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What Can We Do

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The congregations of loyal brethren are few, and far between. Some small congregations meeting in homes. Many of these are small.

Congregations meeting in their homes; many of those congregations are not able to support meetings, and for this reason are unable to build up a congregation, that could do any more than meet on Lord's Day. Many of these congregations are hardly heard of. It is fine and exceptable with the Lord to build these large congregations, but, is it except if we neglect those small ones? And build only the large ones? If more assistance were given to the small ones, they might build up so that they could assist 'other small ones, which in turn would have more help to spread the Gospel. Then, the question comes, what can we do? And what are rwe doing? I am sure that not many of our preaching brethren, if any, that are not sacrificing any more than they are doing. But, if we may have an eye on the large congregations, and overlook the small congregations, and fail to help the small ones to become strong.

Paul wrote, Rom. 15:1, We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Now, there are two kinds of infirmities, as we could say three namely, Spiritual, Financially and Physically. Since Paul did not specify any certain infirmity, he implied all. Paul also wrote, 1 Thes. 1:8, Far from you sounded out the ward of the Lord, not only in Masedony and Aehi, but, also in every place. Are we going to sound out the word of the Lord? Or will it be just in large congregations? Or are we going to sound it out in every place? What is necessary in such a critical time a_s this to bring a sounding out of the word of the Lord? It seems that the first thing to be done, is far the little congregations to make themselves known. And that they are loyal, and faithful, and ready to do all in their power to spread the Gospel, and to save souls. Next is for the large congregations and the preaching Brethren to do all that they can and cc operate with the small churches in supporting their needs in sounding out their needs, The Gospel. What can we do in sounding out the word of the Lord in every place? Can we sacrifice a little more? Or, are we already doing all we can? I do not mean by this article that anyone is not doing their part. But, the question is what are we, or can we do about it? Let us seriously consider the little congregations, and build them up, if possible. Then, they in turn, can help build some other small congregation. It might be interesting to some to know that there is a few men meeting out about 16 miles from Wichita, Kansas. In the home of Brother Vanderpool. This is the only band of Christians, in this mass (twc-hun_

dred and eighty two thousand) of the city. The writer is at present trying to help those faithful, to encourage them to continue the good fight of faith, while visiting here. May God bless us all, so that we can do more in sounding out the word of the Lord, in every place—is my prayers.

Correspondence and Finance

Jan. 12, 1955

Dear Brother Clements:

Enclosed you will find five-dollars, for It Is Written, the paper. We do enjoy it very much, and want it to keep coming.

We worship at Henry Hill Church of Christ, Stilwell, Oklahoma. We have twelve members, and Brother Jim Brawn and Brother Mack Buckner are the leaders. We think the paper is doing everyone that reads it, much good, and would like to see it doing more. We are proud to see the reports of other churches, elsewhere, and ghat they are doing well. We extend our hearty welcome to any one passing by to stop and worship with us.

Yours in Christ
Frank Brown
Rt. 2—Stilwell, Okla.

We thank you, Brother Brown. I do wish •that all the Churches of Christ would make such reports at once. I am sure that it would be helpful. So we could just turn and see where there is a true Church of Christ. Write when you feel like it, we appreciate those good, peppy letters.

Your Brother in Christ
R. C. Clements

Somerton, Arizona
Dec. 1, 1954

Find enclosed, $10.00, to It Is Written. Anyone passing this way can find a place to meet in Aztec, New Mexico. On the west side Hof the street, upstairs on Main Street in the American Legion Hail, in Aztec. At the last hearing there is a good number of loyal Brethren meeting there. Aztec, New Mexico is on the highway between Albuquerque, N. M. and Durango, Colorado. These brethren, as soon as possible want to buy a lot, and build a building to suit their needs when they are financially able.

Thank you good Brethren, for the information, and may the Good Lord be with you and bless each and every one of you in the goad effort you are making. I do hope, trust, and pray, that the Brethren wake up to the discharge of their duties. Such work is a work that is approved of God, and should be given more attention, in the ;future, than it has been given in the past.

