

thousand Israelites by the men of Ai. Other sins may have been traitors in the camp, these must be put away. How would you view the knife that was stained with a father's life-blood, could you use it, could you keep it? Then are there no inconsistencies, sins that stain the hands with the blood of souls? These must be *confessed, loathed, spurned, and the stain must be washed by application to the blood of Jesus.* National sins too must be testified against. Because of iniquity the land mourneth.

2. *Has there been enough of co-operation of the members of churches with the ministers of the gospel?* Let it not be thought that in saying this we view one party quite up to the mark while the other has been grievously behind. This however is plain that all the force that can be brought to bear on the world is demanded. Little can be accomplished single-handed. The followers of Jesus must be one. The wisdom of co-operation appears at a glance. Each person moves too in a sphere of his own, hence the scope for individuality. When all who name the name of Jesus are fired with holy ardour to win souls, and make it a matter of conscience to strive to do good, then the power of Christianity must be felt. All engaged, each at his post, shall win for Christ the glory due to his name. If however, the people look on it as an official work to talk about religion and leave it with the minister, can good be done? The lives of the people should confirm the doctrines of the pulpit. The labours of the people should coincide in spirit and end with those of the minister. None should live to self. As Jesus Christ's men, what is the vocation of those called by his name? It is high and holy. There is an individual responsibility. He that winneth souls is wise. It has been remarked that in meetings of a revival character held in Canada the ministers had much more to do than in the States. There may be less of training fitting for such work among us than with them, yet the indication is that a necessity exists of wider and deeper sympathy in the great work. The hearts of the people must be on fire. Sacrifices must be made. Scorn, if it comes must be taken. The cross must be carried. Let every church member ask, how much owest thou to thy Lord, and answer by actions that will bring forth the Master's—Well done good and faithful servant. On this point of co-operation we are much impressed with the value of Young Men's Christian Associations. They have originated and conducted meetings in places where there was no previous indications of a revived religious life and have been highly honoured as instrumental in making known the way of life to many a wanderer from the path of peace.

3. *Has there been such united effort among the various sections of the church of Christ as the Lord approves of and blesses?* Party spirit is foreign to a union prayer meeting. To obtain the advantages of such combination it must proceed on correct principles. The revival has been called a revival of love. That is the essence of true religion. Names and sects and parties must fall where the aim is single. The all absorbing view of the value of souls must swallow up minor feelings. To bring a soul to Jesus is an infinitely higher work than to make a proselyte. With a fair understanding and good feeling the union of different sections of the church of Christ must be productive of the happiest effects, bearing in mind that denominational peculiarities ought not to be thrust forward. Too long has it proved a successful maxim of the enemy to divide and conquer. The unbroken phalax of the church would present a powerful antagonism to the opposi-