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In Harmony With Jesus

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"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:5.

AS CHRISTIANS we have received a wonderful and perfect example in our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The apostle Peter says that, . . . "Ye should follow his steps." 1 Peter 2:21. There are many beautiful examples in the Bible for us, and the history of the people of God is written for our learning. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Rom. 15:4.

All actions, whether in private life or in the church, should ever be in harmony with the actions of our Saviour. The work of Jesus on this earth was a work of saving, and not of condemning; it was a work leading from death unto life. He hated sin and rebuked it, yet He loved the sinner and showed him compassion and tenderness.

The three parables, The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin, and The Prodigal Son, all reveal the great and wonderful love of Christ for those wandering in error and taken captive in the snares of sin. The practical applications of these parables are shown in the actions of Jesus with Simon, with the Pharisee, and with Mary Magdalene. The following incidents in the life of Jesus should be briefly reviewed for the benefit of those who have tasted but little of the love of Jesus!

The Feast at Simon's House

"Simon of Bethany was accounted a disciple of Jesus. He was one of the few Pharisees who had openly joined Christ's followers . . . At the table the Saviour sat with Simon, whom He had cured of

a loathsome disease, on one side, and Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead, on the other. Martha served at the table, but Mary was earnestly listening to every word from the lips of Jesus. In His mercy, Jesus had pardoned her sins, He had called forth her beloved brother from the grave, and Mary's heart was filled with gratitude. She had heard Jesus speak of His approaching death, and in her deep love and sorrow she had longed to show Him honor. At great personal sacrifice she had purchased an alabaster box of ointment of spikenard, very costly, with which to anoint His body. But now many were declaring that He was about to be crowned king. Her grief was turned to joy, and she was eager to be first in honoring her Lord. Breaking the box of ointment, she poured its contents upon the head and feet of Jesus, then, as she knelt weeping, moistening them with her tears, she wiped His feet with her long, flowing hair . . . Judas looked upon this act with great displeasure. Instead of waiting to hear what Christ would say of the matter, he began to whisper his complaints to those near him, throwing reproach upon Christ for suffering such waste.

Judas was treasurer for the disciples, and from their little store he had secretly drawn for his own use, thus narrowing down their resources to a meager pittance . . . He had gained their confidence, and had a strong influence over them. His professed sympathy for the poor deceived them, and his artful insinuation caused them to look distrustfully upon Mary's devotion. The murmur passed round the table, "To what purpose is that waste? for this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor."

Mary heard the words of criticism. Her heart trembled within her. She feared that her sister would reproach her for extravagance. The Master, too, might think her improvident. Without apology or excuse she was about to shrink away, when the voice of her Lord was heard, "Let her alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on Me . . . She hath done what she should; she is come aforehand to anoint My body to the burying."

"Verily I say unto you," Christ declared, "where-soever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, th's also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." Looking into the

future the Saviour spoke with certainty concerning His gospel. It was to be preached throughout the world. And as far as the gospel extended, Mary's gift would shed its fragrance, and hearts would be blessed through her unstudied act . . . Until time should be no more, that broken alabaster box would tell the story of the abundant love of God for a fallen race.

Mary's act was in marked contrast with that which Judas was about to do. What a sharp lesson Christ might have given him who had dropped the seed of criticism and evil thinking into the minds of the disciples. How justly the accuser might have been accused . . . But the look which Jesus cast upon Judas convinced him that the Saviour penetrated his hypocrisy . . . He determined to be revenged. From the supper he went directly to the palace of the high priest, where he found the council assembled, and he offered to betray Jesus into their hands.

Simon the host had been influenced by the criticism of Judas . . . He knew that many of his guests were looking upon Christ with disgust and displeasure. Simon said in his heart, "This man, if He were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that touched Him; for she is a sinner."

By curing Simon of leprosy, Christ had saved him from a living death. But now Simon questioned whether the Saviour were a prophet. Because Christ allowed this woman to approach Him, because He did not indignantly spurn her as one whose sins were too great to be forgiven, because He did not show that He realized she had fallen, Simon was tempted to think that He was not a prophet . . .

To this unspoken thought the Saviour answered: "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee . . . There was a certain creditor which had two debtors; the one owed five hundred pences and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And He said unto him, Thou has rightly judged."

As did Nathan with David, Christ concealed His home thrust under the veil of a parable. He threw upon His host the burden of pronouncing sentence upon himself. Simon had led into sin the woman he now despised. She had been deeply wronged by him. By the two debtors of the parable, Simon and the woman were represented . . . Jesus desired him to see how great his guilt really was. He would show him that his sin was greater than hers, as much greater as the debt of five hundred pence exceeds a debt of fifty pence.

Simon now began to see himself in a new light . . . Shame seized upon him . . . While Mary was a sinner pardoned, he was a sinner unpardoned. The rigid rule of justice he had desired to enforce against her, condemned him.

Simon was touched by the kindness of Jesus in not openly rebuking him before the guests. He had not been treated as he desired Mary to be treated . . . Stern denunciation convinced him of his error. He saw the magnitude of the debts which he owed his Lord. His pride was humbled, he repented, and the proud Pharisee became a lowly, self-sacrificing disciple.

Mary had been looked upon as a great sinner, but Christ knew the circumstances that had shaped her life. He might have extinguished every spark of hope in her soul, but He did not . . .

When to human eyes her case appeared hopeless, Christ saw in Mary capabilities for good. He saw the better traits of her character . . . The one who had fallen, and whose mind had been a habitation of demons, was brought very near to the Saviour in fellowship and ministry. It was Mary who sat at His feet and learned of Him. It was Mary

who poured upon His head the precious anointing oil, and bathed His feet with her tears. Mary stood beside the cross, and followed Him to the sepulcher. Mary was first at the tomb after His resurrection. It was Mary who first proclaimed a risen Saviour." — "The Desire of Ages," pp. 557-568 (extracts).

Our Position

What is now the position in our Christian life? Are there not among us those who, like Judas, influence their fellow brethren and sisters, and desiring to hide their own hypocrisy while simulating to stand for the cause of God? The result, however, will be a betrayal of the cause of the Lord. Have we not again just recently experienced such ones, as have been in times past? Is there any worse crime than to turn into an accuser of the brethren?

There are also those brethren and sisters who, as Simon, permit themselves to criticize their fellow-believers; who, according to their estimation, are great sinners, and by rights should not be retained in the church, but rather be separated, in order that the church receive not an evil reputation. For how can the church tolerate such evil persons as Mary? — These, and similar expressions, are not rare.

What is it that many of us would say about Jesus who loved the sinner, and did not put Simon to an open shame, but would even cover up the sin of Simon, acknowledging him as a worthy follower with His disciples? What would many of these self-righteous critics do? Would they not immediately leave the fellowship of Jesus, to follow another fanatical group which, as they believe, is acting according to the law and testimony. Would not Jesus be accused of transgressing the law, and despising the principles of the church by tolerating such evil persons and not excommunicating them? Let every one question himself, and test himself where he is standing, either on the side of the traitor, on Simon's side, or on the side of Jesus.

