IT IS WRITTEN

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Letters Of Encouragement

Dear Bro. 'Clements, Prehaps I have put off writing too long to get the church that meets at 61 North Jefferson St., Eugene, Oregon. You were making up of Loyal Congregations to put in the directory. I believe that we worship God according to his will. We use one cup, and have no Bible classes. Since Bro. McCoy's death we have quit reeiving any It Is Written. I really enjoy the articles in it and hope you will send us some in the future.

Your Brother in Christ,

L. M. Starnes
233 South C. Street,
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I certainly do thank you Brother Starnes. Such letters as yours are certainly encouraging to all of us. We are doing our best to get the truth before the world. In as nice a manner as we have the ability to do it. May the Lord bless the church there is my prayers for all the faithful in Christ.

R. C. Clements,
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Dear Brother Clements,

I am writing in regards to the paper, It is Written. We enjoy reading it very much. And I am sending you two names to send the paper to. I am sending a dollar and hope to send more later on.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mrs. Merle McKiney,
1802 So. 24th Ave.
Yakima, Washington

Thank you, Sister McKiney for the good work you are doing. May God bless you all there. And may others take this lesson from you and go to work more for the Lord is our prayers for the Churches of Christ everywhere.

From your brother in Christ
R. C. Clements,
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Information Desired

Dear Brother Clements,

Do you know of a church in Southern California where t he man who officiates at the Lords table breaks the loaf into pieces, and gives it to the Disciples, as Jesus did? I know of just one little congregation here in Temple City. We would like to find another congregation out here that does the same if there is one. I agree with Good Speed Translation. In first Cor. 11:23, he says, For I myself received of the. Lord the account I pass on to you. That the Lord Jesus the night he was betrayed took some bread and broke it in pieces saying, This is my body which takes your place, Do this in memory of me. The twen-

ntieth century. New Testament, translates it thus; Then Jesus took some •bread and after thanking God, broke it in pieces, and gave it to them saying as he did it so; This is my body (which is now to be given on your behalf.)

But it seems to me that the King James version is plenty plain enough, for it says, Jesus took bread, blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples and said, take, eat, this is my body. In order to give one loaf to twelve disciples it would be necessary to twelve pieces.

Yours for the truth and righteousness,

N. E. Kellems,
Texas City, Calif.

Question

If a loaf was broken in twelve pieces, would it be a loaf? If so would it not be a broken loaf? If the loaf was broken in two pieces would it not be a broken loaf ? And if a part of it was eaten would it not be just a part of a loaf broken in pieces? Sure, and certain it would, when any part of the loaf is gone, it would not be the whole loaf. And so if one part was gone, you could not give the tieth Century New Testament, just said he brake the bread. Ohrist never said how many pieces he brake it in. It might a been two pieces and it might of been two dozen pieces. But there is one thing sure, Christ is the only one that is said anything about braking the bread. He gave the pattern and we are to follow his patternand command. Take, eat, this is my body which its broken for you. 1 Cor 11:24. The command to the disciples was to eat. And Christ said he had already broke the bread for the disciples. Why add to Gods word and say that we must brake the bread again after the one at the table has broken it? Just why will brethren divide the church over such is a mystery to me. Cause division in the church over such plain language. May God help us to laydown such contentions and just do as Christ gave the example. Let the one at the table brake the bread and the members all eat of the bread. BODY. And then what a great church woold be here on earth. If all of the different divisions would come back to the truth, as God has given us, there wouldn't be too many of us at the best. But as it is over just such, is a shame.

It. C. Clements, Box 731
Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

Woe Be To Them . . .

Woe be to them that chant to the sound of evil, and lie upon the flowery beds of ease, and eat the fat of the flock, and invent to themselves instruments of music like David.

liCor. 14:36. Let the women keep silent in churches.

1Tim.2:12. I suffer not a woman to teach, nor usurp authority over the man.

Titus 2:3-4. That the aged women likewise. That they may teach the younger women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste keepers at home.

Who is to do this teaching? The elderly women.

Matt. 16:18. Upon this rock I will build my church. Who said that? Christ. He was doing the

talking. Whose church was it? It was Christs.

