

# Christ and His Church Are Inseparable

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Now, this morning is the closing Sabbath of the week of prayer. It is stimulating and inspiring to think of our people all around the world uniting together at this season of the year in a special season of seeking God. I know we've all been blessed this week as we have in our homes or in the meetings sought the Lord.

The message this morning comes to us from the president of the general conference, Elder Fiduhr, and I shall read and comment as we read. I find that when people seek to listen without any interruption to the reading, it's very easy for the mind to wander. Do you ever have that difficulty? And so, I'll try to help you. Will you try to help me. So, listen carefully. I may ask some questions.

"The greatest event in the history of the New Testament church after the ascension of our Lord was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the waiting disciples on the day of Pentecost. This endowment of power sent them forth in many directions but united in purpose and dedication, clothed with heavenly power to win thousands, yes, even millions to the Christian faith.

"It made little difference that the faith they proclaimed was despised by the people and that they were fiercely persecuted by governments. Men and women from different walks of life were won from their heathen superstitions and practices to embrace this way of life, not only to live it but often to die for it. The faithful words of Christ were fulfilled, And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake."

Who was the first martyr that died under this persecution against the Christian church? Stephen. But he wasn't the last, was he? No.

"Yet, despite all opposition and hatred, Christ's cause moved steadily forward, conquering and to conquer. The extent of the conquest at the beginning of the fourth century is impressively stated by being spent."

Spent, then he quotes this historian.

"The number of Christians in the first years of the fourth century against whom the great persecution was directed, referring to the 10 years of Diocletian's persecution under the Smyrna church, have been variously stated. We have computed them, it will be remembered, as amounting

roughly between seven and nine million. But this may possibly be considerably under the mark. The whole population of the empire at this period is reckoned at about 100 million.”

Think of it, between seven and nine million had embraced Christianity, estimated here by 300 A. D.

“This apparently conservative estimate would indicate that possibly not far from 10 percent of the population of the empire had confessed the Christian faith at the beginning of the fourth century. The same matter continues. We learn from the letter of Pliny to the emperor that the new religion, Christianity, had spread so widely in his province of Bithynia that not merely in the cities but also in the villages and rural districts the temples...”

That is, the heathen temples.

“...were well nigh deserted and the trades connected with the elaborate system of sacrifice were rapidly being ruined.

You remember the silversmith there in Ephesus that was afraid that his craft was in danger by the preaching of Paul – well, it was, wasn’t it? Are there some crafts that are in danger today by the preaching of the message? Yes.

The writer goes on to state that:

“Doubtless [unintelligible], the remarkable growth of this new religion threatened the very existence of Roman society and needed to be dealt with to avoid disastrous consequences.”

Right about this time occurred one of the greatest persecutions of the Christian church.

“There is no more thrilling record of achievements than that of the New Testament church invincibly moving forward through storm and calm alike in its uninterrupted victories despite imprisonment, banishment and even death. We do well to inquire into the amazing success of the Christian church of those early centuries.

“In our day, we are called upon to proclaim the same gospel, but with the added urgency of the imminence of Christ’s coming. We’re to proclaim it with no less fervor, with no less sacrifice and courage than they did. To us has been given the assurance that in our day, the mystery of God should be finished.”

Where is that text – the mystery of God should be finished? In Revelation. All right.

“But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished”  
Revelation 10:7.

So, in our day, the mystery of God is going to be what? Finished.

“Before His departure, Christ called His little band of followers together and gave them their final instructions. They were poor, utterly without physical resources, but the task assigned them was tremendous. The only assurance Christ gave them was of His own unfailing presence with them as they went forth wherever their assignment took them. He would be with them even unto the end of the world.”

Where is that, that Jesus said He’d be with His followers even unto the end of the world? Yes. A number of you know that. Matthew 28:18–20.

“The program as Jesus outlined it was world-wide. His followers were instructed to preach the gospel to every creature. Christ had but one gospel for all the people. There was to be no modification of this gospel, no adaptation because of time or circumstances. The gospel, as He delivered it to His followers, they were to preach in its purity.”