When Should a Member Be Separated From Church-Membership?

The Saviour has answered this question very clearly Himself. The sins of your brethren and sisters may be of an entirely different character. They may have been committed against your own person, or also against the Lord Himself. They may be of a public character, or of a secret nature, only known to yourself. We shall now hear the instructions which the Spirit of prophecy has given to us:

"All heaven is interested in the interview between the one who has been injured and the one who is in error. As the erring one accepts the reproof offered in the love of Christ, and acknowledges his wrong, asking forgiveness from God and from his brother, the sunshine of heaven fills his heart. The controversy is ended; friendship and confidence is restored.

'But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' Matt. 18:16. Take with you those who are spiritually minded, and talk with the one in error in regard to the wrong. He may yield to the united appeals of his brethren. As he sees their agreement in the matter, his mind may be enlightened.

'And if he shall neglect to hear them,' what then shall be done? Shall a few persons in a board meeting take upon themselves the responsibility of disfellowshipping the erring one? 'If he neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church,' Matt. 18:17. Let the church take action in regard to its members.

'But if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.' Matt. 18:17. If he will not heed the voice of the church, if he refuses all the efforts made to reclaim him, upon the church rests the responsibility of separating him from fellowship. His name should then be stricken from the books.

No church officer should advise, no committee should recommend, nor should any church vote, that the name of a wrong-doer shall be removed from the church books, until the instruction given by Christ has been faithfully followed. When this instruction has been followed, the church has cleared herself before God." — "Testimonies," Vol. 7, pp. 260-263.

"The Lord Our Righteousness"

"The righteous Lord loveth righteousness."

Ps. 11:7.

"Christ has become our sacrifice and security. He has become sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. Through faith in His name, He imputes unto us His righteousness, and it becomes a living principle in our life." — "Review and Herald," July 12, 1892.

"There is no unrighteousness in Him."

Ps. 92:15.

"No repentance is genuine that does not work reformation. The righteousness of Christ is not a cloak to cover unconfessed and unforsaken sin; it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the conduct. Holiness is wholeness for God; it is the entire surrender of heart and life to the indwelling of the principles of heaven." — "The Desire of Ages," p. 555.

"Awake to righteousness and sin not."

1 Cor. 15:34.

"Christ imputes to us His sinless character, and presents us to the Father in His own purity. There are many who think that it is impossible to escape from the power of sin, but the promise is that we may be filled with all the fullness of God. We aim too low. The mark is much higher." — "Review and Herald," July 12, 1892.

"Our hope is constantly strengthened by the knowledge that Christ is our Righteousness. Let our faith rest upon this foundation, for it will stand forever." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 742.

In Harmony with Jesus

The Testimonies tell us that, if the instructions of Jesus have been carried out by the church, the church stands in the clear before God and man. Any other procedure is the work of man, and man's doctrine. There may occur such cases as a rebellion against the leadership of the church. These reveal themselves in most cases during conference sessions, and are therefore sins committed against the church organization. Such cases should be dealt with by those authorities against whom the sins were committed, because they are no personal trespasses, and should be treated according to Numbers 16:12.

There may be instances of heresy teachings, which reveal themselves in the church as such. For these cases arrangements have been made by the authority who is to watch over the doctrine. Titus 3:10, 11.

May we give to God all due honor, and act according to His word and plain instructions, placing ourselves under the gospel of Jesus Christ as the only rule which Heaven acknowledges.

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

An old man, traveling a long highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm deep and wide.
The old man crossed in a twilight dim,
For the sullen stream held no fear for him.
He turned when he reached the other side,
And builded a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," cried a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with your building here.

Your journey will end with the ending day,
And you never again will pass this way.
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build a bridge at eventide?"

And the builder raised his old gray head,
"Good friend, on the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet will pass this way.
This stream which has been naught to me,
To that fair-haired boy may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building this bridge for him."

—Author Unknown.

Real friends do not flatter our faults. Nor do they forget to praise our virtues. They do not ask favors or privileges that they are not willing to reciprocate. Like the phosphorous in the sea, their light shows brightest when it is dark.

OBEY—Acts 5:32

PRAY—Luke 11:13

TARRY—Luke 24:49

RECEIVE—Acts 2:4

"RECEIVE YE THE HOLY GHOST"

"To us today, as verily as to the first disciples, the promise of the Spirit belongs."—"Testimonies," Volume 3, page 20.

The Agency of the Holy Spirit

By J. M. Barbour

"Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth, . . . and he will show you things to come." John 16:13. "And (they, ins.) began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

THUS, in the marvelous power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles at Pentecost, began fulfilling Jesus' commission to go unto all nations, teaching and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

We, as the church of the latter days, have also been given a very great commission, namely, that of Rev. 14:11-16, the last message of mercy in order that Christ may have a pure remnant people when He comes in glory. But we have in addition the assurance of the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Not by our might or power but by the latter rain, the Holy Spirit, will the work be finished. Praise the Lord!

The gift most needed now by our church, would seem to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, and teachers; for we have the promise that with the outpouring of the Spirit, as at Pentecost, there will come also the gifts of healing, tongues, and interpretation, with miracles, governments, and helps to complete the work. Naturally all are gratefully welcome. But the individual believers' prayer should be for the spiritual gifts of faith, and for words of wisdom and understanding.

With these gifts we can obey the word of 2 Tim. 2:15 to ". . . study to show thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth"; and we can hopefully pray with Paul that utterance and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, may be given us, so that we may open our mouths boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. Let us not be classed with those which are outlined in Hebrews 5:12, when they "ought to be teachers . . . have need that one teach you again," and have become dull of hearing; but much rather with those of Berea who were much more noble in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11.)

All will agree that, "if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Yet, one

may ask, How can I receive this measure of the Spirit? Jesus answered this by emphasizing that "except a man be born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God," and "Ye must be born again." When devout men of every nation asked Peter, "What shall we do?" he replied, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38.

How do we know that we are born from above? The apostle John, echoing Christ's words, warns us to beware of false prophets. He counsels us to try the spirits. We will recognize the Spirit of God as the spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. Jesus says that we shall know all spirits by their fruits. And so, if we are born again, we will see evidences of the fruit of the Spirit, which is "love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance."

Not only by the fruits but also by His inner workings will the Spirit be a witness with our spirit that we are the children of God. The mystery of godliness is revealed to spiritual man by God's Spirit, which searched all things. Likewise, the Spirit "helpeth our infirmities" because He "maketh intercession for us according to the will of God." Yes, if we walk in the Spirit, we "beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." 2 Cor. 3:18.

Brethren and Sisters Do you perceive the imperative need of the agency of the Holy Spirit in your lives, as individuals and as church members? Without the Spirit we have no hope; with the Spirit Zechariah predicts that our feeble ones may be as David, and the house of David as God. A world in darkness will marvel at the boldness of our unlearned and ignorant men and will take knowledge that they have been with Jesus. It is our prayer that we, as a church, will plead continually for the marvelous manifestation of the Spirit, so that we come behind in no gift in perfecting holiness and uniting the church into one accord, as it was at Pentecost. We must plead . . . "Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest." Isa. 32:15. May God bless us, "For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith." Gal. 5:5.