Col. 1:18. And he is the head of the body, the Church. Who is the t.ead ? Christ. Ephe. 1:22. And gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body. Whose's body was it? It was Christs. Ephe 4:4. There is one body. How many bodies are there? Just one. Ephe. 4:5. There is one faith, one Lord, one baptism. How many were there of them? Just one.

Col. 3:17. What ever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord. To do a thing in the name of the Lord, is it not to do it by his authority? Do you not get his authority from Gods word? Sure You do. Then where did Christ give you the authority for your Sunday school? Did God order the Sunday school in the church? NO. Did Christ? NO. Did the Holy Spirit? NO. Did the Ap_ ostles? NO. Then who is its father? Robert Rakes. So read Col. 3:17 again.

Did Matt. 26:26 say cups? No. What did he say? He sad cup. Did Mark say cups? No. He said cup. Did Luke say cups? No. He said cup. Did Cori say cups? No. He said cup. Then who did say CUPS? MAN.

Did Christ eat of the bread when he broke it in his supper? NO. Then who said he did? Man. By what authority do they say so? By the authority of man. Matt. never said so. Mark never said so. Luke never said so. Neither did Cor. The only source that they get for such is from man.

How many churches? About 600. How many faiths? Just as many as there is churches or more How many Lords? Just as many as there is churches. How many Baptism? One bible baptism. And many man baptism's.

First Baptist church in 1607 by John Smith. First in America 1629 by Rogers Williams. Missionary Baptist, 1833. Quakers, 1650. Methodist by Charles and John Wesley, 1728. Mormons by Joseph Smith, 1830. Nazerenes by F. S. Breses, 1885. So called Jehova Witnesses by Charles T. Russel, 1884. Holy Rollers, Church of God, 1914. Aamie McPhearson by Aamie McPhearson about 1925. This is lust a few dates of the birth of churches. Many more can be given right here in this good old U.S.A. And I am warning the churches of Christ now, be careful, watch your steps, don't fall in with everything that you hear, or you may stand a good chance to fall for some other doctrine that the word of God says nothing about. And my last warning is WATCH.

Sister Nolan Deceased

Sister Colen Nolen, one of our dear sisters in Christ passed away about July the 24. She was a faith ful worker in Christ. She moved to Fort Bragg, Calif. some time ago. We trust that her dear family will follow in her steps with God, same day, that was her greatest desire. And may the Lord bless them and may they some day become Christians.

Bro Ed Stout was buried today July the 26. Brother Stout was , one of the first Elders of the church of Christ, in its infancy. He was one of my best friends. Although he had quit the church severay years ago during the first division and never attended the church very much more. We pray that some day his family may return to the simple teaching of the word of God. May the Lord help them to do so is our prayers.

R. C. Clements.

It Is Written

Matt. 4:4. It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. This is a statement that was made a long time ago and made by one that is our example. 'Bet. 2:21. For he once suffered for us and left us and example, that we should follow his steps. 22V. Who did no sin, neither was guilt found in his mouth. 25V. For ye were as sheep going astray, but are now returned to the Sheppard and Bishop of your soul. In 3:25. Who is now gone into Heaven and is on the right hand of God. Angles and authorities being made subject un to him. Therefor he that will love life and see good days let him rerain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile. l'Pet 3:10. Why should he be this kind of person? 3:18 tells us for Christ has also suffered for sins the just for the unjust, that lie might bring us to God. Now if ye be reproached for the name of Christ for happy are ye, for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you 1Pet. 4:14-15, but let none of you suffer as a murder or as a theif, or a evil doer or as a busy body in other mens matters. 17V, for the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of the Lord, and the house of God is the church of God. 1Cor. 1:1-2. Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing as unto a faithful creature. 1Pet. 4:19. And in 1Pet. 5:6. Humble there for yourselves unto the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time For if we receive the whitness of man, the whitness of God is greater.lJno. 5:9. And he that hath the son hath life.And he that hath not the son of God, ,hath not life. lJno 5:12. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness, to everyone that believeth, Rom. 10:4. Rom. 12:1-42. I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice holy and exceptible to God, which is your reasonable service and be ye not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that you may prove that which is good and exceptible and perfect will of God, and recompence no evil for evil, provide things honest in the sight of all men, 1Rom. 12:17. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Born. 14:7.

