

referring to orthodoxy. The Editor observes that there is scarcely a doctrine, practice or time observance in so called orthodox christianity that is not a perversion of the sacred scriptures. In another place the Editor makes a few remarks on temperance which I hold to be good advice. Now, while I contend for doctrine I also contend for practice, as the one is quite as essential as the other. While a great many of us are indebted somewhat to Christadelphianism as the bridge that brought us over to where we are, and while we have left some of their doctrines on the other side, yet I think it possible we may have brought over with us some of the Christadelphian practices. One of the things they practice is one which I am pleased to see Bro. Lyon does not practice, viz., the breaking of the fourth commandment. Then there is another practice which nearly all the world to my mind is guilty of, viz., the eating of unclean meats. When Jesus nailed the law to the cross, I understand that he only took away the law of ordinances which were added on account of transgression, but I do not find that any moral law was suspended. Both the fourth commandment and also the law of meats are moral laws, therefore they are just as binding now as when they were given. These laws being given for the benefit of man both as a moral and physical good, it is wrong for us to disregard them. As with the drink so with the meat, "The brain cannot act aright when the stomach, the seat of life, and the brain, the seat of intellect, are disordered," by eating that which is

forbidden. The breaking of these two moral laws I believe to be marks of the Beast in the hand. The 144,000 had rid themselves of all marks both in the hands as well as the forehead. Should these things be required of us we may be found with the mark of the beast in our hands. I feel convinced they will be required of us. But let us prove all things; if I am in error it can be proved to be so, but should it be found that I am right let us give up the forbidden meat and also keep the Sabbath day. I write this with the desire of the welfare of all so that I shall be obliged if you will insert it in the N. M. Yours in the one hope.

F. W. TOWNBROW.

As the Lightnings out of the East.

Z. B. CHASE.

Let us imagine the scene where this takes place. Some morning a boarder will come down from his chamber in the utmost consternation asserting that his bed-fellow has in some unaccountable manner been taken from his bed. Not his clothes or the door-lock has been disturbed. Will they all have an appetite at that morning meal? Will there not be a scene at the table? Another like scene occurs in the neighborhood. The women are grinding meal and preparing breakfast and one is taken from the other's midst. Another excited family at the breakfast table. Still another; after breakfast, a young man runs in breathless haste from the field, scarcely able to articulate, but at last