

“Copy of a little Roll brought by Eldress Ruth and given to Elder Sister Eliza Sharp. Sabbath Morn
December 13th ’57.

Says Eldress Ruth,

I have come early this morn to bring my blessing to this suffering child of God and to minister peace comfort and strength to Mothers well tried afflicted and forbearing little one.

Eliza, you must remember that all this things which are suffered to come upon us if borne patiently will work for our good in the end, tho they may seem strange and unaccountable [sic] and cause us to feel much tribulation it is our privilege to learn wisdom by every thing that passes before us. You need not cast any reflections on yourself or any one in the present case for the will of God has been done and for one I return my thanks to you and all those who have lifted a finger to aid in this gift; it had been directed according to the desires of your heavenly parents and I feel for one that I am released from a very great burden.

We shall all have the reward of our works sooner or later and you have no cause of fear in this respect. I feel that you have done honor to your privilege and I for one can meet you in peace. I felt a gift of God in your being placed in the order you now stand and you have done well in that place as far as you have had experience. I do not know of any one that would have done better and I should have been thankful if this cup could have passed by, but I do not feel that I have any right to judge that which I do not understand; it is our privilege to learn humility and reconciliation to all that we are called to bear and murmur [sic] not at all. I have felt greatly satisfied with the gift that has been maintained by all your lot and should be pleased to have you remain in your present order, but when the time comes for a further gift I shall not stand in the way.

We have brought you three rolls; the first is our comforting love and blessing which you shall always find in the crop and this you have borne faithfully; and a robe of purity which you have earned and formed for yourself with clean hands and a pure conscience [sic].

The second is a roll of sufferings which your life is spared to endure for the increase of the work of God, and that you may be perfected in the spirit of true subjection to the order and gift of God in all things.

The third is a golden roll which you will receive when you have drank the cup that is measured out for you and finished your labors and sufferings here, for then you will rejoice with the saints who are set free and triumph over the powers of death.

I have known the desires of your soul and have many times caused you to feel my presence and will continue so to do as long as you remain on the earth whether you are able to serve much or little, you will have the blessings of God in obedience and reconciliation to the will of God in bearing and continuing to forbear to the end all that may come upon you. Every soul must be fathomed to the bottom and there will be no one that will finally escape the All righteous and All Powerful hand of God in that way and means which wisdom may see fit to try and prove them; but dear child while you suffer you must remember that you have a great many sympathizing friends and we never shall forsake you, but when worst comes to worst we will administer that balm which heals every wound and softens ever affliction. This you have fully realized and have often times received the answer of your prayers when under deep tribulation from the ministering spirits around you.

Now eat this comforting roll which I have given you and it will strengthen your wounded spirit; and rejoice in that victory you have gained by the crops, for no one shall take your crown. In love I now leave you and in peace fare well till I meet you again.

Says Eldress Ruth”