Let us put on the whole armor of God. Written in love of the truth. - Lloyd Treat, Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
July 24, 1955

Bro, A. M. Rennels	
Elk City, Okla.	$ 5.00
Bro. Howard Studer	
Lorensa, Texas	10.00
Willie Doaks	
Broken Bow, Okla.	1.00
Sister Merl McKiney	
Yakima, Wash.	1.00
Church of Christ (Bro. Niemczyk)	
Los Angeles, Calif.	5.00
Church of Christ (James Vanderpool)	
Peck, Kansas	5.00
S. E. Stout	
Eola, Texas	19.00
Church of Christ (W. A. Nelson)	
Somerton, Arizona	10.00
TOTAL	$56.00
Balance due 6.17-55	.18.90
Paper and stamps	42.00
Sub Total , ...	$60.00
Bal. due 7 24 55	$4.00

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BRETHREN:

I am sure thankful for the nice contributions this time, and all others. I am not well, but just as long as the Church shows their ap-

predation as they are, I am at your service. And so are Bro. Daniels and Bro. Treat. Both of them are back at home now. We had a ni,e .crowd at Church last Lord's day. Bro. Daniels preached in the forenoon and Bro. Treat that night. We were sure glad to see them back.

May the Lord ;bless all the Faithful, is our Prayers. — R. C. C.

Did Christ Eat Of His Supper

Having heard so much ado concerning the Lord's Supper and whether or not Christ partook, I have come to the conclusion that it would be ex1Pedierit for me to write somewhat about it.

To arrive at a sensible and sane conclusion concerning any subject, one should begin at the beginning. We find that the Lord Jesus took bread, blessed, broke, and gave to the disciples, saying as He did so, "Take, Eat this is my body." Matt. 26:26. The witness of at Lord's Supper is more or less corroborated by all the other Bible witnesses. The question is, Brethren, should we go beyond what is written, and violate God's law?

The Church Of Christ is full of arrogant men, who today seem to think that they know more than the Lord, and the Holy Spirit, who inspired these holy men to write these words. If the Lord did partake, the scriptures are conspi cuosly aiiient on the matter ,

I should like to ask Bro. Ervin Waters where and how he came to the conculsion that Jesus ate of the unleavened 'bread, and drank of the fruit of the vine, when he instituted his supper, He said in his little booklet that Jesus did.

Bro. Don McCord said, "The breaking in the bible includes or infers' the eating. Christ brake the bread, and I am convinced he ate it." Bro. Don, where did you learn that little morsel of "truth". Bro. Don, when you said that "breaking the bread in two pie..:es-dividing the Body of Christ," did you not know that you are doing worse, you and your brethren? If we break it once and "di:vide" the Body of Christ, how many times is that body divided when EACH communicant breaks, as you and your brethren practice? Consistancy, indeed, is a jewel.

It is stated in Luke 22:15 that Christ desired to at the passover with his disciples before he suffered. That he ate, is obvious. In verse 16, it is recorded, "For I say unto You, I will not any more EAT thereof until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God." What was it o which he ATE in the passover? Was it not bread? If he ate immediately following his observance of the passover, did he not contradict himself? It would rather seem so.

And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the. fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." Verse 17 I do not contend that this was in the passover, but I definately do contend that this was prior to the institution of the Lord's supper. Notice he said, "take this." He never once said that it was his 'blood."

Question: Did not Jesus use the same ingredients in the institution of the Lord's Supper? If he said that he would not eat, and then said he. would not drink, how say some that he did eat and drink immediately following when he instituted the Lord's Supper? Is this not adding to God's word?

Psa. 41:9, "Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, Which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me." It is said that this proves that Christ

at$_e$ off the communion bread with Judas, who "lifted his heel" against him. "My bread" proves nothing in this instance. Jno 13:18-19, "I speak not of you ,a1:1: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, he that eateth bread with me, hath lifted UP his heel against me. Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He." Some contend that Christ was here foretelling that fact that he would eat bread with Judas. But notice how Jesus repeats himself almost immediately afterward.

St. Jno 14:28-29 (on the same occasion), "Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. AND NOW I HAVE TOLD YOU BEFORE IT COME TO PASS, THAT, WHEN IT IS COME TO PASS, YE MIGHT BELIEVE." Christ was here foretelling his betrayal and death, and going to the Father. Where did he say that he ate of the communion bread with Judas ? It's up to these men to tell us where the scripture is that teaches this.

