first six verses in this chapter. "Woe unto them.....That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick like David." Amos 6: 1--5. Thus we can see that God condemned instrumental music in the latter part of the Jewish dispensation. But even if that was not true, we still could not use it because it was used under the Old Law; Because the New Testament says, that it was nailed to the cross. Col.2:14.

The next passage cited is Matt. 9:23; Here Jesus came to raise the ruler's daughter and saw the minstrels. To try to use this passage to justify instrumental music in the church, reminds me of a drowning man grabbing at a straw. A man that is drowning will grab at any thing. So will those who are trying to uphold a false theory. This passage of scripture has absolutely nothing to do with Christian worship. It is not connected with

worship in any way whatsoever. But even if it was, this is before the Church was established. This passage does not in any way support the theory of those who use mechanical instruments of music in worship.

My dear readers, Jesus did not teach or indorse the use of mechanical instruments of music in worship. He said that we must worship "in spirit and in truth." Jno.4:24 Jesus said the word of God is truth. Jno.17:17. And instrumental music is not taught in God's last will and Testament. It is not to be found in the teaching or doctrine of Christ. Those who use it do not abide in the doctrine of Jesus Christ. And the Apostle John said, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ HATH NOT GOD. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son." 2 Jno v.9. Thus those using instrumental music do not have the Father nor the Son. Why? Because they do not abide in the doctrine of Christ.

My friends, I surely believe you can see that it is not right to use mechanical instruments of music in worship. Will you not turn away from this error? Obey the Gospel of Christ, and in so doing become a member of the Church of Christ. The Church you can read about in the New Testament. The Church that calls Bible things by Bible names and does Bible things in Bible ways.

-----Vestal Chaffin.

NOTE: We will probably finish with letter next week. We sincerely hope that much good has been done.