R. C. C.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Dec. 18, 1954	$40.65
Alva Daniels	5.00
Unknown	5.00
Stanley Nimczyk Los Angeles, Calif. Church of Christ	5.00
George Touchstone Broken Bow, Okla.	1.00
Church of Christ Stilwell, Okla.	5.00
Church of Christ Carlsbad, New Mex.	10.00
Total	$71.65
Less Expenses, Paper and stamps	43.00
Balance Jan. 17, 1955	$28.65

P.S. Brethren, I received five dollars from someone that I could not make out the address, or the name. Please whoever sent it to me, send your name and address again, so I can send you some papers. It is my desire to furnish every one the papers that want them. — R. C Clements, Broken Bow, Box 731.

This leaves everything moving along with the church in Broken

Bow nicely. We had about 31 at Church yesterday, a n d several viAtcrs. Brother Treat preached for us, morning and night. Brother Daniels is off in Kansas, or Texas, one or the other. The Church here is gradually on the upbuild. It Iwas set in order here about 39 years ago. Brother Claud Watson and myself are the Elder; and have been for about twenty years, or more. And the church does appreciate visitors, and anyone stopping to visit with us to worship, even if they are not members, we appreciate having them with us.

Church of Christ, Broken Bow, Oklahoma

Brethren, please don't forget to furnish me with the loiotation of the church where you go, names of Elders, or leaders, and (the information I asked for in the January paper. I want to make a bock out, of them and send each and every member of the Church one, so we can know just where and what everyone is doing, for the Lord. So I ask you again, not to neglect this, if you think it a good work. — R. C. C.

The Binding Of Saten

Ri ing from the water of baptisir, is the resurrection. and when the ChrisLians are called from Their graves, will be the second resurrection; which (will be at the last, day, John saw living Christians all along the time he. called a thousand years. (Christians are kings and priests, Rev. 1:6, and are reigning with Christ now. The rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were fin, ished. These that are dead are those whose bodies are dead and are in their graves. And when the thousand years are expired, Saten shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four (corners of the earth. The new Testament was given to guide people in the way of truth, and to keep them from being deceived by Saten. The majority of the religious world does not believe all that is taught in the New Testament. Infidels and half infidels, surround us on every side. Infidelity is taught in the schools. A text book in New Mexico says that scientists had found the bones of prehistoric man, and by putting the bones together, they could tell how he walked, and the man (walking beside the brook, could hear the waters ripple and the leaves rustle, and lie thought it was spirits. How do scientists know what men thought, a whom they have no history? They seem to want the young people to think that he idea of spirits originated with man. The Bible tells us about the first man and also tells us God formed the spirit in man. These so-called scientists claim that man has lived on this earth millions of years. This claim Lontradict what is said in the Bible. Bones of large animals have been found some several feet under the ground and scientists will say that they have been there• for millions *of,* years. Newspapers will publish it without comment, and many people will believe it. Yet it seems more reasonable to believe that they were covered by the flood. ,Saten and his army of infidels are compassing the camp of the saints about at the present time. And fire came down out of heaven and devoured them. Rev. 20:9, 2 Thes. 1:7-10, Paul said, and to you who are troubled rest (with us, when the Lard Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengenee on them that know not God and that ot)-.y not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, who shall be punished wi everlasting destruction flom the presence(of God; and from the Glory of his power. When he shaJl come to be glorified in his '-airns.

(This article was originally written by one of the great soldiers of the Cross, A. J. Jernigan, father of Sister D. E. Atchley of Elk City, Oklahoma. It was not my privelege to have known this servant of Christ, but, having known some of his immediate family. I can say that, it would have been good to have known him and to hear him in his preaching.—C. G.

That We May See

Brethren: 2 Tim. 3:16-17, tells us all :scriptures are given by the inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, tfor reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Some brethren seem to think the reproof and correction is for the other fellow.