A SOLEMN APPEAL

By O. Kramer

TO THE finishing of the work of God on earth belongs the important work of our personal preparation. The standard of a true Christian is to reach perfection in Christ. This is the condition which must be fully met before we can expect to receive the fulness of the Spirit, and thereby be enabled to have a part in the finishing work. Even though it is a wonderful privilege to have a part in this reform movement — to be united with those who keep the commandments of God and are willing to walk in the light which the Lord has so graciously given — yet, it will be a still far greater privilege if we prove faithful in the work of our personal preparation, and shall then be permitted to have a part in the finishing work. How poor and imperfect would be our own power, how dark the outlook of our personal efforts, if not the all important power of the Highest — the Holy Spirit — were promised for this work. Praise be to God for this wonderful gift!

The promises of God await our demand and reception, yet some are indifferent to the wonderful gifts of grace that are promised unto us. The eternal inheritance before us; the love of Christ, the judgment of the righteous and the wicked, all these things should inspire us to greater zeal and earnestness in the work of our personal preparation. We must reach God's standard if we expect to receive an entrance into His kingdom. We must love Jesus if we expect to be with Him throughout eternity. We must live a life that is pleasing in His sight if we do not want to come under condemnation in the day of judgment. The fast fulfilling signs of the times tell us in unmistakable language that only a short time remains in which we can prepare ourselves to meet God. In these signs a reproof is likewise found for those who are not in earnest in the work of preparation, those who do not appreciate the time of grace that has been allotted unto us. May the Lord help us to be more in earnest than ever before, that when He comes we may be found ready to meet Him.

The great manifestations of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost will be repeated in our day, but before these wonderful manifestations will be seen in God's true church, the thorough preparation which preceded this wonderful work will likewise be repeated.

Before the Lord can bless us with the fulness of the Holy Spirit a thorough preparation

must take place in our life. We must gain the victory over every besetment, and over every wrong word and action. This is a personal work, that can only be accomplished through the power of Jesus Christ, and under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

The transformation that must take place in our life is accomplished through the new birth. Some have accepted the theory of the truth, but have never felt its saving power. If one is born again, he is a new creature in Christ Jesus. He is gentle, loving, patient, longsuffering: in brief, all the fruits of the Spirit are manifested in his life. He will love his neighbor and God above all. The word of God gives us clear instructions in regard to what the Lord expects of those who are truly born again. Our downfall begins "with the neglect of secret prayer." Therefore, prayer in the closet, is of the utmost importance in the work of our personal preparation.

Burden For Souls

Not one shall have a part in the final redemption of God's people who has not been active in the work of saving souls. We do not need to be ministers in order to engage in this blessed work, for to every true follower of Christ has been given a place in which he must labor for His Master. If we engage in earnest work for the salvation of souls, we shall be better able to overcome all selfishness. In faithfully working for others we shall begin to understand the true value of a soul. If through much effort and untiring labor a soul has been won to Christ, we shall have cause for rejoicing. But those who have no burden for souls, are usually the ones who in one way or another become instruments to drive precious souls from the fold. Such have not a clear knowledge of the great sacrifice of Christ. If because of our unchristian behavior souls are being led astray, the blood will be required from our hands. Unless such experience a real conversion, there will be no place for them in the kingdom of God.

But a true burden of souls will be manifested in our walk of life. We must be a living testimony for Christ. How is it with your testimony, dear brother, dear sister? How is your burden of souls manifested among your neighbors, your children, your relatives and friends? Do you make earnest efforts in working for their salvation? If so, the blessing of the Lord will rest upon you. If all the members of the

church faithfully perform their duty in this respect, the work will soon be finished on earth in righteousness. The power of the Holy Spirit will then be manifested among us, and the earth will be lightened with the glory of God. The sick will be healed, and signs and wonders shall follow the believers. The last message of mercy will then be accepted by those who are honest in heart, and they will gladly take their stand with God's remnant people.

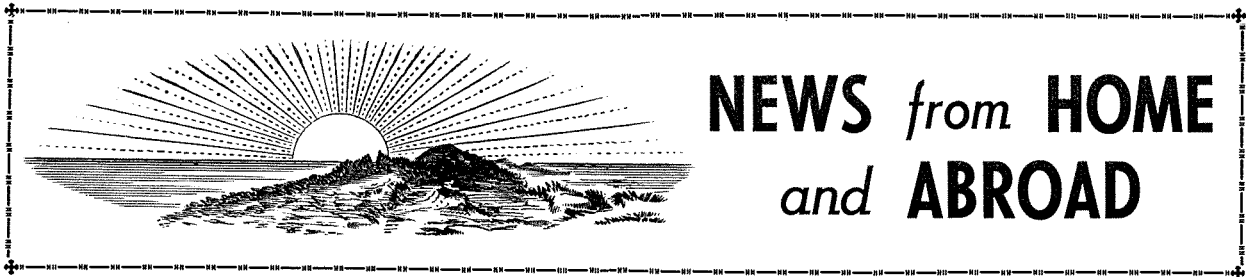
Let us follow the example of the disciples before the day of Pentecost. Let us put away all differences and draw closer and still closer together in Christian fellowship. Let us be filled with the spirit of prayer, and God shall send us showers of blessing.

Ministers And People

Every soul that has been added to the ranks of the believers becomes a co-worker with Christ. A working church is a living church. Dead, heartless professors, should have no place in the church of God. If we are alive unto God the Holy Spirit will pervade all our churches. Lights will be burning everywhere for Christ, and coldness and formality will disappear. All will be one heart and one soul. God's faithful servants will work earnestly for those who are still in darkness. Their example will inspire the believers to rally to the work. This is the only way in which the work shall come to a glorious finish. Please notice the following testimony:

"Every one on whom is shining the light of present truth is to be stirred with compassion for those who are in darkness. From all believers light is to be reflected in clear, distinct rays. A work similar to that which the Lord did through His delegated messengers after the day of Pentecost He is waiting to do today. At this time, when the end of all things is at hand, should not the zeal of the church exceed even that of the early church? Zeal for the glory of God moved the disciples to bear witness to the truth with mighty power. Should not this zeal fire our hearts with a longing to tell the story of redeeming love, of Christ and Him crucified? Should not the power of God be even more mightily revealed today than in the time of the apostles?" — "Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 33.

Yes, we should earnestly pray for the power of the Holy Spirit. Through this power the work shall be finished, and it will enable us to stand through the last great conflict. When this power takes a hold of our life, we shall not cling to our own opinions, but will be firmly united upon the eternal platform of truth. The battle to be fought will be between the commandments of God and the commandments of men. God's children will fight under the banner bearing the inscription: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. May God grant that when the work is finished we may be found among those who shall be able to say: "Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." Isa. 25:9.



