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 we must stress ~~these~~ separation, we must stress these other matters in their proper place, but they are means to an end, and ^{the} ~~a~~ means ^{is} ~~to~~ leading sould to know the Lord Jesus Christ and show them how they may be saved for all etern-ity.

Yesterday Mr. Eppard read to us from 2 Cor. 5. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. Not the terror of the Lord as far as anything terrible he's going to do to us, no, but because Jesus Christ has borne our sins. But the righteousness of the Lord, the terror of the thing of those who do not know. We persuade men. The love of Christ constraineth us. Jesus has ~~l~~ left us here in order that we may witness to his truth, and he has left us here in order that we may grow in grace. We labor ~~but~~ ~~w~~ that whether present or ~~a~~bsent, we may be accepted of him, we labor in order that we may grow in grace, in order that we may get the experience, get the devel-opment, get the acharacter that he wants us to have here. He wants us to learn the love of Christ that will show forth in and through us, that we will show forth the very character of Christ, that when He receives us into glory He will rejoice that we have been growing into the figure of the Lord Jesus Christ, till that wonderful day when we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is. Moses said, so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. When I was your age, life ~~a~~spread ahead of me. If I didn't do a thing today I could~~d~~ do it tomorrow. If I didn't do it tomorrow I could do it the next day. If I couldn't do it this year I could do it next year. And now I see my friends dropping on every hand. The Lord may take me next week, He may give me another twenty years. But if my life is going to count for the Lord I've got to bring together certain things that I've done through these years. I've taught, I've given the Word of God to many people, they are presenting it all over the world. The Lord has enabled me to give out an influence, but during these years I've been studying, I've been working into problems, and I've given it orally but not in writing. When I die it will disappear if I don't get it down, if I don't get it in writing,