

45, 46) It must be conceded, then, that at the end of the world, at the "time of the end", during the presence of the Lord, during the harvest, he would have in the earth a servant who would be faithful and wise. The physical facts show that Brother Russell met every one of these requirements. This prophetic utterance, then, has been fulfilled. Therefore fulfilled prophecy, or physical facts, and the circumstantial evidence are conclusive proofs that Brother Russell filled the office of that faithful and wise servant. He applied his heart unto wisdom.

EDUCATION NOT ALWAYS WISDOM

Ever and anon some one, yielding to the seductive influence of the adversary, concludes that he must, because of his own construction of some Greek or Hebrew word, or something that he has found in secular history, overturn some teaching of the truth; and he is bound to exhibit his own wisdom to others, even though it upsets the faith and confidence of God's people. Who would be interested in inducing any human being to take such a course that would result in injury to the faith of any of the Lord's little ones? Remember again that there are but the two masters, and that Satan the devil is interested in destroying all faith in God and in his Word. Let none of the Lord's sheep become discouraged when these things arise. They will come periodically and they operate as tests to those who are consecrated unto the Lord. Let each one, then, consider how the Lord has led him and how the Lord has unfolded his truth at the end of the age, and witness these disturbances only as another evidence that the Lord is dealing lovingly with his own people.

Some will arise from time to time who dispute the

chronology of the Bible, deny the presence of the Lord, deny the resurrection of the saints, deny the harvest period is here, and deny that the church is the bride of Christ, etc. They will base their conclusions largely upon human reasoning. This is not the wisdom that cometh from above.

Let the indisputable physical facts, the fulfilled prophecy, forever put to silence those who would become wise in their own estimation. If we had no chronology at all, or if our calculations concerning chronology are wrong, yet fulfilled prophecy, circumstantial evidence, is proof conclusive of these great fundamental truths: the presence of the Lord, the harvest of the saints, the end of the world, and that the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Let each one who has the truth ask himself, From whence did I get it? He must answer, I obtained it by reading the writings of that faithful and wise servant who interpreted and unfolded to me the divine plan. Is it reasonable, then, that the Lord would use the agencies he has used during the past forty years to illuminate the minds of consecrated Christians and lead them along the way and then permit it to appear that all these agencies are fraudulent? It is wholly unreasonable. It is wholly unlike the Lord. Then let all who have obtained a knowledge neglect not the applying of their hearts to the acquiring of wisdom by filling their minds again and again with the precious truths contained in the *STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES* and other writings of that faithful and wise servant; and by devoting themselves to the Lord and to his cause.

In our next issue we will have something to say about the practical application of the hearts of God's people unto wisdom.

DECENTLY AND IN ORDER

A LETTER from one of the consecrated states that in the Berean class the leader often reads a question, several answer it, and then pass questions back and forth between each other. When the leader starts to speak some talkative sister interrupts him and does most of the talking. The question is then asked, How should a Berean lesson be conducted?

The Apostle admonishes us to do everything decently and in order. Occasionally a sister is found in the class who is zealous, yet who talks too much, meaning well, but who does not act wisely, creates disorder in the class and prevents others from having a proper opportunity of expressing their thoughts. The correct way to conduct a Berean lesson is this: After opening with devotional service, the leader should propound the question and call upon certain ones for answer, not always the same ones, of course. Where there are as many as fifteen in the class, the leader may call on four or five to express their views briefly, and then, give

those opportunity to speak who have not spoken and who desire to speak. No one should be permitted to speak twice upon the same question, unless there is some special reason why the chairman should grant the privilege. Then the leader should briefly sum up, and while he is stating his thoughts he should not be interrupted by any one. Members of the class should address themselves to the chairman when propounding a question and not to other members of the class. It is manifestly unjust for one or two to attempt to do all the talking, and the leader should not permit this, but firmly, yet kindly, say: 'We will have one speak at a time and speak only once on each question'.

After the leader has summed up briefly, then he may call on some one in the class to read the printed comment pertaining to the question at issue. One question finished, then another should be taken up in an orderly way; and so on, throughout the lesson.