ANNOUNCEMENT

As has already been announced in the columns of the "Advent Arbeiter," the coming General Conference Session will convene from May 15th to June 15th, 1956, at Spele, Germany. Since these meetings have always been of tremendous importance to God's cause on earth, may we appeal to all dear believers, as well as our many friends — even though they may not be able to attend themselves — to remember them, nevertheless, in special prayers before the Throne of Grace, in order that the Holy Spirit may rule supremely in the planning for the future of this divine cause. Let us especially remember our brethren who have been chosen at the Union Conference to represent North America as appointed delegates,

that they may have a safe journey and that the Lord's blessings may attend them every step of the way. As Joshua and Hur held up the arms of Moses, so let us uphold those who carry the burden of the work. Let us move the arm of the Almighty in behalf of the remnant people of God..

—THE BRETHREN.

REPORT FROM YUGOSLAVIA

"His foundation is in the holy mountains. The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. Selah . . . The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there. Selah. As

well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs are in Thee." Ps. 87:1-3, 6, 7.

The wonderful words written by David concerning the love of God for His church are indeed a source of comfort and inspiration to God's remnant people, who are striving ever faithfully onward to be among those who shall dwell within the gates of Zion forever.

We have received news from this field, that despite all the severe difficulties our believers have to conquer, the Lord is blessing the work there. The brethren write that they received great blessings while meeting at a District Conference. The Holy Spirit, in a remarkable way, attended the meetings which were held, and plans were laid as to the furtherance of the cause of God. "If God is for us, who can be against us!"



District Conference
at
Belgrad, Yugoslavia,
November 6, 1955.

We thank God that His precious promise, that He will gather His children throughout the earth in this great finishing work, is being fulfilled.

Special prayer is asked for by the believers and workers in Yugoslavia, and the Balkan states. May God grant that all the dear brethren and sisters may have a part in this great proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom, so that all may become heirs of the kingdom, is our prayer.

The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build." (Neh. 2:20.)

—The Brethren.

Experiences In The Work

It is indeed precious to know that the Lord is always willing to bless His children. If we enter into the work for Him whole-heartedly our experiences will be manifold. Every true follower of Jesus will have a desire to work

for the salvation of souls. The more we labor for the Lord, the greater will be our experiences. These experiences will keep us happy in the present truth, and we will receive strength to do the will of God. Every one should now realize his responsibilities. Time is very precious indeed. Jesus is soon coming. Then will it be forever too late to labor for Him. Let us therefore now, just now, sow the seed of the gospel, for the promise is: They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

Arizona

As many of our dear believers know, our dear brethren James Barbour and F. Williamson are located in this state as workers for the cause of God. We wish to take this opportunity to share with you the good news of the success

in their work there. Our brethren wrote in their last report:

"Our courage remains firm and our faith strong in the Lord. We wish to give you the following quotation from the "Desire of Ages," page 142.

"'He that watereth shall be watered also himself.'—Prov. 11:25. God could have reached His object in saving sinners without our aid; but in order for us to develop a character like Christ's, we must share in His work. In order to enter into His joy,—the joy of seeing souls redeemed by His sacrifice,—we must participate in His labors for their redemption."

We have rejoiced in carrying the gospel of truth forward together, with our dear wives. In one of our recent Sabbath services, we had four visitors present. As a result of this meeting, we received an invitation to their home for further studies.

We are happy to report that we have a very nice interest here. We are conducting three Bible study groups per week at present with those outside of the faith. Up to the time

of writing we have not brought the Sabbath to them but they know that we are Sabbath keepers. We are studying with a group of S. D. A. on Friday evenings and on Sabbath afternoons. Last week while canvassing we contacted a S. D. A. sister visiting here from South California. She is very much interested in this message. She has invited us to her home for further studies.

In the month of January, while doing home-missionary work we distributed approximately 2,000 Herald of the Truths, besides numerous other literature.

During the short time that we have been here, we have made many excellent experiences, and we believe that they will prove a blessing to us in the future. Although we realize that many trials are before us, it is our earnest prayer that we may faithfully do our part in bringing this wonderful message to others. What a blessed privilege will it be to those who shall endure unto the end, when they shall hear the blessed words of our Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matt. 25:21.

It is our desire to continue in this blessed work, and we kindly ask all our brethren and sisters to remember us in prayer.

Your brethren in Christ,
J. Barbour, F. Williamson.

REPORT FROM BRAZIL

"And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth . . ." Isaiah 16:5.

WITH enormous rapidity time passes into eternity. Almost three years have elapsed since we left the European continent. The experiences in the Lord's work become richer, and the insight into the life of the various people becomes deeper.

Brazil is to the European an entirely different world as pertaining to conditions and life-requirements. The original inhabitants, the Indians, can very seldom be seen in the large cities. And, in the course of the past four centuries the intermingling of the natives with the imported natives from Africa, and the Europeans has progressed so far that no country on earth can equal in this matter with Brazil. All races and colors can be seen here.

Civilization and progress in all phases of life must be contributed chiefly to the Europeans, especially to the Germans and Italians. Because freedom of Religion is guaranteed in the constitution of the land, which might be mentioned as one of the favorable exceptions, religious movements of all descriptions can be found here. The Roman Catholic church is, of

course, in the majority, yet other churches are very well represented, with many spiritualistic churches. The Advent message is also known throughout the land and is generally admired. Yet the church, as in other countries also, has left the pure principles of the gospel and has conformed to the world, its customs and morals in regards to health reform, and also in uniting with the state on the military question. The walking on the narrow path has been exchanged for the downward road to destruction, as the Spirit of prophecy tells us so strikingly.

A journey into the different districts is always connected with a number of experiences, and it is necessary to take with us a large portion of patience. The means of transportation differ, either by bus, railway, horse- or ox carts, or above all — the feet. A short time ago a 73 year-old brother and myself made a trip of about 30 miles in one day.

Due to the lack of knowledge and other circumstances, the work has been handicapped. Yet the Lord has helped us until the present time. In the beginning of August we had an 8-day Bible course in the state of Parana. Two days before the meetings it looked as though our plans would have to be postponed, because such a cold set in that the water turned into ice. In two nights the almost evergreen nature was for the greater part black and brown. As far as the eye could see, bananas and many other fruits were frozen, as well as the coffee plants. (Our brethren and sisters, naturally, do not plant coffee.) Because of this sudden frost the damage ran into the millions. Coffee is the green gold of Brazil, and the harvest has now been ruined for two years.

Our Bible course, however, was able to start at the appointed time, and during those days we had the most beautiful weather. The whole church took part, and also other visitors were present. On some days we had 50 adults and 20 children gathered in our barn around the word of God. The word of the Lord and the testimonies taught us good and interesting lessons which brought much joy. It was proven anew that this reformation is standing on the foundation of eternal truth, based on the law and the testimony. Isaiah 8:20.

The brethren and sisters here are in faithful harmony with all the believers throughout the world, and together walk with them the narrow path to the heavenly and eternal home.

Death has taken two elderly souls from us, Sister Marie Dummer, and Brother August Pfeiffer, both natives of Germany. They are now laid to rest in Brazilian soil until the day of resurrection.

