

*Is helping Needy the Only
Recreation*

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Dear Sister

Elder W. C. White has handed to me your letter of April 23, in which you ask if there are harmless diversions for young people, and if there are games of which the Lord approves. Elder White asks that I send one or two printed documents to you together with a brief letter.

The pamphlet "Recreation" will be found helpful in your study of this subject. The Note Book Leaflet, "Useful Occupation Better than Games" sets forth the thought that the danger lies not so much in the simple game which is played, but to what the playing of games will lead. I believe this is the reason we have been forbidden to join in some of the common sports.

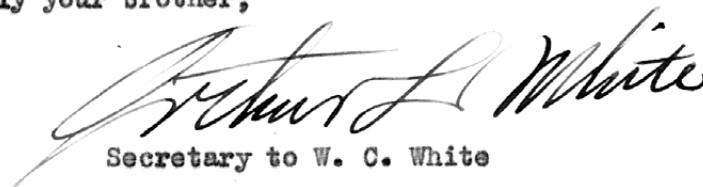
I do not get from my study of Mrs. White's statements regarding recreation that all recreation must be found in helping the needy about us. I believe there are times when it is of great benefit to spend time occasionally out in the open, leaving behind all cares and responsibilities, and, it seems to me, that if at such a time some simple games are played, bringing physical exercise, that this could not be condemned.

If, in our study of this subject, we look at it from the standpoint of where the playing of games will lead and the principles involved, we will be able to better understand the warnings given than if we look at it from the standpoint of certain games being forbidden and certain games being alright.

We would suggest that you correspond with the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department at Takoma Park, D. C. and with Miss Minnie Dauphinee, at Pacific Union College. Both the M. V. Department and Miss Dauphinee have given much careful study to this question of proper recreation.

If you wish to keep the pamphlet, "Recreation" you may send us 4 3¢ stamps. If you do not wish to keep it, it may be returned to us.

Sincerely your brother,


Secretary to W. C. White

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