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Convent, Va.

Dear Mrs. West.

I have just received your last letter this morning and as always I am very glad to hear from you for letters from friends is one of the few comforts we have.

It brings me great joy to hear that you and your friends enjoy my letters so much and I pray that through them I will be permitted through the tender mercy of God to leave some helpful thought behind me. At times I wish I was more able to convey these thoughts, but my feeble mind is sadly lacking in the wisdom of such a task.

It is very true that while I am isolated from the public that I can feel the nearness of God more dearly than ever before but at the same time Satan rears his ugly head and it is only with quite a struggle that I can keep my thoughts and heart in the way of God.

How ever I know that we all have to fight this battle all through life for we never win out completely until we die, that is one reason I believe that Church attendance is so vital to our own welfare, for if we are to stay strong in our belief we must erase all other thought from our mind. I fully realize just how you feel about your parents for my mother also belongs to the Baptist Church. I only hope you can get them to read Eunice Lloyd for I am sure they would benefit from it.

About the only thing I know to say in regards to the young boy you wrote about is to continue to show your love and interest in him for many a person is lost through mistrust and misunderstanding. I feel sure that through a heart felt love and a show of kindness he will begin to understand that there are things in life greater than violence. He probably has let his mind become infected by this thought because of

the violence he has seen through out his earlier childhood. And to be must be shown the effects of the past war and all of its horrors, so many young people think it is being smart and modern to be some what savage in there every day life if however we can show him that this belief is all wrong then I think that your problem is half won. I would like for him to read the 1st Chapter of 1. Corinthians. I think it would help to change his mind a great deal for even though it doesn't touch directly the subject of his trouble it will show how we must feel about such things.

New Orleans is about the closest large City near here and that is 58 miles away, yes I would like to talk very much with a Church of Christ Minister for I am studying all the different Churches in order to help me in my work, I listen to them all, then after they leave I study over what they said and compare it with the bible and from it I have taken my stand of believing

what ever I can be shown in the bible

I am writing the History of my life
for Bro. Sawyer and I hope that there will
be many good lessons in it for the
young people of your Church. How ever it
will be quite some time before it is
finished. I hope you will find some useful
material in it for your own classes.

May the Grace of God abide with you
always.

Alonzo, Ellis Jones.