"The Lord's throne of grace is prepared," says the prophet. And there the Lord, our Saviour, executes His office in truth for all those who follow Him in faith through His righteousness. —A. Mueller.

THE WORK IN THE SOUTH-EAST

When coming here to Tennessee we entered a completely new experience, — different surroundings, different people, and different customs. As one views with awe the scenery of the mountains and the valleys, there comes that impelling force, or influence, which causes all to declare the wonderful works of God.

The Lord has blessed us richly in this field over our expectation. In doing the home missionary work, we had good success. Opportunities presented itself where we could testify of this wonderful present truth. Many of the people live in isolated regions in the valleys between the mountains whose standard of living is greatly different from that which we found in the cities. Here especially do we have a great opportunity for home missionary work.

It is indeed precious to know that the Lord is always willing to bless us if we whole-heartedly enter into the work. Our experiences will be manifold. Every true follower of Jesus will have a desire to work for the salvation of souls. The more we labor for the Lord, the greater will be our experiences. These experiences will keep us happy in the present truth, and we will receive strength to do the will of God. Every one should now realize his responsibilities. Time is very precious indeed. Jesus is soon coming. Then will it be forever too late to labor for Him. Let us therefore now, just now, sow the seed of the gospel, for the promise is: "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."

We are of good courage and send you all our christian regards.

Your Bro. in the Service,
M. P. Ringelberg.

Report From Idaho

Dear Brethren:

Christian Greetings! May the Lord's Spirit dwell in us always, with Psalms 96.

We are very glad to hear that the Lord is indeed blessing you, dear ones. May His blessings continue to be with you, that you may be His chosen vessels, to show forth to others what He has done for you. It is indeed wonderful to be so favored as to have such a God as we have. May we always keep in mind the wonderful things He has done for His children from day to day, also the promise of the greater things in store for those who are faithful to the end.

We think the Week of Prayer Readings were wonderful. The only thing we regret is that it is over. Like the Conference meetings, it was wonderful. It leaves a longing in our hearts for more, although we still have our Heavenly Father to look for guidance, strength, and protection. The Readings and the Conference meetings were a great help and encouragement to us weak and wayward children. But we pray most earnestly for strength, wisdom, and un-

derstanding to do His blessed will, because He first loved us while we were yet sinners, wretched, miserable, and blind, without hope or strength to help ourselves. For such love I wish that we might do more. It scares me sometimes when I think of all the things He went through for us, and how unworthy and unthankful we have shown ourselves to be with our meager little deeds and actions. As I look at what I have done, it drives me to despair to see how much my works deny my professed faith. Although the blessed deeds of all mankind fade into nothingness compared to His, I am still strengthened to know that His love was for me also. If I only could show it abroad more extensively.

Sometimes I think it would be good for us to spend a week or so alone in a cabin in the mountains where we would have time to think over our past lives, to see how little we have really gained compared to the advantages we have had. Did you ever stop to think how slowly we are progressing toward the likeness of the Divine Example? How hasty our words sometimes are, and how much we expect from our fellow men, who are likely to be in as bad a condition in their spiritual life as we are! How often I thought of trying to cast the mote out of my brother's eye, when I myself could not see clearly, or was finding fault with them, because they didn't do the way I thought they should do, instead of helping them, like the Master would have done. I did not manifest much of His tender care and mercy. My spiritual mirror has been very dim. I hope with the Lord's help to get it brightened up a great deal while I am up here alone, so that when I get back home I can reflect more of His image to my fellow men.

I am getting homesick for Heaven; I am getting to where I long for the day when the Lord shall claim His own; I am getting tired of this world of false pretensions, with sickness, accidents, sorrow, pain, and death. I long for a better land, where every one we meet shall be a brother; where every one will love his neighbor as himself; where we can lay aside the precautions we have to use today. I really never knew how much I loved my various acquaintances till I thought of how well they like this world. How wonderful it would be if there were only some way to get them to see the things of the world to come.

Does it not almost cause you to cry to think that they are going down the road to destruction, and enjoying it the same time?—at least they appear so. However I do not think all of them are enjoying it. They just have not had the right kind of a look at the Divine Image. The reflections they have seen were not of the true character, but only a man-made reflection. Shall we not be greatly rewarded if we should take time to polish our mirrors once again, and being a little more careful and make sure what kind of a reflection it is giving to the world?

I exhort you to keep up the good work. Let us pray most earnestly for our fellow men and the interested souls we know and love. Let us be as David, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." Psalms 55:1.

God bless and keep you, with Psalms 119:159-165.

—William F. Clark.

THE WORK IN WESTERN CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God." Ps. 87:2, 3.

The writer of the above words aptly expresses my intents and thoughts as I write this. A lot of good things being said and done in this world one may call commendable. But only the experiences exchanged when two or more fellow pilgrims meet, in the process of our earthly pilgrimage on this earth toward the heavenly Canaan, have any real meaning to each other. Because pilgrims are so few and far between we are often called upon to travel parts of the way alone. Then what a joy it is to meet another of our faith at some time along the way to the city of God! We stop and rest for a moment on the roadside, review our past experiences, and, in spite of many hardships, with renewed courage increase our efforts to be faithful to God so that at the end of the journey we can meet Jesus in the New Jerusalem. It is at such times, when we meet, things have real meaning; and one encourages another to remain faithful to the end. It does give us that extra strength so much needed today to fortify our life against the wiles of the arch deceiver. We also better realize our need of crying out to God for our deliverance, and fix our eyes upward to meet our Elder Brother's return. Afterwards each is on the way again to finish the rest of the road leading to the Holy City.

It was a real joy to meet one of the followers of the Lord again after some time when brother Doerschler visited us on Wednesday evening, February the first. How it did our hearts good to see each other again! We had blessed meetings, with visitors attending, and we have never seen such a manifestation of the power of the Spirit of God before. Many glorious things of God were talked about. Elder Doerschler especially exhorted us in the name of the Lord not to cast away our confidence in the Master's guiding hand, which will end in great recompense of reward. On the Sabbath day in the Sabbath School we studied the experiences of the early Christian Church which should encourage us today in the trials being inflicted upon us. The after service was a special treat to us all, for we could see how the hand of God intervenes in behalf of a child of God who loves Him. It made us want to hear

so much more. We praise God that there is still a remnant holding forth the torch of truth. We wished our brother could have remained with us much longer. Of course we understood very well that we could not have all good things to ourselves: the harvest is great, but the labourers are few, and the time came all too soon when we had to part again. Though we did so with reluctance, yet we vowed each other that if we should not meet again on this earth we would be looking for each other when the Saviour gathers the saints together when the trumpet of the Lord sounds at His coming.

Brothers, sisters, young people, and children, trust in the Lord! Let Him be your strength! For they that trust in the Lord "go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." (Ps. 84:7.) Oh! how "my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God." (Ps. 84:2.) Brethren, let us lift up our hearts and hands to God and wait for His salvation, and pray, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Rev. 22:20, 21.)