We read in 1 Pet. 4:18, "And if the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear." I sometimes think that we worry so much about the ungodly and sinner that we fail to stop 'and realize that the church member will have .a ha rd time being saved. Verse 17 "Judgment MUST begin at the house of God (The church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.)

Math. 5:14-16, Tells us that We C'HRISTIANS (disciples) are the LIGHT OF THE WORLD, and to let our lights so shine BEFORE MEN that they may see our GOOD WORKS and GLORIFY GOD.

Brechren, if we in our DAILY LIFE have little habits and practices whkth even some of our de-Jnominatiortal friends teach against and frown upon, how can we lead them to Christ if the LIGHT of their DAILY life is brighter than OURS.

Rom. 14:21 "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor ANYTHING whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended or is made weak." Shall we do that which causes some never to be led to Christ because our actions are such, they can not see around them and behold the Gospel of Christ.

Let us remove the BEAM from our eyes so we can see clearly to remove the moat, from their eyes, that we both might see clearly and go hand in hand to that home prepared for the FAITHFUL, is my prayer. Written in Love.—Howard McCay, 1615 So. 27th Avenue Yakima, Washington.

For What Should a Sinner Pray

Not for God to love him, for in Jno 3:16. For God so loved the World, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him shoud not perish. He should not pray for light. Psalms 119:130. The entrance of thy word giveth light. Should not pray for understanding. Psalm 119 113, It giveth understanding unto the simple.

Not for the Holy Ghost. Jno 14:16-17, I 'will pray the Father, and he will that he may abide with you, gorever, even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive

He cannot pray for Christ to come unto him. Matt 11:28 Come unto me all ye that are weary, and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Not for Grace. Tit 2:11. For the Grace of God that brinigeth salvation that appeared to all men. Not to forgive sins. Acts 2:38. Peter said repent and be baptiized in the name of Jesus Chrict for the remission of your sins. Nct for •conversion. Ps 19:7. The law of the Lord is perfelet converting the Soul. Not for Faith. Rom. 10: 17. Faith comes by hearing the word of God Not for Salvation.

Acts 11:14 Who shall tell the words whereby thou and all thY house shall be saved. James 1:21, Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.. Mark 16:16, Jesus said he that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved. Not for the New Birth. 1 Pet. 1:22-23. Not of corruptabie seed, but of incorruptable, by the word of God, 'whlich liveth and abides forever. Not for saving Power, Rom. 1:16. I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation. Not to be clean, Jno 15:3. Now you are clean through the word. I have spoken unto you.

Friends, I just don't find a thing a sinner should pray for. And friends, man did not make God's law. And therefore man cannot get into Gods Church, or Christ, by mans laws. It would be nice if we could just go to the alter, and be saved, but that is not Gods way of saving Sinners.

There is only one way of entering into Christ. We find in Isa. 35:8, And an highway ;shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the waY of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it. But, it shall he for the wayfaring man though fools shall not err therein. St. Matt 7:13-14, Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat. Dont you see how easy it would be if you could just go to the alter and get your salvation. But, not so listen to the next verse, because, Strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Friends just think for a moment of all the churches in the world, that get poor unlearned, sinners up to the alter to pray for God to save them, Shame on the one that would teach a poor sinner thp,t way t- salvation. Cods way is as follows.

First, we must hear the Gospel. Acts 3:22-23. For Moses truly said to the Fathers, A prophet shall the Lord, your God, raise unto you, of Your Brethren, like unto me, him shall you hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. We find this Prophet saying in St. Jno 14:6 Jesus sayeth unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life.. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.

There are five steps we must take to enter into Chrtst. And neither one of them is knealing at the alter to pray through.

