

continent

their heart the name of the place He wants them to work or even the ~~time~~ He wants them to work. I don't think He is particularly interested with most of us<sup>what</sup> continent on which ~~time~~ we are working. He is interested, of course, that we should spread out and cover the ~~earth~~ world, but He is not interested in what continent most of us work. But He is ~~not~~ tremendously interested that we do the kind of work that we can do for Him. Wherever we are, and that we find the place where our particular talents can be used for His glory. And there is a way in ~~which~~ which every one of us can serve, because every one that He puts into the body has a function in it. <sup>u</sup> Every one has a gift, and it is not a geographical matter, but it is a matter of the type of work, the relationship to others.

And so that comes under the second phase, the govt. of the church as to the cooperation ~~of~~ of members. But we have been shading over pretty closely into the third, the direction in govt., in the sense of directing work. Direct-  
ing ~~and~~ activities. And when it comes to this, here <sup>again</sup> ~~again~~, sometimes it seems as if oh only if He would press a button and this thing would go this way, and if He would press a button things would go that way. He would drop you a note and say, I want you to work in this ~~particular~~ place and you do this thing. But He purposely refrains from that, in most cases, because it is<sup>is</sup> His will to develop a character that lives in communion with Him. Such that we follow Him and do His will and put Him first in our lives. And He is more interested in developing that character in us than He is in having us in any particular geographical area. Or even doing a particular type of work, though if we develop the character that He wants, then we are ~~not~~ bound to do the type of work that He wants done.

And so the direction of the church we find that in the book of Acts that we find evidence that at crucial points that Holy Spirit directed very definitely ~~to~~ go to this place and speak to this man. Go in this ~~direction~~ direction. There was a very definite direction at that time, which has ceased in the main. There may be small remnants of it today, but they are very small. In fact, even in those days, ~~it~~ I think it is more the matter of the crises, the matter of the specific vital turning point at which He is determined a certain thing be done,