Is that still true? Same gospel? But haven’t times changed? Yes. But has the gospel changed? No.

“An unchanging gospel for a changing world.

“Paul later emphasized the unchanging nature of the gospel in writing to the Galatians who had been unsettled by false teaching. He wrote, ‘Even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we preached to you, let him be accursed.’  
Galatians 1:8.

“Speaking of God’s message and work for our time, Sister White says...”

And this is a quotation from *Volume 8*, page 160:

“there is to be no change in the general features of God’s cause. It is to stand out as clear and distinct as prophecy has made it... No line of our faith that has made us what we are is to be weakened” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8*, page 160.

What do you say?

“Loyalty to God’s unchanging truths forges an unbreakable chain that binds God’s people to Christ and to one another. This was what bound the early Christians together in bonds stronger than death.

“Speaking of one of our retired ministers and leaders in this cause a few weeks ago, we reminisce over a certain former worker who had in his day been a preacher of some power and a leader of souls. But sad to say, he had come to entertain a feeling of self-importance increasingly, with the disastrous result that he broke the bond of unity with God’s people.

“In self-confidence, he set out single-handedly to build something of which he would be the center. He went to some whom in his better years he had won to this truth and informed them that he had discovered some new truth and hence what he had previously taught them needed to be modified.

“He urged them to come with him, but they replied, No. You often told us, as you read Paul’s admonition to the Galatians, that, if anyone, even if you yourself came to us with a different gospel, we are not to receive it. We are staying with what you and Paul taught us.”

Is that a good answer?

“There is strength and security in remaining firmly united with God’s people in the truth and not turning even slightly to the right hand or to the left, no matter who urges it.

“It is good and right to declare by word of mouth our loyalty to God’s cause and our unity with our brethren. Such declarations have weight as they are carried out in consistent action. That Jesus expected His people to be perfectly united in mind and action is indicated in His intercessory prayer, ‘that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us.’”

Where is that prayer? John 17:21.

You know, we pray many prayers that we want Jesus to answer. Here’s one prayer that He wants us to answer, and I think if we answer His prayer, He’ll answer our prayers. What do you say? And His prayer is that we may be what? One.

“The oneness that Jesus calls for is complete. It cannot be attained through human effort alone, but it is possible through divine help. The pre-Pentecostal preparation

brought a complete state of harmony to the disciples, who had previously manifested such a contrary spirit.

“This unity of which Jesus speaks is not that of a human organization. Rather, it is the gift of divine love, which can be realized only as we ourselves have fellowship with the Father and with the Son.”

Is that true?

“No mere organization can bind us together.”

The organization is important, but as Elder Figuhr points out here, the thing that really ties us together is what? Love. That’s it.

“In 1902, more than three-score years ago, the messenger of the Lord asked the rhetorical question, What is the secret of our prosperity. When Sister White raised this question, it was evident that God’s cause had prospered. The church membership had grown from a few hundred to some 73,522, that total giving aggregated \$809,195.73. To those who had seen and been through the early disappointment years, this was indeed evidence of prosperity.

“When Sister White looked at the development of the work in her day and contrasted it with the hard and difficult days of our beginnings, she was impressed by the prosperity that had attended the work. It led her to inquire as to the secret of it. She herself gives the reply, God has blessed our united efforts.”

Blessed what? Yes. Does it take effort? What kind of effort? United effort. Does it take the blessing of God? Oh, yes. But what does He bless? Our united effort.

“The early believers had learned the value of harmonious effort, and God had blessed their labors. Had each back there struck out for himself doing what he believed right in his own eyes, how different the results would have been. But they had learned that those who have the unction from on high will in all their efforts encourage order, discipline and union of action, and then the angels of God can cooperate with them.”

There she quotes from *Testimonies to Ministers*, page 28. And, again, he quotes from *Volume 9*, 169.

“If ever the Lord has spoken by me, He speaks when I say that the workers engaged in educational lines, in ministerial lines, and in medical missionary lines must stand as a unit,

all laboring under the supervision of God, one helping the other, each blessing each.'

