

out of the cities who meet oftener than once a month to keep the ordinances of Jesus!

Paul left Titus in Crete, to "set in order the things that were wanting," and to these things in which our churches are still deficient I call special attention. We truly need the exhortation to "go on to perfection," and as the teachers of the churches, we should give ourselves no rest until we have them "walking in all the ordinances and commandments of the Lord blameless." To hold the doctrine of the week, by worship without the practise of it, is to choke with the chaff and to trample the wheat under our feet. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them," said our Lord, which is also corroborated by James, when he says, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

We must not condemn ourselves in that we disallow in others. Some churches, I know, only have a monthly use of a partnership meeting house, and therefore, not having the convenience of one of their own, only worship as a church once a moon! I have known many churches in Virginia, which, in an early day were similarly situated, but they met at other times in some school house, or some private house, and kept the commandments of Jesus. The churches must show more determination to overcome difficulties, and brace themselves up with energy to the work of the Lord. I have been urging the brethren to practical godliness, and urging them to put themselves in a position for God to bless them, and to make them a blessing. We must guard against spiritual torpor and stupefaction. The preachers should all unite in one grand determination to lay the duties and obligations of Christianity before all the brethren. We had better be faithful than eloquent, better make the brethren weep over their short comings, than make them smile at the exposure of error.

Unless we halt a while here, and bring up the churches to the weekly worship of the primitive saints, it will be much more difficult in years to come. If this is done we shall be able to show that ours is a real reformation, in practise and not merely in theory. We must not settle down upon a mere change of views in doctrine, a change of views which leaves us where it found us, will be of no advantage to us. Indeed we shall be more inconsistent than our neighbors of the sects, and by arguing against them, condemn ourselves. They do not believe it binding upon them to keep the ordinances weekly, and therefore, very consistently worship once a month. We, on the contrary, believe that the loaf should be broken once a week!

I would ask attention to another symptom, which is not very favorable for our cause, and that is, the apparent apathy of our brethren, both preachers and people. We seem to act as the two tribes did who inherited on this side Jordan.—They were willing to sit down contented with what had been done. The whole of Israel had fought to give them their land, but they were not willing to go over Jordan and aid their brethren in dispossessing the Canaanites from the whole land. Even at least they reserved the Gibeonites and other idolaters who proved a "thorn in their side." There is more of a compromis-