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Convent, La.

Dear, Bro, Sawyer.

I have just received your last letter and as always it helped to brighten my day.

I am very glad to hear that you have the same views as I, on the subject of baptism. They are not things that I have been taught but what I have learned from my study of the life of Christ and I believe that from my study I have at last found the true way of salvation. Of course there are a lot of things that are not clear in my mind yet but I hope that through my study's I will gain the true light of all things that are contained in the Bible.

I also am very glad that you have found my life a base ^{Book} for the book you some day hope to write and I shall do all within my power to help you with all the data needed, However it will take me some time to trace

all of the back facts and dates pre-
taining to my life. One of the hardest
task will be, getting together the
data of my Father and Mother, as it
is I know nothing of my Father and
very little of my Mother. You see I thought
my mother dead until I was about 14
and the first time I ever remember
seeing her was in 1937. Since then
I have grown to love her as much as
a son ever loved his Mother and to me
she is the sweetest, kindest person I
have ever known and I only wish I
could have grown up through childhood
with her to guide me.

In my life story you will find
that because of the life I had to live
as a child I grew into manhood with
more or less the belief that I would have
to fight the world in order to gain
the things so dear to a mans heart. And
as one blow came after the other it
only burdened my mind the more. At
times now I feel myself sinking back
into the same frame of mind, and

I have to fight like all best to win
out over these thoughts, that is one
of the many reasons that I am so
interested in the welfare of the young
people today. for I know just how a
child's mind can become imbedded with
these same thoughts.

I do not yet know when my
trial will be, but I still have the same
peace of mind as before for I know that
God is with me through all of this.

My prayers lie with you and
your Church and I pray that God will
speed the day when this sinful world
will come to God in the same true light.
May God strengthen you in all you
do.

As Ever
Alonzo C. Jones.