

fellow Gideon. ~~Y~~ Who's he? He comes from one of the smallest families in Manasseh, and as he said himself, he was the least one in the family. Who does he think he is to start out to blow the trumpet, and call people to come to follow him. He hasn't had a meeting of all of the people for a long time. Of course, the Midianites are around holding us down, but we ought to have a meeting first. And we ~~xi~~ ought to consider all of this thing, and we ought to elect a person to be our leader~~s~~, and we ought to follow him. What right does this man Gideon got to rise up and do this? Oh, he said the Lord appointed him. But what proof have we got of it? And then I am sure there were others who said, Well, why should we go out and fight against the Midianites? They haven't bothered me. I am able to carry on my farm. Of course, it is a bit inconvenient. They robbed everything from that farm three doors down there, last year, and just the other month I heard they were a mile down here, and were asking the men, but they haven't bothered me yet. And I have been able to do alot of good here, and maybe if I am real quiet they won't bother me. And this ~~man~~ man Gideon blowing his trumpet, he is just stirring up confusion, and making trouble, and he won't be able to drive the Midianites out, and meantime all the good work that we are doing is going to be injured. And then I am sure there were people who said, Look at his wife. Look at the way this man Gideon is doing things. First he blows a trumpet, and thinks he is somebody that thinks he has a right to call everybody to come, and help them, and then after he gets them there he starts driving them away, instead of holding them. He tells them, he says well, if you are afraid to do what I say, You go home. And thir~~teen~~ thousand of them have gone out of ~~the~~ the little group of 23,000 of them that he had, and there is only 10,000 of them left. And then look at the silly fool thing he has done, gone down there to~~t~~ that river, and used that silly fool thing about whether they drink with their tongue or with their hands. What difference does it make? Whether you drink with your tongue or with your hands? And yet Gid~~son~~ here is driving away these people that don't drink the way he'd like to have them do it. And then they say. It is true that he went out here against the Midianites, and he