Your brother in the blessed hope,

Henry Schimpf.

REPORT FROM FLORIDA

We can truly thank the Lord for His graciousness and long-suffering. The Lord has especially blessed us in doing His work here in Florida.

We have been able to present Jesus to many seeking souls that have been contacted through canvassing. Each day we are able to break the bread of life to someone. The people realize that truly we are living in the last days. The events of the nations are fast fulfilling. The work of God is soon to close and the "night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4. While the Spirit of the Lord is being withdrawn from those who are self-satisfied, those who love Jesus and look for His return are searching deeper into His Word. They are realizing the inexpressible riches of Bible truths.

Just the other day a lady called to me as I finished canvassing and was preparing to leave for home. She told me she had received one of our "Herald of the Truth" the day before from me, and had read it almost through. She enjoyed it immensely and wants to keep in contact with us and study more of God's word. Truly "the harvest is ripe" and "all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant."

At present we have one dear sister who is uniting with us in worship in our Sabbath school and services every Sabbath afternoon. We can feel the presence of God very close being able to claim the promise that "where

two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20.

May the Lord bless and prosper this work of reform that all the honest in heart will soon be gathered from the four corners of the earth, and Jesus "might present Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:27.

Your Brother in Christ,
L. V. McSherry.

"BE STRONG IN THE LORD"

"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." Luke 12:32.

The words "little flock" are especially encouraging to those who are living in the last days of this earth's history. It is a sad fact, that so many who profess to believe the Word of God, think that it takes a large membership and great Institutions to finish the work of God. They are trusting in human power, and not in the might of God. But those who trust in God, and His mighty power, know too well that He will finish His work on earth through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Do we not find, all through history since creation, that the Lord always had a remnant and that only through them could He accomplish His desired purpose? Verily indeed, and so it is in these last days. The Lord has preserved Himself a remnant in this time of apostasy, who are upholding the law of God and His Testimonies, and through them will He finish His work on earth.

Although we are only a small company, but if we are firmly united in the truth and become one heart and one soul, we can do as great a work as this earth has ever witnessed. In unity there is strength, and in the power of His strength a wonderful work can be accomplished. If we have true love for one another, pray for one another, and bring our hearts in complete harmony with the will of God, we shall receive the same power that was given to the believers on the day of Pentecost, and the Lord will "do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act." Isa. 28:21.

So let us strive earnestly to reach this perfect unity, that we may receive the refreshing latter rain, and the Lord may finish His work in righteousness. If we make each step nearer to Christ than the last, and adhere to the principles of our faith, the spirit of prayer will actuate every believer. In James 5:16, we read: "The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man availeth much." May the Lord help us to

feel the necessity of prayer more than ever before, that we may be united by the bond of love, and not become discouraged but rather strong.

"To stand in defense of truth and righteousness when the majority forsake us, to fight the battle of the Lord when champions are few, this will be our test." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 136.

It is our solemn duty as reformers to lift up the banner bearing the insignia: "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12. It is the will of Christ that His people be the light of the world. Let us therefore be a living example for Christ and His wonderful truth.

"... for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by many or by few." 1 Samuel 14:6.

W. Korpman.

KEEP TO THE RIGHT

Keep to the right as the law directs.
Keep from others thy friend's defects.
Keep all thy thoughts on purest themes.
Keep from thine eyes the motes and beams
Keep true thy deed, thy honor bright.
Keep firm thy faith in God and right.
Keep free from every sin and stain.
Keep from the ways that bring thee pain.
Keep free thy tongue from words of ill.
Keep right thy aim and good thy will.
Keep all thy acts from passion free.
Keep strong in hope; no envy see.
Keep watchful care o'er tongue and hand
Keep firm thy feet, by justice stand.
Keep true thy word, a sacred thing.
Keep from the snares the tempters bring.
Keep faith with each you call a friend.
Keep full in view the final end.
Keep firm thy courage bold and strong.
Keep up the right and down the wrong.

—Author Unknown.

SILENCE

If you stand very still in the heart of a wood
You will hear many wonderful things—
The snap of a twig and the wind in the trees
And the whirr of invisible wings.

If you stand very still in the turmoil of life
And you wait for the voice from within—
You'll be led down the quiet ways of wisdom
and peace

In a mad world of chaos and din.

If you stand very still and you hold to your
faith,

You will get all the help that you ask—
You will draw from the silence the things that
you need—

Hope and courage, and strength for your task.

—Patience Strong.

Our Homes and Our Health

Cleanliness and Order in the Home

By L. V. McSherry

THE institution of the home in the garden of Eden was one of the first acts to man revealing the love of God.

"And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him . . . Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." Genesis 2:18, 24.

The Lord caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and He took one of his ribs and made a woman of his substance, making her a part of man.

And He took this substance, not from man's foot, that he might have an excuse to degrade, enslave, or trample upon her; not from man's head, that woman might assume authority over man; but from man's side, from over his heart, the seat of affections, that woman might stand at his side as man's equal, and, side by side with him, together, under God work out the purpose and destiny of the race — man, the strong, the noble, the dignified; woman, the weaker, the sympathetic, the loving." — "Bible Readings," page 687.

Together, in a united home, man and woman are to reveal the presence and glory of God. They are to transmit truth, purity, and holiness to all they associate with. In many ways the home reveals the express image of the individuals, and we must be on guard at all times, for the home-life influence is beyond reckoning.

CLEANLINESS

Cleanliness is next to godliness. God wants our homes clean, as well as our hearts and bodies. Holy angels dwell with the people of God, but where there is impurity and untidiness the clean and pure angels will not remain.

Strict commands were given to the children of Israel in the matter of cleanliness. The Lord wanted to impress upon the minds of the people His holiness and purity, so they might reveal His image and be also holy and clean. Not only were they to be clean from sin, but clean in body as well. All defilement was to be put away from those who came nigh to God.

"God requires Purity of heart and personal cleanliness now, as when He gave the special

directions to the children of Israel. If God was so particular to enjoin cleanliness upon those journeying in the wilderness, who were in the open air nearly all the time, He requires no less of us who live in ceiled houses, where impurities are more observable, and have a more unhealthful influence." — "Counsels on Health," page 82.

Especially those who minister in sacred things should take heed to these words, "Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord." Isaiah 52:11. When Moses and Aaron went in unto the Lord to serve Him, the command was given them to wash their hands and feet, so as not to bring defilement into the presence of a holy God.

"This was the commandment of the great and mighty God. There was to be nothing slack and untidy about those who appeared before Him when they came into His holy presence. And why was this? What was the object of all this carefulness? Was it merely to recommend the people of God? Was it merely to gain His approbation? The reason that was given me was this, that a right impression might be made upon the people. If those who ministered in secret office should fail to manifest care, and reverence for God, in their apparel and their deportment, the people would lose their reverence for God and His sacred service. If the priests showed great reverence for God by being very careful and very particular as they came into His presence, it gave the people an exalted idea of God and His requirements. It showed them that God was holy, that His work must be holy; that it must be free from everything like impurity and uncleanness; and that all defilement must be put away from those who approach nigh to God." — "Testimonies," Vol. 2, page 612.

