

2. Since you are ^{citizens} of the ~~Heaven~~ -
~~Keep~~ your feet ~~planted~~ firmly planted
 on the ~~road~~ heavenly road.
3. Rivet your thoughts on him -
4. Rest your faith in him
5. Allow no distraction. Do not wander away
 into unlicensed conduct. Let all that
 is within you "Praise and bless his
 holy name."

II.

The Ministry of Conciliation

A. Phil. 4:2B

1. This is the only allusion on the congregation.
2. The in our introduction to the original
 members of Philippians - I am after a
 prayer-meeting. A company of goodly wo-
 men "resorted to the riverside" to pray. We
 do not know whether Euodia and Syntyche
 were among them or not.
3. Paul has not burdened his letter with
 any of the details of the trouble - and of
 our speculation would be served by
 no good purpose.
4. It is amazing in what a tiny pinch of
 dirt a weed can find a footing. We do
 not need to become deeply carnal
 to harbor jealousy or suspicion; a
 pinch of dirt can find a footing. And when we neglect the necessary
 that pinch is soon available, and all
 sorts of noxious growths contend with
 one another for a place in our lives.
5. He ~~puts~~ exhorts them to re-

Center their unity "in the Lord." And that is the only place in which they can profitably keep it. Real solidarity can be found only "in the Lord."

6. The only really effective way of removing ice is by raising the temperature. If each other, when their conversation and fellowship are "like ice" the only resource is to raise the temperature!

7. It is marvelous that their fellow-believers can help bring Enoch and Dymtche into blessed union again.

B. "I beseech thee also, true yoke-fellow help these women for they labored with me in the Gospel."

1. It matters little or nothing who the true-yoke-fellow is, whether Ephraim, Timothy or Deimos. The important matter is that somebody is besought to put their spiritual energies at the service of these estranged members of the Church.

2. The quarrel must not be left alone. The division must not be permitted to widen into bitter hatred and contempt.

3. When two members of the Church are at variance it is the duty of the Church to help them to be reconciled.

4. And this is not only for the sake of the two members themselves, but for the sake of the entire Church.

5. moral maladies ^(c) are Contagious.
Personal Quarrels are prone to breed
further divisions, "Know I Cor. 5: 6

6. The entire force - service of the Church
must therefore be concentrated for the
purpose of repairing and healing wounds
between members.

7. When the human body is wounded, it
immediately marshals a vast army and sends
it to the place of attack. And so would
Paul, when a rent is made in the Church,
which is the body of our Lord.

8. See what what force he calls together -
not only does he "seek his" "true yoke-
fellow" but -

9. "Clement also, and the rest of my
fellow-workers."

1. All are exhorted to "help" in ending
the estrangement between Euodida
and Syntyche.

2. It is a most suggestive Counsel.
Countless bitter divisions might have
been averted if the Counsel had been
prayerfully and consistently followed.

3. Small misunderstandings, which aggravated
into rabid sectarianisms, might have
been healed at the beginning if only
the Church had massed her con-
ciliatory energies in the presence of the pre-
sence of the Lord.

4. But we have allowed pin-pricks
to fester until the blood has been