First, we must hear, as I have stated, Next we must believe the Gospel. Heb. 11:16. Without faith it's impossible to pleaSe God, for he that con to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. 11lease read Acts 16:31, Mark 16:16. We must repent of our sins. Acts 3:19. Repent, ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Read Acts 17:30. Next we must confess Jesus Christ. Matt. 10:32. Whosoever shall confess me before men, nim will I confess ;before my Father which is in Heaven, Rom. 10:10. For with the hear', man believeth in righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Read Acts 8:36-37. Next we must be baptized. The fifth, and final step to put us, into Christ. Let us read St. Jno 3:5. This man Nichodemus was a ruler of the Jews ,and he wanted to learn how to get into the church. He came to Jesus bY night, to ask the question and Jesus answered: Verily, verily I say unto you, except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. (cr the body of Christ). And on the Pentaccst, when the people heard the Gospel, what did Peter tell the people to do? No he never said to them: "Come to the mourners ben2h and pray for God," to save them. He told them to repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. Acts 2:38.

Next, let us see farther, Acts 22:16. Now why tariest thou? Arise and be baptized, -and wash away your sins. Calling on the name of the Lord. Friends, n w

when we have obeyed God, he will hear us. If we have done it from the heart Now just a word in passing about sinners prayer. In St. Jno 9:31. Now we know that God heareth not sinners, but, if any man be a worshipper of him, and doeth his will, him he heareth. Prov. 15:29. The Lord is far from the wicked, but he heareth the prayers of the righteous. Prov. 15:8. The sacrifice of the wicked, is an abomination to the Lord. But, the prayers of the upright is his delight,

Friends, if God be true in his word, and we know that his ward is true, a sinner is not saved until he has taken those five steps into salvation. I trust that this will be a help to someone somewhere, is my prayer to God through Jesus Christ.

Written in love.—Willie Doan, Rt. 151 A, Brtken Bow, Uklahorna.

A Bible Church—How Can It Be Proven

By the word of God. By speak- bread before they ate of it we ing where the Bible speaks, and should be willing to do likewise. keeping silent where it is silent. And, unless we can read those And if we all do that, there won't things in God's word, The New be any divisions among us, God Testament, we should be willing is not the author of contusion, but to leave off such teaching. If we, of Peace, as in all the churches of all those who claim to be the the Saints. We will all be of one Church of Christ, would do that, mind, and all of us will speak what a wonderful church it would the same thing. If we will just be in just a short time, but, as long speak as the word of God guides as we continue to speak where us to speak. If I can show you the Bible is silent, and keep si- where the Church of Christ had lent where it speaks, those that Sunday School by the Bible would do such are going to suffer the you have Sunday School in the vengance of eternal fire. Brethren Church of Christ? why not quit teaching things that

Yes Sir, and do it gladly. you cannot read in God's word,

If I can show you where they and only teach what is plainly had instrumental music in the taught in the new testament ? Church of Christ, will you put it Then God will bless you, and pay in the Church of Christ? you for your labor. But, as it is,

Be glad to. Isa. 4:1, Is being fulfilled to a

If I can show you where they letter, and there is no way of had individual cups in the church denying it, and also, Isa. 5:7-8. of Christ, will you put them in Today the church is being divided the Church of Christ? until it cannot be placed alone. It

Glad to. We should be willing is mixed up with the sects so to do anything that the Bible tells much that it is hard to tell one us to do, •or gives us an example from the other. Brethren, it is for if Christ tells us that he high time to bring things to a brake and ate the bread, or ate halt. If we ever reach that sweet of the bread when instituting his home of the soul. I know and so supper, or used fermented wine do you, that God is not well plea- in his supper, we should be willing sed with the way his church is do- to obey his pattern. If Christ com- ing. — R. C. C. manded his disciples to break the

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Did Christ Eat and Drink

This• is a question that has been pondered over more than any question in the New Testament, I believe. And yet, it is one of the most simplest in the New Testament. If so wherein does the

Scriptures tell us so? Some say Christ ate first. Some say he ate last. Some say he never ate at all Now just what are we going to believe? One will reason one way and another in another way. Each on using his way cf reasoning. But, how we are going to take •Gods way of reasoning, The word of God'? We have four patterns of the Lords Supper, that Christ gave. There is no varience in those scriptures. Each one leads to the very same practice. How am I going to score, between what Christ has said, and what man has said, Matt. 26:26. Christ took bread, and bles.3ed it, and brake it, and ate of it, and gave it to the Disciples and said, break it. Take eat, this is my body. Mark 14:23, Jesus took bread and blessed, and brake it, and eat of it, and gave to them, take break, take eat, this is my body.