"Can we still see God's prospering hand over His work? When Sister White looked over the field in 1902, she saw some 73,000 baptized church members. They were giving annually in tithes and offerings a little less than one million dollars. Today, in place of 73,000 believers, we are nearly a million and a half, with our Sabbath school membership nearly two million. Our giving has risen from less than one million a year to more than 110 million each year.

"While we recognize that figures and statistics are not the chief measures of success in God's work, we believe that they indicate something of solid value and true worth of those who constitute the figures and who give the millions of dollars.

"More than 100,000 people each year leave their positions, brave opposition, and often make prodigious sacrifices to embrace this faith. They would not do so if they did not see something in it of more than earthly value, nor would they reach into their pockets and take out 110 million each year and give it for the advancement of this cause if they did not wholeheartedly believe in it. Figures and statistics can be very expressive. In this instance, we believe they are.

"In speaking of the development of our church organization, Sister White observed that from the first, our work was aggressive."

What does aggressive mean? Pushing right forward.

"A united aggressiveness resulted under God in steady growth. We have not lost our aggressiveness in pushing ahead with God's work, nor have we lost our spirit of unity. Despite the fact that we're practically cut off from large areas of the world field and have little and often no contact whatever with our believers, the spirit of unity persists.

"It is especially difficult for our people in these areas."

He's thinking especially of places like Russia, China and other areas of the world that are entirely or almost entirely cut off.

"It is especially difficult for our people in these areas. Not only are they discriminated against because of their religion but they are singled out as being non-cooperative because of their loyalty to the Fourth Commandment. Their lot is not an easy one, but as one comes into occasional contact with

them, he is deeply impressed with their dedicated loyalty to this great movement and to what it represents.

“From time to time, many of these believers are in prison or otherwise persecuted. They think beyond the borders of their own land and inquire, How is the work going in other lands? Then, they ask, How are the brethren? And they name Elder Spicer and others.

“They have been out of direct touch with us for so long that very often those whom they ask about have gone to their rest, but their questions are indicative of their unabated interest in and love for God’s work in all the earth.

“Although God has wonderfully blessed and prospered His work, yet there remaineth very much land to be possessed. So, with our yet unfinished task before us and with the assurance of God’s promises, we must aggressively and unitedly press forward in proclaiming the message of our Lord’s soon return in glory and majesty.

“Difficulties are increasing. Problems are growing in number and magnitude. We are cut off from large areas of the world and from many of our people, but these conditions are not to discourage us or lead us to slacken our efforts. We have the Lord’s promised presence. I am with you always.

“So, with the aggressiveness and unity that brought prosperity to our work from its very beginning, we must continue to press forward speedily to finish our assigned task. Nothing would please the enemy more than to see division come in among God’s people and each strikeout in his own individual way.”

Now, here comes a wonderful statement from *Volume 8*, page 174.

“God’s people are not to be in confusion, lacking order and harmony, consistency and beauty. The Lord is greatly dishonored when disunion exists among His people. Truth is a unit. The unity that God requires must be cultivated day by day if we would answer the prayer of Christ” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8*, page 174.

Here are these beautiful flowers here. Do you suppose they had to be cultivated? Somebody has to plant them? Take care of them? Keep out the weeds? Now, what is the plant here that’s to be cultivated? Unity.

“The unity that God requires must be cultivated day by day if we would answer the prayer of Christ. The disunion that is striving for existence among those who profess to believe

the last message of mercy to be given to the world, must find no place..." *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8*, page 174.

What is it, then, that's to find no place? It's a weed, isn't it? Now, what is the weed? Let me read it again and watch for the weed. We saw the flower. What's the flower? Unity.

"The unity that God requires must be cultivated day by day if we would answer the prayer of Christ. The disunion that is striving for existence among those who profess to believe the last message of mercy to be given to the world, must find no place..." *Ibid.*

What's the weed? Disunity.

