

St. Helena, Calif., Dec. 9, 1929.

Daylight, Tenn.

Dear Sister,-

Your letter of Sept. 23, 1929, addressed to Elder G.B. Starr has been referred to Elder W.C. White, for further light concerning the use of the individual Communion Cup.

The following is an extract from a letter which Elder White wrote to another individual, on June 24, 1929, in answer to a similar question:-

"I remember very well that this question was brought to Sister White's attention several times during 1909 to 1914. *(that of the individual communion cup.)*

"In response to the questions submitted to Sister White regarding the propriety and advantage of using the Individual cup^{at} to Communion service, Sister White gave uniform reply, that the matter was not of such a character as to arouse controversy in any church. If a church was unanimous in its desire to use the common cup, and if its members understood the risk to health in so doing, that it was their privilege to follow their preference.

"On the other hand if any church deemed it advisable to use the individual cup that no one should feel that it was an error. Furthermore, she stated that considering the health conditions which surround us in these later years, that she considered it a much safer practice to use the individual cup. This she did her self when attending service where the individual cup had been adopted by the congregation.

" In connection with her counsel regarding this matter she mentioned other practices of the church which some regarded as very sacred and of a very serious character, such as the bestowal of the "holy kiss", and she stated that the brotherly kiss was not necessarily a kiss upon the lips and that in view of health conditions at present, that the custom of kissing upon the lips should be avoided.

"Sister White approved of the view that the holy kiss referred to in the Bible was a kiss upon the cheeks and she expressed with much approval of the custom of our people in France who kiss one another upon the cheek and not upon the lips.

"In view of the fact that Sister White was given much light regarding the Lord's supper as celebrated by Christ and His disciples,- in view of the fact that she has written much regarding the celebration of the Lord's supper by His people in these last days covering almost every phase of the spiritual condition that we should be in when we take part in that service, and in consideration of the fact that in none of her books, and in none of her articles, and in none of her manuscripts, and in none of her sermons did she ever state that in communion service it was advisable to use the ~~common~~ cup,- in view of these circumstances and the fact that she gave sanction to the use of the individual cup and that she used it herself, there is, it seems to me, abundance of evidence that we are perfectly free to use that method which is

B L most favorable to avoidance of the transmission of disease."

As Elder White is very busy with his correspondence which became greatly accumulated while he was on his trip east to attend the Fall Counsel, he asked that I write you these few lines for him, sending you the above quotation from his letter to another individual answering practically the same question.

We trust that this will ^{be} a satisfactory answer to your question, and that the Lord will give you wisdom in conducting your part of His great work in the earth. I am

Sincerely your sister in Christ,

Stella B. Lowry