"This" fruit of the vine. Chn'st used the same elements in the Lord's Surfer that he had present with him. The, fruit of the vine which he called, my blood, was from the same source as the fruit of the vine which he partook of prior to the establishment of the Supper.

Why make a contention over a scripture which has not a grain of sand for these men to stand on, and divide the Body of Christ?

Why do we believe Christ took bread? Because Matt. said so.

Why do we believe Christ brake bread? Because Matt. said so.

If no gospel witness stated that Christ ate of the bread, or drank of the cup, why do these arrogant men insist on teaching that he did and continue to divide the body of Christ over it?

More later.
Your for the one faith,
John D. Logan, Broken Btow, Oklahoma

Broken Bow Oklahoma

Brother John D. Logan of Cerese, 'California, has just closed a good meeting here in Broken Bow. It was one Of the most interesting meetings, I think, that we have ever had. Brother Logan is a young man, and has a great future ahead of him, and is needed to be in the work study all of the time. He has done some great work in this part of Oklahoma every one that heard him was out of several different churches, of kinds, and all praised Brother Logan for his work.

Brethren, we need more preachers in the field, the harvest is ripe, and workers are few. Now Is the time to strike. We are planning on having one or two more meetings this year in, or near, Broken Bow. I feel sure that if the meeting 'could have gone on over another week we would have had several more additions. One dear Sister was baptised, and I am sure that others will follow soon. Brother Daniels preached for us last Lords Day, July 17. Most all the members were present, and some v):'sitors. May the Lord help us to get into the fight, and press the work for more. souls. Quit this ,hobby riding and work for the Lord. I know there are a few that are kicking, instead of pulling. But, there is one thing sure, and that is, they are like the old horse, just as long as they are kicking they are not puling, and when

they (*:Lt kicking, then they can go to pulling, and not before. Brethren let each of us go to pulling. Just as long as you are kicking, you are going backward, and eventually you will go over backwards into the ditch. It never fails. You may kick some honest Brother into the ditch, but, you are going to receive condemnation for such work. I have never seen it fail. Vengeance is mine, thus sayeth the Lard, Rom. 12:18. Yes, I knew of some that claim to be of the Church of Christ, and most of all that they are doing is kick, kick. Just like the old horse. Well, all that we can do, generally for them doesn't help one bit, seemingly. Yes, Brethren, I hear of a few that is kicking on me far and near, that are writing some hard things about me, but, I thank God for one thing and that his I have the whole Church behind me, and can furnish any one with such letters Of recommendations to go anywhere. Not only from the Church, but from the citizens of Broken Bow, Oklahoma. — R. C. Clements.

Does God Approve Of Backsliders?

There are many ways we can be a backslider, and not know it if we don't study and obey the Lord in the way he drew up the plan. When you build a house, you have a plan, and it must be built according to the plan. And so with God. He has a plan, and no other will do.

First let us go to Jeri. 2:19, Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, ard the backslider shall reprove thee, know therefore that it is an evil thin and bitter that thou hast foresaken the Lord thy God. And that my fear is not in thee, sayeth the Lord God of Host. Cne way we can be a backslider is after we become Christians, is just sit down ard do nothing for Cod or not lift him up as in Hosea 11.7, And my people are bent to ba ksliding from me, though they called them to the most High, none at all would exalt him. Another way to backslide is to have his own way, and discard Gods way as in Prov. 14:14. The backslider in his own heart (or mind) shall be filled in phis own ways. There is a lot of work for a Christian to do, more than the best of us can hardly do, and please God at all times as we find in Heb. 4:11, Let us therefor labor to enter into that rest, lest man fall after the example of unbelief. We can also backslide by having the things)in the Church that God did not put there. Such as not braking the bread in the Lords Supper, and having cups and not cup, and having women teachers, when God fonbids them to teach in the 'Chur. ch, and to keep silent, and such in. strumental music in the Church of Christ, Sunday School, hired pastors, brak'ng the bread individually, next having the one that waited on the Lords table to eat and drink first.

