

human method is quite another matter. It is with the design to draw attention to the difference between the two methods of procedure that we pen these thoughts.

Glance for a moment at the ordinary plan adapted to secure this end. First, there is a long list of precepts to be strictly observed, all calculated to promote unity between the servants of Christ, such as:—Strive to have proper thoughts concerning others; guard well the words, when conversing, concerning the absent; make proper allowances for the peculiar circumstances and idiosyncrasies of others; above all, let charity be most prominent in all your thoughts, words, and actions concerning all the professed disciples of Jesus; and so on to any length, and to every conceivable variety, and these are all right in their place, for they are both scriptural and reasonable. But the capital mistake is made as to their place, for we are forever placing them at the beginning instead of at the end. They constitute a rule by which to distinguish true unity, not a ladder-like law, by means of which we may climb up into the rich experience indicated by them.

Let us illustrate. Here is a manufacturer who is required to manufacture a certain article. The article in question is clearly defined, the specifications are distinct and minute. He goes to his workshop, sets his machinery in motion, superintends his workmen, and when the article is finished he brings it to compare with the plans and specifications given ere pronouncing it complete. Now he does not use the given specifications or rules of the required article with which to manufacture it, but only uses them, whether during the process or at the conclusion, to see or to show that the work is properly done.

But the children of this world are ever in their generation wiser than the children of the light, for the very thing which would stamp the manufacturer as devoid of skill, or even common sense, is commonly practiced by professed Christians, namely, using the rules which describe Christian unity as a workshop to manufacture the article itself. No wonder that wide-spread failure is wit-

nessed. No matter how elaborate the rules for holy living, or howsoever multiplied, they cannot be used to secure the result to be arrived at.

But there is a workshop where Christian unity can be produced, so that it will abide the test of all the rules and specifications describing it in the Bible. Let us consider the scriptural method of manufacture. But, alas! it is a way evil spoken of by the world and by many a professed follower of Christ. To the Jew—that is, the strict religionist—it is a stumbling-block; and to the Greek—that is, the man who takes pride in his intellectual ability—it is foolishness. For it is the simple way of faith, of glad acceptance of unity in the Spirit as a pure gift of God, accepted with thankful heart, just now, and moment by moment, as life goes on. The Christian who in the Spirit can say "*my* Lord and *my* God," who accepts perfect unity with the Holy Ghost as the grace or gift of God secured and made possible to him by the death and resurrection of Christ, is at once united by indissoluble ties to all who are living in the unity of the Spirit. He may now bring his thoughts, words and actions to be tested in actual life by the rules of the Bible, and he will find that the Holy One does His work thoroughly, and so as to meet every requirement of the divine law.

Oh, if professed Christians would but adopt this simple, this feasible process, so simple that a wayfaring man, though a fool, shall not err therein, what a different spectacle would be exhibited by the Church visible to the world of unbelievers from what is now seen.

Reader, do you know the very best way for you to do your part in promoting unity amongst Christians. It is not by writing or talking, or even preaching or praying about it, although these all are highly proper in their place, but it is by your *just now* becoming one in the Spirit, by receiving the Holy Ghost in all His fulness. Your Heavenly Father is more willing to give you the Holy Spirit than you can be to receive Him, hence you may just now accept this wondrous boon.

It will not follow that you will be at once in perfect harmony and unity with