"...for it would be a fearful hindrance to the advancement of God's work" *Ibid.*

Do you know why a weed has to be pulled out of the garden? Why, yes. It absorbs the nourishment and the moisture that the good plants need. Is that right? And all these elements of disunion – they absorb time, they absorb money, they absorb thought and effort. Don't they? Yes. People get them in the mail, Oh, have you seen this or this or this? Takes time to read and study those things. And then, they want money.

"The disunion that is striving for existence among those who profess to believe the last message of mercy to be given to the world, must find no place for it would be a fearful hindrance to the advancement of God's work. His servants are to be one, as Christ is one with the Father; their powers, illuminated, inspired, and sanctified, must be united to make a complete whole. Those who love God and keep His commandments are not to draw apart; they are to press together" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 8*, page 174.

That's the end of the quotation from *Volume 8*. Elder Figuhr continues:

"We're to press together that we may unitedly go forward. The glorious multitude that John saw standing before the throne of God and of the Lamb, made up of the redeemed from every nation, kindred, tongue and people, is a perfectly united body, voicing its harmony and triumph in a great anthem of praise and loyalty to God.

"The unity of this body was achieved and maintained here in this world."

I like that, friends. What does achieve mean? Means we've got them. What does maintained mean? Stay there.



“The unity of this body...

The church.

“...was achieved and maintained here in this world. It was here on this earth that its members were forbearing to one another and charitable, sparing no effort to make fast with bonds of peace the unity which the Spirit gives.

“With great seriousness, we should contemplate our personal responsibility to be in accord with God’s people, both individually and collectively. The apostle Peter points the way.

Now, let’s turn to 1 Peter 1:22, with Elder Figuhr, as he reads. 1 Peter 1:22:

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently” 1 Peter 1:22.

Isn’t that nice? What does unfeigned love mean? What does unfeigned tell us? Not pretended, real, true, actual – unfeigned love of the brethren.

“...love one another with a pure heart fervently” 1 Peter 1:22.

“What a triumph it would be for the church of God if during this work of prayer all difficulties among members, all judging of leaders, all condemnation of committees, and all destructive criticism of the church would come to an end. What a great impetus this would give to the work. How greatly God would be exalted before the world. Then, would the prayer of our Lord be fulfilled, That they all may be one, that the world may believe that Thou has sent me.

“May God grant us this experience as a result of this week of prayer.

Now, I’d like to have you, from the text in Peter which you have there, turn, please, over to Ephesians, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, just a few further thoughts in harmony with what we have read here. Ephesians, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> verse. Paul is speaking here of the responsibilities of husbands and wives, and he gives us a great fact concerning the church, Christ.

“For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body” Ephesians 5:23.

What is Christ? The head. He's the head of what? The church. And what's the church? The body. That's right.

Turn over to Colossians, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter, the 18<sup>th</sup> verse:

"And he is the head of the body, the church" Colossians 1:18.

What's the church? The body. What's the body? The church. What's the head? Christ. Now listen. Did you ever see a head going around without a body? Is there anybody here without a head this morning? Bodies don't go around without heads. Is that right? The body and the head are inseparable. Is that right?

Now, this week, I noticed a wonderful statement in *Volume 3*, page 418:

"Christ and His church are inseparable" *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 3*, page 418.

Christ and His church are what? What does inseparable mean? It can't be separated any more than the head and the body. Well, you say, you could separate a head and a body. John the Baptist had his head taken off. But what happened then? Yes, that's right. And oh, my dear friends, Jesus will not allow that connection between Himself and His church to be separate.

Now, it's true that individual members may depart from the church. A hand or a leg might be severed, but, oh, the church and Christ are what? Inseparable, inseparable. Now, that helps me.

Did you ever hear the suggestion made that the important thing is your connection with Christ—that the connection with the church doesn't make a great deal of difference. Did you ever hear that suggestion? Well, if you haven't, you will.

Some people have even been encouraged to feel that what the church does about them doesn't make any difference. What they do about the church – if they persist in rebellious attitudes and the church has to take action, they've been told, Well, just rejoice because you're persecuted, and your name is written in heaven, and it doesn't make any difference whether your name is on the church book on earth or not.