We find in 2 Chronicles, Thc, Spirit of the Lord come upon Zacbariah, the Priest which stood a'ove the people, and said unto them, "Thou sayeth God, why transgr-rs ye the commandments of the Lord that ye cannot prosper because ye have foresaken the Lord. He has also foresaken you. Why 0 why will you not stop your way and return to the Lord, he iwill forgive you and make you w'n ole."

A s in Jeri. 3:22, Return ye backsl'ding children, and I will heal your backsliding. If we will just do what the Bible tells us to do, no more, or no less, our feet will stop slipping.

As in Psalms 37:31, The law of his God is in his heart; none of

hi$_s$ stems shall slide. We can back-
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sl:de by wandering off after strange things, such as I have just mentioned earlier. They have not seen what the word of God said about it as we find in Jeri. 14:10, Thus sayeth the Lord unto his people, thus have they loved to wander, they have not refrained their feet, therefore the Lord doth not accept them; He will now remember their iniquities, and vis,'t their sins. We must bare all kinds of things that man must say or do to us, and live a clean consecrated life, and do good, ,and love, and pray for those that do us evil,

2 Tim. 2:12, if we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He will also deny us. And friends, we are denying Him when we put any of those things in the Church of our Lord that He did not command us to put them in there. We know there are many false doctrines, some of them will just change a little here and a little there, until it is hard to keep from thinking they are right. But, let us go to the beginning of man and see just what a man got into by lust changing one l'ttle word of God's. It brought death upon all the human race. Let us begin in Gen. 2:16-17, And He told Adam Thou shall not eat of it, (the tree in the midst of the Garden) for in the day thou shalt eat thereof thou shalt surely die. Note in ch. 3:V4, and the serpent said unto th$_e$ woman, Ye shall not surely die. Let us see if changing the word of God, just one word, will cause us to be lost. Gen. 3:17 And unto Adam he said thou hast harken unto the voice of the woman and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shall not eat of)lt, cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall thou eat of it all the days of thy life. Read to verse 24 You can see that we must be on our guard at all times, St. Luke 21:v6. Watch ye therefore and nray always that ye may be counted worthy to escape all those things that shall came to pass, and to stand before the son of man. Just a few words to my sinner friends who have never $_s$tarted in the way of my Lord. It is time for you to think about becoming a Christian. There is only one way to enter the family of God, Isa. 35:8 and Matt. 7:22-23. Must hear the gospel, Acts 3:22-23. Rom. 10:13-15, Jno. 5:40, Rev 3:2. Believe the gospel, Heb. 11:6 Acts 16:31. Repent of your sins. Acts 3:19. Acts 17:30. Luk. 13:3. Confess Christ. .Matt. 10:32. Acts Rom, 10:10. Be baptised. Mark 16:16. Acts 2:38. Acts 22:16 Rom. 6:4. 1Pet. 3:21. May this 'be of help to some one is my prayer.

Written in love *of* the truth,

Willie Doans, Rt. 1, 51A,
Broken Bow, Oklahoma.

An Open Letter

BRETHREN:

I hope that all would enjoy the little paper, It Is Written. I have been doing my best to please all the Brethren, with what God has given us. God forbid that I use anything but God's word. If I did God would hold m$_e$ responsible for such. Therefore, I must please God though I displease some man, And I feel that most of the Church has appreciated what I and the other Brethren have been tryng to do. God knows our hearts better than any man. I never took the paper to please some, or any man that didn't care for the truth, and it's impossible to please any man that thinks himself smarter, and above other Brethren. I know, and realize that there are many other of the Brethren that are, more

able than I to handle the paper, and do so with love, but this fell to my lot to take it, and I have never taken any kind of work of the Lords for the money nor praises of any man, and Brethren if I have to carry on disputes through It Is Written, right there and then I sten down. I mean with Brethren between Brethren publically. And if there are no divisions in the Church of 'Christ until I do that, there will never be one. I believe in rehashing with one another, but not bcifore the world. But, if a Brother comes in contact with the world, then I say defend the Gospel with him. So far as debating is concerned, I think but very little of it anyhow. Now B,:ahren, as I see things, the thing that we should do is teach the word of God, to the lost and dying world, and keep our differences out of the paper ,and to ourselves, and reason with each other. I pray that God will help us to get a lesson from the past, and this one that I am trying to give in the ,humblest manner that I knave how.

