

in the Spirit. Loyalty to the members of the Association is not necessarily greater than loyalty to church members. Nor is there any greater reason, to the truly spiritual, for loyalty to the president of an association than to one's pastor.

Hence we maintained that he, as a minister of the Methodist Church, was expected to work in harmony with the doctrines and discipline of said Church in conducting all church services. If he carried out the honest convictions of his soul when in audience with God, his Master would take care of him and his work, no matter what might be the opinion of individual members of our Association. Indeed, as there was or could be no clanism in the Association without transgressing, in the very fact, the true spirit and teachings of the Association, he was free to deal with individual members without any fear of stirring up that clanism.

INDIVIDUALISM.—We thus again and again recur to this subject to do our best to impress upon the churches that they can never have cause to deal with our Association, but only with their individual members. If a member of the Association walks in the Spirit, nothing can harm him; but if not so walking, the Association could not save him from his enemies, even if it did try. We know nothing of loyalty, but in our relation to God. And yet, he who is united to Christ by a continued walk in the Spirit is necessarily united to all who thus walk by a tie which is stronger than any earthly bond, and can command, when it is in harmony with the will of God, the services of the whole body of Christ, that is, all who walk in the Spirit.

A MYSTERY.—But here, as usual, we end in the mysteries of godliness, which can only be known to the spiritual. Had Peter been a spiritual man, when his Master was apprehended, he not only would not have drawn his sword to prevent the intended outrage, but would have, like Christ, acquiesced in the will of the Father, without even a protest.

In the case in hand, Rev. Mr. Clark, for aught we know to the contrary, may be called on, as a sincere servant of the

Most High, to help in this holiness movement by eliminating any tendency to excess or irregularities on the part of some; or he may be permitted to commit some huge outrage in the name of holiness, which might in the end startle him into a knowledge of truths which he may-hap does not now apprehend. But, we ask, what Christian who walks in the Spirit would not be willing to suffer the utmost of wrong to secure such a result?

TILSONBURG.—The evening of that day found us in the holiness meeting at Tilsonburg. This is literally an upper-room meeting, and has been held in this upstairs church class-room for a number of years, mainly preserved in its existence through the perseverance of its leader, Bro. Garnett. Here upwards of a dozen of us enjoyed a pleasant and profitable service. We listened to a number of good, rich testimonies, and rejoiced greatly in what we heard. And yet we could not but feel that the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, was not in the hands of some as an effective weapon against the King's enemies.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT.—This, we unhesitatingly say, is *speaking and acting as consciously the oracles of God*. It is acting out our faith in the statement of Christ, "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father, who is in you." He who shrinks from such a position cannot truthfully be said to have the sword of the Spirit.

SUMMERVILLE.—We returned the next day to this now somewhat famous spot, and had the privilege of attending one of the brightest, most enjoyable evening meetings of our life. It was the usual Wednesday evening meeting, held at the residence of Bro. Harris. His accommodations were strained to the utmost by the numbers who came, and had not the night been exceptionally wet and stormy, doubtless they would have proved wholly inadequate.

What a grand army of witnesses was there that night, all of us able to declare with confidence that we lived in *the kingdom*, which is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost! Bros. Cooper and Bates were there from Little