As the leaders are to put away all uncleanness, so are the people to do likewise; that the honor and majesty of God may be exalted before a depraved world.

ORDER

"Order is heaven's first law, and the Lord desires His people to give in their homes a representation of the order and harmony that pervade the heavenly courts. Truth never places

her delicate feet in the path of uncleanness or impurity. Truth does not make men and women coarse or rough and untidy. It raises all who accept it to a high level. Under Christ's influence, a work of constant refinement goes on.

Special direction was given to the armies of Israel that everything in and around their tents should be clean and orderly, lest the angel of the Lord, passing through the encampment, should see their uncleanness. Would the Lord be particular to notice these things? He would; for the fact is stated, lest in seeing their uncleanness, He would not go forward with their armies to battle.

He who was so particular that the children of Israel should cherish habits of cleanliness, will not sanction any impurity in the home of His people today. God looks with disfavor on uncleanness of any kind. How can we invite Him into our homes unless all is neat and clean and pure?" — *Counsels on Health*, page 101.

Order and true management in the home will prove a great blessing if all sincerely regard it. Everyone in the household should have his individual responsibility. The burden should not be placed on one or two persons while the rest squander away their time foolishly. Great care should especially be realized in regard to the duties of children. The child is never too young to play an active role in household duties, and it is a necessary and rewarding training. The Spirit of prophecy warns parents about doing all the work while the child wastes valuable time by reading foolish novels. The child can be a co-worker with the parent and receive beneficial knowledge that will not handicap him in later years, but prove very profitable indeed.

We have most explicit instructions in regard to organization in the home on the Sabbath day. The duties of the day should be light, evenly distributed among the family, and only that should be done which is absolutely necessary. God is a God of order and not of confusion, and His people are therefore to be well organized. The result will be that He will be able to work through them. When there is harmony and order in the home it will also be more vividly expressed in the church.

When the family abides in truth and purity; when the home is clean and tidy; when order is revealed everywhere; then any who enter can see that Jesus abides there. The home remains an outward and visible expression of an inward conviction.

A dear old Quaker lady, distinguished for her youthful appearance, was asked what she used to preserve her charms. She replied sweetly, "I used for the lips, truth; for the voice, prayer; for the eyes, pity; for the hand, charity; for the figure, uprightness; and for the heart, love."

BUSINESS and GOD

"Many have the idea that if their life is a working, business life, they can do nothing to advance the cause of their Redeemer. They say they cannot do things by the halves, and therefore turn from religious exercises, and bury themselves up in the world. They make their business primary, and forget God, and He is displeased with them. If any are engaged in business where they cannot advance in the divine life, and perfect holiness in the fear of God, they should **change to a business in which they can have Jesus with them every hour.**" — *"Testimonies,"* Vol. 2, pp. 233, 234.

COMMUNION BREAD

A careful study of the scriptures relating to the feast of the Passover, which was sacredly observed by God's people in the days of old, together with those which speak of the institution of the Lord's Supper, shows conclusively that the bread used was of the unleavened kind. The grain used in the making of the flour, moreover, so far as is known, was ground entire, the white breads now in common use being but a modern invention.

In the strict sense of the word, white bread is not a true symbol of the body of the Lord. He is the great Life-giver but white bread, if depended upon exclusively for food, leads to disease and premature death. In the times of old, special directions were given as to what should enter into the making of bread for sacramental purposes—"fine flour" "mingled with . . . beaten oil." (Exodus 29:40; Leviticus 2:1.) In the making of the following bread it is necessary that the flour be ground fine; and if the directions are followed, the bread will be tender, and of a good flavor.

Communion Bread Recipe

2 cups entire wheat flour (ground fine)	6 tablespoons of purest vegetable oil
½ teaspoon salt	9 tablespoons cold water

Add the salt to the oil in a round bowl, and pour in the water in a very slow stream, beating constantly with a silver fork until thick and white (a temporary emulsion.) Pour onto the flour all at once, and mix lightly into a dough. Turn out on a floured board and knead, folding it over and over to inclose air, and pounding it with a wooden mallet (a wooden potato masher is excellent) until quite elastic, which takes about 5 or 6 minutes. Roll out to the thickness of pie crust, mark with a dull knife into ¾ inch squares, lay in a baking pan, and bake in a medium slow oven. Avoid browning it, except a slight tinge, as browning gives it a strong flavor.

Two Distinct Companies Revealed

"I saw two companies, one bowed down before the throne, deeply interested, while the other stood uninterested and careless. Those who were bowed before the throne would offer up their prayers and look to Jesus; then He would look to His Father, and appear to be pleading with Him . . . Others were careless and did not cherish the light, and it moved off from them." — "Early Writings," pp. 54, 55.

"A company was presented before me under the name of Seventh-day Adventists, who were advising that the banner, or sign, which makes us a distinct people, should not be held out so strikingly: for they claimed that this is not the best policy in order to secure success to our institutions." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 144.

"As the storm approaches, a large class who have professed faith in the third angel's message, but have not been sanctified through obedience to the truth, abandon their position, and join the ranks of the opposition . . . Men of talent and pleasing address, who once rejoiced in the truth, employ their powers to deceive and mislead souls. They become the most bitter enemies of their former brethren." — "Great Controversy," p. 608.

"God has ever preserved a remnant to serve him." — "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 125.

"Even so than at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left . . ." Isaiah 11:11.

"The little remnant who love God and keep His commandments, and are faithful to the end, will enjoy this glory, and ever be in the presence of Jesus, and sing with the holy angels." — "Early Writings," p. 66.

CONSCIENCE NOT A SURE GUIDE

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death." Prov. 14:12.

It is evident from this text that a man's conscience is not a reliable guide, as a part of his faith or practice may seem to be right to him, while in reality he is in the way of death. God evidently designed the conscience for a very important work; but he also gave man a regulator for it, which it is as important for him to consult as it is for him to consult the sun to keep his watch right. It matters not how good a watch may be, the better it is the surer it is to stay wrong if it be set wrong. So a man may have a very good conscience, very tender, and very faithful in its admonitions, and yet constantly misleading him, because it has been wrongly instructed.

A good conscience might permit us to be very careless of very important and serious

"I saw a company who stood well guarded and firm, giving no countenance to those who would unsettle the established faith of the body. God looked up them with approbation. I was shown three steps, — the first, second, and third angel's messages. Said my accompanying angel, 'Woe to him who shall move a block or stir a pin of these messages.'" — "Early Writings," p. 258.

"I asked the angel if there were none left. He bade me look in the opposite direction, and I saw a little company traveling a narrow pathway. All seemed to be firmly united by the truth. This little company looked care-worn, as if they had passed through severe trials and conflicts." — "Early Writings," p. 263.

matters, simply because it is ignorant of them; but as soon as it is instructed it still proves itself to be the same faithful monitor upon this, as well as other subjects.