Luke 22:19. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and ate of it, and gave unto them saying, take break it,and eat of it,1 this is my body, which is given for you; this do in remembrance of me.

1 Cor. 11:24. And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and ate of it, and said, take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me.

Now .same tells us that this do, means to do what Christ had done, so let us try that out. Christ took bread, blessed it, and brake it. and gave it to the Disciples, and said eat. Those are, the word4 our Savior spoke to his Disciples. The night that he •gave the pattern for his Supper, that was to be placed in his Kingdom for his Children to eat and drink,

Now, if we are to do as some claim, this do, means to do what Christ did. The one that Christ gave the bread to, must take the bread, bless the bread, break the bread, and eat the bread. And each member of the Church must do likewise, both men and women.

Question

When a member of the Church of Christ quits the church at a ripe old age and takes in with another kind of a church, and after a few years their hair is full gray, and he quits and joins another, his hair is not any grayer, but they are more tottery. There is no demand for them any longer. WHAT WILL BE THEIR NEXT CHANGE? It will be to bad.

We have had much experience with just such, and we are sorry for those kind of folks. They are to be pitied, instead of being censored. I have been told by some that once claimed to be members of Christ's Church, and had gone off after dilusions, that they finally got saved and the way it happened. While they were at work, something came down and hit them right in the top of the head, like a sledge hammer, and knocked them down, and he lay there, he never knew how long, and when he came to, he had salvation, and now he knows he is saved.

Others tell me here in Broken Bow that when you believe, you can do such works as the Apostles did. Now there are hundreds of them that claim they believe, but, I never see any signs following them, and they tell me that if I believe, I can do those miracles. And they quote Mark 16:17-18. Now I know that all of us would be glad if they icould do those things. And according to their doctrine, they could if they just believed. And all of them will tell us that they believe, but, not one of them have I ever been able to see them heal a tick bite. Or even do one thing in that line, that I can't do or even a reproach can't do. Yes those people claim various things, I know. But the Scriptures tells us to show our Faith without works, and I will show. you my Faith by my works. Faith, without works, is dead, being alone. James 2:17. The Dev.1

believed. James 2:19 Did the Devil perform the works• as the Apostles did? No, and so do those preachers of today know that they do not the things that they say they do. That's nc•t ignorance, it's just deceiving some good honest person, that is seeking for the truth, and don't know how to find it. God's word tells us to study the Scriptures, for in them, ye think ye have) eternal life, but those are they that testify of me. Not what some man tells you to do. Don't follow after what some man is preaching. I admit that you, or many are honest. They think that what their preacher is telling them is Bible, and that's the reason it tells you to study them. You think that you have eternal life in them, but it tells you, and me, that we just think that we have eternal life in them, just because some preacher tells you so. But these Scriptures is they that testify of him. And when you take the word of God for your guide, you are not going wrong.

C. C.

Next Is The Name

Many will say, "There's nothing in a name." One name is just as good as another. Now if you think so, why do you require your wife to wear your name? Oh, you will say, that's different for a church name. I mean there's nothing to a church name. To that, I partly agree, but, God had a name for his Family, and he said the whole family, in heaven, and earth was named of that name. E•ph 3:14-15, and 2 Cor. 5:20. We are to be reconciled to God. Elh. 2:46. And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body, by the cross. Col. 1:18, tells us that He (Christ) is the head oif the body, the CHURCH. And yet we hear them say, there's nothing in a name. What a shame.

