

(3) An expectation of divine guidance in the understanding of the Scriptures, even as God has promised, and, expecting this, they may seek for it in prayer.

(4) An exercise of their reasoning faculties that, while expecting and seeking, and looking in the direction of their expectations, they may thereby approve or disapprove what is presented to them.

(5) Great care as to how they neglect these favors of God. They should beware of headiness and high-mindedness, lest, having enjoyed the light and the blessing, these should slip from them and leave them again in the outer darkness in which we see the whole world of mankind groping.

To continue in the light and truth and blessing necessitates character-development, for the privilege of the light of knowledge is God's reward for purity of heart, of intention, of en-

deavor. So may we come into Christ and abide in him and bring forth much fruit.

HEROES OF ALL TIME BUILT THEREOF

"It takes great love to stir a human heart
To live beyond the others, and apart;
A love that is not shallow—is not small;
Is not for one or two, but for them all.
Love that can wound love, for its highest need;
Love that can leave love, though the heart may bleed;
Love that can lose love, family and friend,
Yet steadfastly live, loving to the end.
A love that asks no answer, that can live,
Moved by one burning, deathless force—to give!
Love, strength and courage; courage, strength and love—
The heroes of all time are built thereof."

INDEPENDENT BIBLE STUDY

A brother writes for our opinion respecting the wisdom and propriety of the different classes having "independent Bible study."

We cannot be sure just what force or significance the brother gives to the word independent. Just so sure as each individual has a full right to study the Bible without hindrance from anybody, so has every class this right or liberty. But in using our liberties it behooves us to exercise as much "wisdom from above" as possible. For four centuries Protestantism has been contending the right of private judgment for interpretation of God's Word and has exercised this right, and we would be the last to dispute it. At the same time two things are worthy of remembrance:—

(1) There has been very little independent Bible study all this time.

(2) No very clear understanding of the Bible was reached during all these centuries. We account for this by supposing that the Lord's due time for opening His Word to our understanding has only now come. If now the Lord has blessed us with clearer views of his Word, it behooves us to remember that we did not get it because of the four hundred years of independent Bible study, but by his specially calling it to our attention in his own peculiar way in recent years. Wisdom no less than humility should teach us to be neither too boastful nor too reckless in our use of the word independent in connection with this question. While we have the same right to independence that our forefathers had it might do us no more good than it did them. Rather we should seek for dependent Bible study, rather than for independent Bible

study. Our dependance should not be upon man, but upon the Lord; yet we should expect the Lord to use human instrumentality in the present, as in the past.

The matter is for each individual Christian and each class of students to decide. The Lord has laid down no law on the subject. His children are to use the "wisdom which comes from above" in respect to these and all matters.

The questioner may mean to distinguish between the use of Berean Studies or topics from the topical index of our new Bibles and the taking up of a chapter or an Epistle without any guide or help, except such as would be given by the leader of the class and its members. If so, much would depend on the personnel of the class and their development in the knowledge of the truth. It is for the class to decide for itself every particular respecting its meetings. And should a class so decide they would have a perfect right to try different methods and to judge which proved the most helpful.

In any event those possessed of the new Bible study helps could follow nearly any lesson in the New Testament by noting the references and studying them and, if desirable, bringing them into the class. Any class leader who would make objection to a reference being made to THE WATCH TOWER or to STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES in connection with the discussion of any topic should properly be viewed with suspicion as a teacher. Why should he be afraid of any comment, from any quarter? And, especially, why should he fear or avoid or desire others to avoid any reference to the writings which God has used in giving him and the others instruction in the Scriptures?

BROTHER RUSSELL IN GREAT BRITAIN

Thursday, Oct. 12.....	London Albert Hall.	Wednesday, Nov. 1.....	Londonderry.
Sunday, Oct. 15.....	London Tabernacle.	Thursday, Nov. 2.....	Portadown.
Tuesday, Oct. 17.....	Brighton.	Friday, Nov. 3.....	Dublin.
Wednesday, Oct. 18.....	Portsmouth.	Sunday, Nov. 5.....	London Tabernacle.
Thursday, Oct. 19.....	Southampton.	Monday, Nov. 6.....	Cambridge.
Friday, Oct. 20.....	Bournemouth.	Tuesday, Nov. 7.....	Oxford.
Sunday, Oct. 22.....	London Tabernacle.	Wednesday, Nov. 8.....	Newport.
Tuesday, Oct. 24.....	Perth.	Thursday, Nov. 9.....	Cardiff.
Wednesday, Oct. 25.....	Dundee.	Friday, Nov. 10.....	Swansea.
Thursday, Oct. 26.....	Paisley.	Sunday, Nov. 12.....	London Tabernacle.
Friday, Oct. 27.....	Greenock.	Monday, Nov. 13.....	Northampton.
Saturday, Oct. 28.....	Glasgow.	Tuesday, Nov. 14.....	Leicester.
Sunday, Oct. 29.....	Glasgow.	Wednesday, Nov. 15.....	Nottingham.
Monday, Oct. 30.....	Motherwell.	Thursday, Nov. 16.....	Sheffield.
Tuesday, Oct. 31.....	Belfast.	Friday, Nov. 17.....	London Tabernacle.

SOME INTERESTING LETTERS

Dear Brother Russell:—

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we report the first public meeting at this place.

There were forty-one present. Brother Sturgeon's discourse on "Where Are the Dead?" was heard with excellent attention. One lady has since attended several meetings.

During the army maneuvers last week the leader of our class gave shelter to many of the soldiers who were drenched with rain, and almost exhausted from a forced march. The family remained up all night, serving hot coffee and a lunch, the soldiers having been without food about twenty hours. The men slept on the floors while their clothing was dried by the fire. Their offer to pay was declined, as the family considered it a privilege as Christians to do these things.

When they marched away to the town the brother went with them. The sight of a church drew forth from an officer

a slighting remark. The brother said he was an ambassador for Christ and could also serve them in that way. The officer called the men to "attention," and on the street the brother gave them a talk on "Restitution," which was very well received by the men. AMY M. CLOTHEY.—Mass.

TESTIMONY MEETINGS—VOLUNTEER WORK

Dearest Brother Russell:—

Inclosed find report for the first half of June. Praise the Lord! The work goes forward with great force. To say marvelous results are being accomplished now would be to put it mildly. Oh, how thankful we are and should be, and how diligent we all should be during these closing moments that no stone be left unturned by us to forward our own part of this glorious work! Surely everyone of the Lord's dear ones has a part, if it is only to patiently endure the weakness of