Wife and I are not too well. We have had our hands full for some time. The cares of this life and the one to come are trying on us, but each one has his burden to bear and many times, other Breth_ Ten's burdens become a part of our burdens, and there are no Quitting places while in this life. All the Brethren are very well, and we are having very good crowds out to Church, and hope to some day have more to help bear the burden. But, on the other hand, it seems that there its not much hope to be had. But we can't stop. Now Brethren, there is one thing I want to mention, and that La the Finance for the paper. It is running low, and keeps me guessing the cause. I know of some that have knocked on the paper, and all of the that are doing that, but one, never have contributed one cent to the paper. Nor even written one article for it.

Brethren, such as that is a shame to Christianity, and God is going to take revenge on such sometime. Why will not all of us that are not working as we should, go to work and help build, instead of tear down? May the Lord help us do our part. If we see where some Brother is missing the mark either go to him privately, or write him privately and try to show him his mistake. Dn't jump n him rugh shd, and cause offences. That is not the spirit of a Christian. That's what the Devil is wanting you to do. If he asks you a question, in the spirit of love, answer him in the same way. If he doesn't accept it, you don't gain him by abusing him. You only make bad matters worse.

Brethren, no one hates division in the Churdh any worse than I do. If I had known that I would have had to have gone through NN.1.-th what I have in the Church of Christ, I doubt that I would have ever started on the road.

Now, back to the paper question. I enjoy tryong to advance the cause of Christ through It Is Written. I certainly do enjoy reading miticles from other Brethren. II read them very often, and receive mulch good from them.But, it is not long before we will be forced to lay such down, and then the work that we are doing will stop and the cause of Christ will suffer unless others take up the fight.

Now Brethren, don't think that It Is Written is going to stop, so long as the Church will stand behind those that are in the fight and work. Our meeting will be over at Broken Bow, before this reaches anyone. We aimed to advertise it more, but Brother Logan was to come this way the 23 of June, and said that he would stop and hold our meeting for us. So we are making arrangements for same to begin June 24. But, we plan to have one later on this fall

if it's the Lords will. And we will try to announce it some time ahead so that we may have more visitors with us. But at any time any one is coming this way, you are invited to stop and worship with us, or visit with us during the II week. And if, at any time any of our preachers is or can come by, just let us know, and we make arrangements for us to prea, ch some for us. — R. C. C.

To The Churches Of Christ Everywhere

Dear Brethren Everywhere:

It is with love that I write this letter and in sorrow, but I deem it necessary, and a Christian spirit to do so, hoping to accomplish good and cause the Brethren every where to be,gin to thinking on this lesson. As we can see division abroad in the land today, hobby-riding on every hand, back biting, and growling, more and more false doctrines in this country being taught. It behoves us to begin to study how we can keen the Church of Christ from being divided any worse, and at the same time try to cause more unity on Gods word. Try to restore the church of Christ back to its purity. The only stand on the Truth as it is written in Gods word, just as the church stood fifty years ago or even as it stood twenty-five years ago. And as I begin to study how can that be done? I begin to reason. Fifty years ago how much division was there in it? Instrumental music had just !broke into the church of Christ. So fifty years ago would, do away with that, which we have no authority for. Nevt comes the' Shnday School. Fifty years ago would do away with that. Along with that came the cups. That date will clean them out of the church. Next comes along was the fermented wine idea. Thirty years ago will do away with that idea. Next is the idea that Christ broke the bread and ate what he broke off and commanded the Disciples to do likewise. In this division are two hobby horses tieing rode. One is rode before the Disciples ate, and the other is being rode after they have eaten. Now brethren there is not one iota of scripture for any of those things that I have mentioned. And my honest op'nions is that most all of them has been hatched up by haters of the church of !Christ or some one, that held malice or prejudice against some brother that he was wanting to tear down. And so by introducing such, he has gotten his desire, and the church is divided.

No.v what are we going to do? Are we just going on, continuing in such or are we going to try to reconcile each other back to the Word of God? This is a question that we are going to be forced to decide, and Gods wrd is the only source that we can rely on. And when we do that, how many of us can read where in the New Testament they ever had instrumental music. How many can read about such a thing as a Sunday School? How many can read aoout individual cups the communion? How many can read aoout Christ breaking the bread and eating first or last? Haw many can read where Christ commanded the church to use fermented iwine in the communion? How many can read in Gods word, where Christ called the cup, fruit of the vine, unless it was in a cup? Did Christ ever call the fruit off the vine a cup, unless it was in a literal cup? When it was in a cup, would that make it a cup. If I had a cup of beer, would it be a cup of beer if I should put it in a can? NO, it would be a can of beer.