Some may go quite in the opposite direction, and make many things a matter of very conscientious action which are altogether imaginary, a result of false education. Both extremes one would think all would gladly avoid, but they only may be faithfully instructing and regulating their consciences by God's unerring word.

It is necessary to concede the truth of this, in order to explain the presence of the word of God in the world, for why should the Lord have been to the trouble of giving it to us, if it was all right for each to take the course he thought was right. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." "Through thy precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way." "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

REFORMATION

By A. W. Doerschler

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock," Rev. 3:20.
 "The time has come for a thorough reformation to take place." — "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 251.

WE praise God, that according to His own promise, the work is to be finished on earth through a great reformatory movement, connected with a powerful spiritual revival. This work will bring about a return to "primitive godliness" a return to "the old paths" and will "exalt the standard and pour forth the straight truth." "Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life" and "Reformation signifies a reorganization."

"A revival and a reformation must take place, under the ministration of the Holy Spirit. Revival and reformation are two different things. Revival signifies a renewal of spiritual life, a quickening of the powers of mind and heart, a resurrection from spiritual death. Reformation signifies a reorganization, a change in ideas and theories, habits and practices. Reformation will not bring forth the good fruit of righteousness unless it is connected with the revival of the Spirit. Revival and reformation are to do their appointed work, and in doing this work they must blend." — "Review and Herald," Feb. 25, 1902.

Revival and Reformation Our Only Hope

"God's people will not endure the test unless there is a revival and a reformation." — "Testimonies," Vol. 7, p. 285.

"Unless there is a decided reformation among the people of God, He will turn His face from them." — "Testimonies," Vol. 8, p. 146.

No words can adequately express the importance of these solemn warnings. It is a sad fact that many will not receive the message that heaven in mercy sends them. Why? Because of their wrongs, their selfishness, their pride and love of the world. Said the servant of the Lord:

"Our redeemer sends His messengers to bear a testimony to His people. He says, 'Behold, I stand at the door, and knock; if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.' But many refuse to receive Him. The Holy Spirit waits to soften and subdue hearts, but they are not willing to open the door and let the Saviour in, for fear that He will require something of them. And so Jesus of Nazareth passes by. He longs to bestow on them the rich blessings of His grace, but they refuse to accept them. What a terrible thing it is to exclude Christ from His own temple! What a loss to the church." — "Testimonies," Vol 6, p. 262.

Responsibility of the Leaders

Who is mainly responsible for the prevailing apostasy?

"For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed." Isa. 9:16.

"The watchmen are responsible for the condition of the people." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 235.

"Has not blindness fallen upon the watchmen standing on the walls of Zion? Are not many of God's servants unconcerned and well satisfied, as if the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, rested upon the sanctuary?" — "Testimonies," Vol 8, p. 248.

Every honest soul laments the deplorable condition in the Laodicean church, and realizes that their only hope is found in a thorough reformation.

Whenever the leaders refused to accept the call to lead out in the work of a thorough reformation, God was forced to pass them by and select humble men who were willing to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. So it was in the days of Elijah, in the time of Christ, and during the great reformation of Martin Luther etc. Said the servant of the Lord:

"The great danger with our people has been that of depending upon men, and making flesh their arm. Those who have not been in the habit of searching the Bible for themselves, or weighing evidence, have confidence in the leading men, and accept the decision they make; and thus many will reject the very messages God sends to His people, if these leading brethren do not accept them." — "Testimonies to Ministers," pp. 106, 107.

Yes, the Lord works often where we least expect it. Our only safety is, "To the law and to the testimony." Isa. 8:20. Men of talent and pleasing address are today going through the camp of modern Israel to bind souls to an organization. They confuse the truth with the church, yet all those who are honest in heart will see the light and take their stand with the remnant.

"The ministers and leading men were passing around in these different companies, fastening the cords more firmly; but still I heard the voice of earnest prayer. Then I saw those who had been praying reach out their hands for help toward the united company who were free, rejoicing in God. The answer from them, as they earnestly looked to heaven, and pointed upward, was, 'Come out from among them, and

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be separate.' I saw individuals struggling for
freedom, and at last they broke the cords that
bound them." — "Early Writings," p. 242.

Reformation Brings Separation

Apostasy and reformation brought always
two classes of people out in the open.

"Thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways,
and see, and ask for the old paths, where is
the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall
find rest for your souls. But they said, we will
not walk therein." Jer. 6:16.

"I asked the meaning of the shaking I had
seen, and was shown that it would be caused
by the straight testimony called forth by the
counsel of the True Witness to the Laodiceans.
This will have its effect upon the heart of the
receiver, and will lead him to exalt the stan-
dard and pour forth the straight truth. Some
will not bear this straight testimony. They will
rise up against it, and this is what will cause
a shaking among God's people." — "Early Writ-
ings," p. 270.

Those who rise up against the straight tes-
timony of the True Witness will be rejected by
the Lord, while those who accept this message
will be gathered again, and the Lord will recog-
nize them as His true people.

"Thus saith the Lord, Where is the bill of
your mother's divorcement, whom I have put
away? Or which of my creditors is it to whom
I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities
have ye sold yourselves, and for your trans-
gressions is your mother put away." Isa. 50:1.

"Who is among you that feareth the Lord,
that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that
walketh in darkness, and have no light? let
him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay
upon his God." Isa. 50:1.

"The Lord is with you, while ye be with
him, and if ye seek him, he will be found of
you; but if you forsake him, he will forsake
you." 2 Chron. 15:2.

God is a God of righteousness. He loves His
church, for it is the only object upon earth
upon which He bestows His supreme regard.
But if the church refuses to walk in the coun-
sel of the Lord, if through her own course of
transgression she forsake Him, "there is writ-
ten against her in the books of heaven a be-
trayal of the most sacred trusts, and treachery
to the kingdom of Christ." However, in every
apostasy among God's professed people, He has
ever preserved a remnant to serve Him. And
praise God! that "at this present time also
there is a remnant according to the election of
grace."

The Little Company or Remnant

"I asked the angel if there were none left.
He bade me look in the opposite direction, and
I saw a little company traveling a narrow path-
way. All seemed to be firmly united bound to-
gether by the truth, in bundles or companies.
Said the angel, 'The third angel is binding, or
sealing, them in bundles for the heavenly gar-
ner.' This little company looked care-worn, as
if they had passed through severe trials and
conflicts." — "Early Writings," pp. 88, 89.

"Thank God, all will not be rocked to sleep
in the cradle of carnal security. There will be
faithful ones who will discern the signs of the
times. While a large number professing pres-
ent truth will deny their faith by their works,
there will be some who will endure unto the
end." — "Testimonies," Vol. 5, p. 10.

How encouraging it is to know that there is
"a little company" "a faithful few" yes, that
"there will be some who will endure unto the
end." Are you, dear reader, not anxious to be
numbered with this "little remnant?" Do you
not desire to have a part in this mighty re-
formatory movement through which God will
finish His work on earth in righteousness? May
God grant it !Amen.

Use the talents you possess.
For the woods would be very silent
If no birds sang except the best.