Then, again, if there's nothing in a name, why divide the church over such? Why not take• the Lame that we can read about in the word of God? Just why not? You say that erre church is just as good as another. You say that just so we are honest, it makes no difference. Why divide the people over such?

What makes a Nazarine, anyway?

Ans: Christ went to Nazareth, that he might be called a meek and lowly Nazarine. Then would we not be bound to do the very same thing? You know that you would.

What makes a Baptist?

Let W. U. D. tell us. Jno was ich? Now, go with me to St. Mark

Baptist? Because he was baptized folks, that's 'why. There never was such a thing as a Baptist Church for hundreds of years after John the Baptist was dead.

I'll tell you, if ignorance was bliss, there would be a bunch of the most blessed people today, and earth was that ever existed.

Yes, we have some folks all the time harping on fermented wine, and fermented wine must be the drink element in the Lord's Supper. And it, only, can be used, and talk about pressing something on display of learning they do. It is simply marvelous, and yet they can't give one passage of Scripture, or tell you where to find such. Nowhere, either in the lids of the Old, or New Testament. It is just not to be found. And they will turn to 1 'Ger. 11; Paul told them in plain words here that they had not come together to eat the Lord's Supper. Paul told them, that they were drunk, and had already eaten, and was drunken. And not one word was said' about what they got drunk on. But, they said it was ermented wine. Now, isn't that going to do with the Lord's Supper? Why would that bind fermented wine ,on the church? Now, go with me to St. Mark

14:25 And there you will find Christ called it, Fruit of the Vine. Isa. said, it was wine in the cluster. If wine, in the cluster, I am sure it was wine, out of the cluster, until it fermented. And if fruit of the vine, in the cluster, it was still fruit of the vine when it soured. And such arguments as they are raising over fermented wine is disgracing the Church, Christ died for. it is a shame.

Christ broke the bread in the instituting of his supper, and ate, and drank. There is not one passage of Scripture in the New or Old Testament, that even hints such. Brethren, just such doctrines as those is not worthy of notice. Just the Devils food to tear the Church up. Just like the Apostle Paul said to them, "I hear that there is a division among you, and I partly beieve it. Brethren, the only thing for us to do is to follow God's plan Come out from among them, and have no fellowship with them. For, they be of such as serve their own bellies, and not the Lord, Jesus Christ. Just count, them a sect, and let them go.

You are just casting your pearls before swine. — R. C. C.

Withdrawing Fellowship

Who does the withdrawing?

If the Church is going along in peace and harmony, and some brother gets some idea in his head Lat the worship is not in harmony with word of God, and quits because he can't get the balance of the Church to do as he thinks is the way, is he not the one that has done the withdrawing?

To be sure he is, whether he is right or wrong, he withdrew from ,he rest of the Church, And disfellowshipped those that disagreed with him. And so it goes today. Those that have introduced such as the Sunday School. They had to leave the Church that Christ built, to have such. And so it was with the instrumental music. 1 was in Texas at the time that the instrumental music came into Texas, and it divided the Church.

Who did it? Anyone ought to know that, the ones who introdu ced it were to blame for it.

Who was to blame for the individual !cups?

The ones that introduced them.

Who was to blame for trying to make it a law for the Church to use fermented Wine only?

Those that introduced it.

Who was to blame for this bread braking thet ry?

The ones that introduced such.

Now, I am going to say that I don't believe that any of those theories can be traced back over one hundred and tatty years. And in this country, I doubt if they will reach oveir seventy-five years. So, let us go back and come again. Those that have the Sunday School. They don't even claim that it is a Bible practice. They say that they want it, and are going to have it, beiause they like it.