Now back to the lesson that I

am trying to give the churches. If I take the New Testament for my guide, would I ever find any command for me to put instrumental music in the church of Christ? You Would say no, and that is correct. It was never used in the church of Christ, by the author'ity of God.

Would I find such as the Sunday School, where it was ever used in the church of Christ? The answer comes back no. And correct you are again. Now to the third question we go. Where in the New. Testament do we find any author_ ity for the women to teach anywhere or at any time in the church? Next question is, Where or when iat any time, did Christ or the Apostles authorize individual cups in he communion service? No, 5. Where in the New Testament do we find that Christ or the Apostles used, or commanded, fermented wine in the communion? 6Q. Where in the New Testament did iChrist command the church to all brake the bread each of them individually? 7Q. Where in the New Testament does it tell , us that Christ ate in his Supper first or last or at any time?

Brethren if those commands are in the New Testament, we at Broken Blow, Okla. are wanting to know where to find them. We want to be in harmony with Gods word and if there is one or all of them to be found in the New Testament we will count you our best friends if you will show or give us the scriptures for such pra ct!ce. Now Brethren if you can't give us the practice for such, why continue practicing such? Why not all of us unite on Gods word, and it alone and all be one in Christ, and stop this division? Just take Gods word for our guide, re-1 gardless, of what the world may ' think or do. There is only one way that leads to the sweet home oft the soul, we all know that. And if all of us will just lay down our preconceived ideas, what a great church we will have in a very short time.

Now one more thought I want to drop and that is all of those divigions have come about in this country in the last fifty years, and several in the last thirty years or less. Now Brethren, there is not but one thing for all of us to do. That is to take the word of God, and those points that the New Testament is not plain on, just erase them from your mind, so far as teaching them and making them a law. Instrumental music, Sunday School, Women teachers, and individual cups. No one claims that they are bound on the church by the word of God. All that use them claim it is done by the law of expediency. I know of no one that makes it a law. But such as fermented Me, Christ brake the bread and ate, and commanded all of the church to do the same is based on the teachings that Christ gave the command to do such. And if he did it should be plain and easy to read in the New Testament and not by the law of expediency. Col 3:17 tells us ,plain, what ever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord. And 2Tim. 3:16-17, tells us that the scriptures furnishes us unto all good works. And so it follows that if the scriptures is such a conglomerated mess, so that we can't understand iit alike, then what are we going to do? I'll tell you, We had •better shut our mouths and drop such things. I know and so does any bible reader that there are things contended for in the word of God that those mak- sr-h cnntentions know nothing about. I hear some contending that the three thousand all of them communed on the day of Pentacost, others say they never, Who knows, does the New Testament tell us? Who will read to us that they did or didn't, from Gods word? And when we go to guessing and binding some law on the

church of Christ that the New Testament does not bind, the plagues that are written dn this book will be added to you.

Brethren, we had better be more careful in the future, that .we have been in the past. Won't you be more careful what you are trying to bind on the church from now on. Be sure that you can read from Gods word what you are teaching. Be sure that you are right and then go ahead. The scriptures must be plain or it is not true. And I believe that when God wanted us to be sure and do so and so, Gods .word will tell us in plain words. Don't you?

R.C.C.

BRETHREN:

If I can possibly do it, I will put all Of the names of our prealhing Brethren iin "It Is Written", and addresses. Also the different Chur_ ches of Christ, and their locations. I hope to have all of the Preacher$_s$ names and addresses, and the location of the Churches in by not later than the twentieth of August. also the contributions gust as early as possible. Be sure and help me and others to do this work that is so badly needed.

Your Brother in Christ — R. C. Clements — YOUR SERVANT.

PASSED AWAY

Our dear Sister Nolen, of Fort Bragg, California passed away about July twentieth. She had been sick for some time, and had gone to her son in California to try to regain her health. We will sure miss her, but we know that she will be at rest with God some day. It is sad to think of, but sweet for all of us in the future. — R. C. C.