My dear friends, if Jesus is running that sort of program, why have a church in the first place? Will you look at that with me. Why have one? Why have one?

You know, there are some firms—national manufacturers—that maintain jobbers or distributors in various strategic offices. Suppose I write to one of those. I write to one of these big manufacturing companies up in Michigan or Ohio or New York, and I say, I want to buy such and such a product. What do they do? They say You get in touch with our distributor in Nashville or in Atlanta or our representative in Chattanooga.

But suppose I write back and say, Oh, but I want to deal with you directly. If they maintain the kind of organization that I'm describing, it is impossible for me to

deal with them directly. Is that right? If I get the product, I get it through the distributor.

Now, I want you to turn to Acts, the ninth chapter, and see something very interesting. Acts 9. Now, this is speaking of one of the most wonderful conversions that ever took place, the conversion of Saul, the proud Pharisee. He had been a persecutor of the church of Christ, and he was mighty in his opposition, not only in speaking against the truth, but in going out and dragging Christians from their homes, putting them in prison, and in some cases, even to the point of having them killed. But now he's on his way to Damascus to carry on that same work.

The third verse says that as he neared Damascus, a light shone around him. Fourth verse:

“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” Acts 9:4.

Fifth verse:

“And he said, Who art thou, Lord?...” Acts 9:5.

Who are you that are talking to me?

“...And the Lord said, I am...”

Who?

“...I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks” Acts 9:5.

The very one that he'd been persecuting was revealed to him as the Lord from heaven.

“And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?...” Acts 9:6.

Was he ready to listen? Yes. Now, comes the most amazing statement:

“...And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and...”

Do what?

“...go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do” Acts 9:6.

Well, why didn't Jesus tell him? He was all ready to listen, wasn't he? And Jesus himself was there. Don't you think Jesus could have done a good job of it? Why didn't He? Why, my dear friends, what did I read here in *Volume 3*? Christ and His church are what? Inseparable.

Now, the interesting thing is, if you read the rest of the chapter, Jesus had to do quite a bit of work to get the church up there to pay any attention to Saul. They were afraid of him. Jesus had to do about as much work with the church as He did with Saul. Different way, of course.

But the point is He brought them together. He brought them together. And this Saul is the Paul that wrote what we were just studying over there in Ephesians and Colossians. He'd learned that lesson. Christ is the what? Head. And the church is the what? Body.

Now, some people would like to be a little finger, just attached onto the head up here somewhere, but fingers don't grow that way. They can't be grafted on that way. If you're a little finger, you've got to be attached to the hand, which is attached to the arm, which is attached to the body, which is attached to the head. Is that right? That's the way it works.

Oh friends, God has a wonderful plan. Well now, Saul did just what God told him to do. He arose and went into the city and, after a period of meditation and repentance, the prophet, Ananias, came to him, you remember, and he was baptized and united with the church. Thus, he got his commission.

Now, I want to read a little more here from *Volume 3*—just three sentences. I read you one already. Christ and His church are what? Read that with me. Together:

“Christ and His church are inseparable. To neglect or despise those whom God has appointed to lead out and to bear the responsibilities connected with His work and with the advancement and spread of the truth is to reject the means which God has ordained for the help, encouragement, and strength of His people. To pass these by and think your light must come through no other channel than directly from God places you in a position where you are liable to deception and to be overthrown” *Testimonies for the Church, Volume 3, page 418.*

Oh, well, but I wouldn't be deceived. I know truth when I hear it. I can tell error when I see it. Or can I? I'm liable to what? I'm liable to deception. I'm liable to deception. And so, one of the great reasons that God has united us in church capacity is that the church may help each one of us individually to avoid error and to appreciate truth.

Now, men are not infallible, and the Seventh-Day Adventist Church doesn't claim to be infallible. But, you know, friends, it's something like parents. Parents aren't infallible, either, are they? Any of you parents infallible? No. But do you like to have your children listen to what you say? Does God expect your children to listen to what you say? Does he require that? Oh, yes. Pay attention. And so it is in our relationship with the church.