Those that use the instrumental of music, and individual i3tips, they know that there is no Scripture for such, and regardless of what the word of God tells us, there's no use of fooling with such folks. That's what they want, and 'chat's what they are going to have. But, when it comes to the fermented wine, it seems to me that at least a part cf those Brethren are honest. But, how far back can such practice be traced? Not over thirty years, at the best,. Who started such?

Some man, of course.

What did he do by starting such a practice?

He caused division and withdrew from the Church that would not endorse him.

Now, I lihallange just any of those brethren to just give one passage oft Scripture in the New Testament where, at any time any such practice was ever carried on in the Church of Christ.

Where that the Scriptures, New

Testament, at any time gave the authority for such as the Sunday School, Women Teachers, Instrumental music, Individual cups, Where 'Christ ever ate, and drank, and used fermented wine in his communion, or commanded such to be done. Just one place, is all that is necessary. When you do, I don't believe that there is one in the old Church of Christ that will hesitate one minute to accept it, whatever it may be.

Brethren, let's all get together. If we are wrong, we are just, wrong. And if the other fellow is wrong, he is just wrong. And if he goes to the judgment that way, it's just too' bad. If he is advocating something that he can't read in the New Testament, he is causing division in the Church of Christ. And the Scriptures tell us to mark them that cause divisions, and he will stand in the judgment with that mark on him, if he doesn't repent of that sin.

Yes, they will stand in the pulpit, and howl such things are such a small thing to divide the Church over. But, there are but a very few that 'will stop their divisions for the truth, though they know better. And then they will go off and howl, they divided the church over such things that had never been carried on in the church at that plact, Then who divided the Church at that- place. Any man knows, that has a reasonable amount of common sense, it was the one that tried to, or did bring in some doctrine that had never been taught there.

But then those who do such will howl, Oh, they have divided the church. And go all over the country telling such. And the Scriptures tells- us in plain words, that false teachers shall arise right up among us, and draw away Lisciples after them, speaking lies, in hypocracy, having their conscience seared -as with a hot iron. I am telling you, Brethren, it- is time to obey what God has said to do. WA"TC'H! WATCH! WATCH !

You cannot he too careful. At the best I can do I misjudge very often. Even though I take lessons from things that have happened here before. rPerilous times are here. The departnig from the Faith is here. I am afraid that God, and may -God, is iiicsmpassing• the camps of the Saints. I feel that the Church -of Christ hasn't got but a very short time to fight the good fight of Faith, I might be wrong, I am not- inspired, only by the word of God.— R. C, C.

Now What Have We Got

We have Isa. 4:1, flufilled to the letter, which cannot be denied. But, what else do we have? We have at least two-thirds of the preacher Brethren preaching for the Sunday School, and wo4me1 we have?
teachers 'Churches.

What else do we have?

We have a small bunch preaching for the individual cups.

What else?

We have a little bunch preaching for the bread breaking hobby.

What else do 'we have?

We have the fermented wine hobby, endorsed by a small bunch

So, Brethren, now what do we ourselves have?

Just a very small percent of the Church today still standing for what it did almost 1900 years ago. Almost extinct, barely struggling for existance, fig'hting a loosing battle every day of its life.

Now in conclusion I will say, I Challange either one of those Churches that has gone off n such digressions to give ono chapter, or verse, for ouch practice as they claim. And, in the very same chapter, you read your practiioe, I will read the other fellows practlitte. One is just as far from the teaching of Gods word as the other. And any other church regardless of name or creed, is just as good as yours. When you leave the word of God, and take off after the doctrines, and com-

mandments of man, you are just as guilty as the other man you are trying to condemn. The very minute that the Church of Christ takes the doctrines of man for their guide, it ceases to be the Church of Christ, and becomes the property of man.

Brethren, you had better begin to think of what you are doing. You are becoming just as those seven Churches of Asia was, and God is going to remove his candlestick out from among you, unless you repent. Those are the very things that are dividing the Church, and the Scriptures tell us to mark them that are causing division. So, any man, that is causing division in the Church of Christ is marked by the God of Heaven. — **E. C. C.**