

the hundred and forty-four thousand sing the new song which no man can learn, saving those holy spotless ones who followed Christ here on earth so closely and so well.

Yours in the narrow way,

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Dear Highway:

Watching season has begun, when many of our church members must drive birds from their grain gardens seven days a week. Therefore our congregation yesterday was much smaller than for many months.

Four infants were presented to the Lord, and good meetings enjoyed. Brother and Sister Kierstead will be encouraged to learn that Johan Metula has asked to be received back into our church. His brother, Josefa, was one of our first native helpers. They were a family of preacher—Josefa, John, Paule and Amosi.

Joha was brought here last Thursday to remain with us for a few days. He has been sick a long time, and now appears to be near the end. He comes back to this church, he says, because all through his long illness he has received much kindness from us, and none at all from his own church. His wife and four children will come with him.

Tomorrow he will be carried back home, taking with him certain medicines that have given him much relief from pain.

One remembers that Jesus was "moved with compassion" for such ones as Johan, and the greater their need the stronger His desire to minister. Johan is so like the "Prodigal Son," who upon leaving his home, found so much trouble. His father received him back without words of blame, for he had already been chastized by his Lordships.

For years he has worked against our Church, but when taken sick, asked us for medicine and special foods that the sick need, but is not to be had among the natives. We have never failed to give him, without charge, all he has asked: Fruits, sugar, rice, flour, parafine, bread, etc., and yet his request to be taken back into this church came as an unthought of surprise.

A man living near him died lately, belonging to still another church. It was the same in his case: he was prayed for and ministered to, not by members of his own church, but entirely by ours. For our church is taught from such texts as: "I was sick and ye visited Me," or "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

We are much burdened of late for the unreached heathen, those who have not yet really and fairly heard the pure gospel. Then comes the word from the elderly lady I spoke of in two of my recent letters. And what do you guess last post brought us. First, a letter from Faith, telling of a brother in Fort Fairfield, not a member of our Church, promising the support of a native Bible woman. The same mail brings word from our faithful Sister Kierstead that her Sunday School class have also asked for a Bible woman.

The men we pay \$7.50 per month, but the women only half this amount. Thus, to support a native pastor a year takes only \$90, plus a few extras that they always expect. Then in famine years, when their crops fail, like this present season, we must give them much more. So we generally count \$100 for

a man and \$50 as the support of a Bible woman.

Our need just now is help in supporting native school teachers. We have three girls teaching at \$3.00 per month and one at \$2.50. In two weeks a young man, a preacher-to-be, we trust, promises to start in teaching a new outpost, where the people are mostly heathen, yet desire greatly that their children be taught to read and write.

Our burden still is, "Lord send forth more labourers into thy harvest."

Yours, believing for the answer,

H. C. SANDERS.

THE ABIDING COMFORTER.

We are taught in the word of God that we are to have an abiding Comforter, and that the abiding Comforter is to be the Holy Ghost, the third person in the Adorable Trinity. What a wonderful revelation, what a wonderful condescension on the part of the blessed Holy Spirit, but what a glorious privilege for the child of God to have; it is the marvel of marvels, the wonder of wonders, and the amazement of amazements. It is the climax of all the work of grace in human life, and Christian experience, nothing richer, sweeter and more enjoyable in this world in which we are tabernacling a few short years; all language fails; it beggars description by the most fluent tongue and most resourceful vocabulary, yet it is a fact that is being witnessed to by thousands of God's children. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever. Even the spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him; but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I shall not leave you comfortless (orphans); I will come unto you. St. John 14:15-18, inclusive. But the Comforter which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things, whatsoever I have said unto you. Verse 26. The abiding Comforter as shown in the above quotation is the Third Person in the Adorable Trinity, the Spirit of Truth, and it is made plain that he shall abide with us forever; also that he is to become our teacher. This truth is too deep to fathom, it is too boundless to measure, to wonderful to be told in full; it cannot be told only in part; it is too mysterious to be explained, but thank God it is our high and wonderful privilege to enjoy as God's children. The Holy Ghost, our Abiding Comforter, is a divine personage, and becomes more real than ones earthly bosom companion. He "walks not only with us" as the song tells us, but as the Bible tells us, he "walks about in us and dwells in us. How sweet is his voice when He speaks, we listen to catch every soft word that falls from his lips. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked with us by the way?" was the question asked by the disciple, but now we say do not our hearts rejoice as he talks with us while he abides in us? When troubles envelop us, and the burdens seem too heavy to bear, and when our heart aches under the heavy blows of Satan, and we seek help among our friends and among the saints, and then at last go to wife or husband for help, but all in vain. No one can speak just the word that we need, and no one can console, and we have to walk off as it were alone in the dense darkness, but just then we hear a tender, gentle, loving voice saying, "Be of good cheer, it is I," and as we turn to listen again we catch a glimpse of our

Blessed Comforter walking on the troubled seas of our heart. He stops and says, "Peace be still." What a comfort, what a solace, what a relief as He takes us into His arms. "Wherefore didst thou doubt?" I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Then the waves of trouble cease, the skies clear, the clouds have fled away, and we find succor on his breast, and rest our weary heart while He kisses our souls in loving kindness, and whispers these comforting words, "God worketh all things together for good to them that love Him, to those who are called according to his purpose." He teaches us the deep-things of God, the Spirit "taking the things of God and showing them unto us." If we are able to know the true Spirit, or the Spirit of Truth, what wonderful interpretations and marvellous revelations we will get, for He is the Author of the Word, and the only true interpreter, for He knows the meaning of every word uttered by Himself. Glory to His name! "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered the heart of man the things that God hath laid up for them that love Him, but the Spirit reveals them unto us." We believe that there is an elect that the devil cannot deceive, though he may transform himself into an angel of light, for the Bible says: "If it were possible, he would deceive the very elect." There are some in all generations who walk so close to God by the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit, that they never vary in their lives from the rectitude of Christian life, nor go into fanaticism, but have an even poise and a steady tread as they go along life's road, they are always pointed out to others as examples of saving and sanctifying grace, and examples to the people, and examples to the flock of God.

They are those who are taught and led of the Spirit. We are urged by the "beloved disciple" to try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Hereby know ye the Spirit of God. Every Spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God. And every Spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God; and this is that spirit of anti-Christ whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now it is already in the world." It would be a great thing for us all to read "Impressions" by that venerable sainted immortal, Martin Wills Knapp; it is the best book ever written on the subject. If you do not possess a copy, order one at once from God's Revivalist Company; it will pay one to read it often. If one will read their Bible closely, pray, and then read good wholesome books, and listen to the Abiding Comforter, they will never become fanatical. For He does not give us "the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound (or of a sane mind). Beloved reader, have you the Abiding Comforter now? If not, you may receive Him by faith this moment. —J. B. M.

WHAT THEY WENT TO CHURCH FOR.

Some go to Church for a walk,
Some go there to laugh and talk,
Some go there to see a friend,
Some go there their time to spend.
Some go there to gain a lover,
Some go there their faults to cover,
Some go there for illustration,
Some go there for affectation,
Some go there to doze and nod,
But few go there to worship God.

—ESSIE HADDEN

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