

Christian consecrates himself anew. I do not use the term in this connection, because of its abuse in some theological circles, and chiefly because the word not only does not so use it, but describes the Supper, as commemorative in character.

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ANOTHER CRITICISM.

To support his view the author quotes the following as a single portion of scripture—"crucify the flesh with the lusts thereof, so that being

dead unto sin we may arise with him into newness of life." Now here are parts of three passages. The first portion, with some changes, seems to belong to Gal. v:24; the middle words, "being dead (un)to sin(s)," belong to 1 Peter ii:24; the last words, "newness of life," belong to Romans vi:4. It is possible to make the Bible prove anything and everything by using it after this method.

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EDITORIAL SECTION.

HINTS AT THE MEANING OF TEXTS.

Christian Culture.

The Law of Christian Unity.

There shall be one fold (lit., flock) and one Shepherd.—John x:16.

NOTE the correct rendering "flock."

It makes a vast difference. The divisions of Christianity are not in the separate folds or sects (sections, denominations), but in the flock itself, as to alienations of feeling, prejudices, selfishness and worldly ambition, the lack of cordial sympathy, brotherhood, mutual discipleship, minor differences in the dogma or ritual. Separate organizations do not really divide. A country's forces may be widely separated as to barracks, camps, equipments. There is the infantry, artillery, cavalry, scouts, the navy, etc., but one *esprit du corps* pervades, the forces are really one in fullest loyalty and corporation. Such should be the unity of the church of Christ, which He hath purchased with his blood.

I. The foundation principle of Christian Unity. A common love, open heart to one shepherd and one another. One in Him.

(a) Under this head study context, relation of Gentile to Jew, and of both to kingdom of Christ. "Other sheep I have." (b) Fold is the enclosure, flock the living body united in a shepherd. (c) Thought (intellectual) may draw demarcations. Life (spir-

itual) is always one. The first tends to divisions, the second to unity.

II. The realization of Christ's prayer and prophecy: "that they all may be one." "There *shall be* one flock, one shepherd." Let us recognize that the *folds* must be diverse in the nature of the human mind, etc. but that the *flock* must be one to fulfil the purpose of Christ, and really to become the "*fullness* of Him that filleth all in all." As organizations, various—as an *organism*, one of which He is the head and all they members, one spiritual body. No schism in the various parts of the physical man, nor of the intellectual man as long as the moral man is one. Christ does not aim at "*comprehension*," but at concord. *Loyal obedience* to the Shepherd will effect this. "My sheep hear *my* voice." Out of many folds the true sheep, hearing his call, flock to Him and are one. J. S. K.

The Restoration of Family Religion.

And He shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.—Mal. iv:6.

THE Family a type of the church and of the Heavenly life. A divine institution with divine sanctions and watchcare.