Now, let's turn over to 1 Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. We get another picture of the church here. 1 Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter, verses 27 and 28.

"Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.  
And God hath set some in the church, first apostles,  
secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles,  
then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of  
tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers?  
are all workers of miracles? Have all the gifts of healing? do  
all speak with tongues? do all interpret?"  
1 Corinthians 12:27–28.

What's the little word that answers all those questions of Paul? No. They're not all apostles, not all prophets, not all any of these things. Say, you know, there's one little gift down there that I like. It's the shortest word, I guess, in the list—the gift of helps. Anybody here have the gift of helps? I hope so, friends. We need quite a number of those in the church, yes. They fill up the gaps that other folks leave. And God has drawn us together.

Now, my point is He likens the church here to the body, and He says, You are the body of Christ, as a church, and members, in particular. What are the members of the body? Yes, but here in the body—what does He mean by the members of the body? Hands, feet, heart, liver, lungs, the different organs and parts of the body. Is that right?

Now, to show that, let's go back here to the 14<sup>th</sup> verse:

"For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall  
say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it  
therefore not of the body?" 1 Corinthians 12:14–15.

Is the foot of the body? Is the hand of the body? Yes. One of our church leaders here, our institutional leaders – his name was Foote, Brother Foote. Some of you know him. Another institution I used to visit, there was a sister there whose name was Hand, Sister Hand. Well, every church has somebody that's like the foot. Every church has somebody that's like the hand. And we're all somewhere in the body.

Paul says:

"And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not  
of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body  
were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were  
hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the  
members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased  
him" 1 Corinthians 16–18.

Who decides? God does. And if I'm willing, I'll be fitted in.

Now friends, in the 25<sup>th</sup> verse, he shows us what's to be the result of all this. There's to be no what? Schism in the body. The margin says, "division." Did you ever see a foot walking down the road by itself? We say to the foot, Well, how does this happen? Well, the rest of the body wanted to go south, and I want to go north, so I keep going down myself.

And here's a hand, sitting here writing a letter all by itself. We say to it, Well, where's the body? Well, the body didn't want to write this letter, so I had to write it all by myself. It never happened, did it? No. Why not? Because the whole body is under the direction of what? The head.

Now, dear friends, the only way that can work in God's organized church is for all of us to be under the direction of the head. That's the only way it can work. No mere human tie can hold us together, as Elder Figuhr so beautifully pointed out.

Oh, for this spirit of love, that Christ's prayer may be fully answered. And so, He says, in the 26<sup>th</sup> verse:

"And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it..." 1 Corinthians 12:26.

Do we suffer with our people in Russia and China this morning? Do we suffer with our people in Columbia, of whom many have been martyrs? Do we suffer with our people in other hard places of the earth who endure persecution, hardship, privation? Ah, dear ones, America is the easy spot of the whole earth today. It's an easy spot. Any of you that have been in foreign lands can tell us that.

Our world leaders who travel are greatly impressed by the tremendous difference between living conditions among our people here and those in most overseas places. And thank God for an organization that makes it possible for us to share at least some of the prosperity that God has given us with our dear believers around the world.

Now, as we close this week of prayer week, I wonder if a number of you wouldn't like to speak of your love for God, your love for His church, your love for your brothers and sisters, and rededicate your life to Jesus this morning. The time is yours.

[Testimony meeting.]

Four hundred thirty-two [*Church Hymnal* (1941)] .

"Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love,  
The fellowship of kindred minds  
Is like to that above."

*Seventh-Day Adventist Hymnal* (1985), #350, first stanza.

Each stanza of this beautiful hymn means so much in the light of what we've studied together this morning.

[Tape ends in progress.]

“Before our Father’s throne  
We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts, and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,  
It gives us inward pain;  
But we shall still be joined in heart,  
And hope to meet again.”  
*Ibid.*, stanzas 2–4.

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