

## Refusal

*"Here is my heart; it's clean.  
I give it, Lord, to Thee."  
And then I saw God plainly  
Turn aside from me.  
"I do not want your heart,  
Closed tightly to other men.  
Open it up, my child,  
And return it to me again."*

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### *From the Scriptures*

Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. II Cor. 11:28

### The Care of the Churches

It is true; we can judge a man by the personal pronoun he employs. To use "he, they, them"—how that shifts responsibilities! Paul had it right when he let the care of the churches become his. How it cut him when they sinned!

This attitude of a sense of responsibility for others is basic in our Baptist fellowship. For example, a State Convention is in existence simply because people cared for one another, and continue so to do. It makes of all who would be true members of our fellowship persons who "share our mutual woes; our mutual burdens bear."

These are not easy days in which to be a Christian; not easy for the Christian Church. It is difficult too for those who constitute the Boards of Managers and the various committees of the State Convention. It is not easy to stand in a position of leadership as State Secretaries or as a member of the Staff. But a sense of comradeship lifts all loads and puts a song in our hearts.

Today, let us bow before The Great Head of the Church and thank Him for our fellowship.

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