

partly of man, partly of the gospel and partly of some earth-created system. He is spiritually amphibious—he is related to the sea and land as occasions and circumstances seem to demand.

A Christian or follower of Christ our Lord is a very different person. He is of a different family, stands in another position, and employs his energies upon a different principle. God is his Father, Jesus his Redeemer, the Holy Spirit his counsellor and comforter, the voice of the apostles his instructor, and all the redeemed on earth or in heaven his brethren; and his views, his feelings, his hopes, his labors, and his influence are in accordance with his high relationship and standing.

The world at this moment presents a singular spectacle—many partizans, few Christians. Babylon has stamped its image everywhere, and Babylon is the parent of partizans. Indeed party views and party practice are so rife, and Christian doctrine and Christian customs are so rare, that it is difficult if not impossible to make any one understand distinctly a single important item of gospel instruction or gospel action in its bearings. Does any one dispute this? Let him open the pages of *Heaven's statutes* and open the living pages of religious society, and after scrutinizing both, let the line be drawn and the truth declared, and we will abide the issue.

What is a partizan? is one question; what is the influence of a partizan in society? is another question; how is a partizan made? is a third question. And what is a Christian? and how is a Christian made? and how does a Christian act? are questions of a distinct category. We shall pay our respects to these queries; working meantime right and left thus:

TO MAKE A PARTIZAN.

There are various kinds of partizans. Their name is legion, but they are all describable under the following four heads:

1. Romanistic.
2. Aristocratic.
3. Philosophic.
4. Ecstatic.

The first class belong to the Pope, and we leave them to his care for the present, dwelling only on the other three Protestant classes. We begin with the last—the ecstatic or sensitive partizan.

TO MAKE A CHRISTIAN.

There is one order of Christians, and only one. They are taught by, follow, and love Jesus Christ the Saviour of men. According to the authority of heaven, there is one faith, as there is one Lord, one hope, and one Father of all, who is in all who hear, love, and honor him.