

# The King's Highway.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness:

The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. Isaiah 35:8.

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## FAITH.

What is that element that fills the soul,  
Banishing care, embracing hope and cheer;  
That sees tomorrow dawn with sunny skies,  
When only darkest clouds today appear;  
That whispers courage to the fainting heart,  
As tremblingly this vale of tears we roam,  
Causing our eyes to pierce the gathering gloom,  
And "just ahead" behold our future home?

A storm is raging! Loud the breakers roar!  
The Heaven's thunder! and the lightning's gleam  
Like flashing meteors on a staunch old ship  
That struggles onward in the seething stream  
The angry billows rise with maddened zeal,  
Strike heavily her sides, and wash her deck,  
Until it seems as though despair must win;

While all on board are crying, "She will wreck!"  
But firmly at the helm the captain stands  
"Tranquil amid the panic-stricken crew;  
His thoughts not centered in his life alone,  
For just beyond the harbour meets his view;  
And as he wanders to his cottage home,  
And sees the mother with her little child  
Awaiting his return, it brings him strength  
That makes him dauntless mid the storm so wild.

Oh blessed Faith! that from the Saviour came  
To guide our footsteps to the Glory-land;  
To make us sweet, and give us peace within;  
When Satan's elements lie close at hand  
To work our ruin and thwart our plans,  
How sweetly Thou canst make our pathway shine!  
While through Thy strength we rise and boldly say:  
I know that I am God's, and He is mine!

What a blessed privilege our Master assigned His children, when in the lonely garden of Gethsemane, as He looked towards the closing hours of His life, which He was soon to witness, and saw revealed therein the most excruciating pain and suffering, looked up into His Father's face and said; "Thy will be done."

There is a true instance of a life of Faith. What a glorious type of sinless character! What trust He placed in His Father's wisdom! The same faith must be ours today, if we would make our lives successful and servicable. Christ does not desire that we should be dragged by Satan into the valley of doubts when He has provided so amply for our every need. Go have the peace of God in a satisfying measure. We must be willing to place our hand in that of our Father, and under any and all circumstances say with a true christian emphasis; "Thy will be done."

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## THE SENSITIVE PREACHER.

In no one does sensitiveness appear so conspicuous and prove to be so offensive, as in a preacher. Moreover, he lives in an atmosphere, enjoying exemptions and honors, conducive to sensitiveness. Some people may be offended when a peddler or an agent attempts to sell them something, but the preacher, while he may not buy, must cheer the toiler with courtesy. Ecclesiastics and magistrates may misuse him, he must return them smiles for frowns, and blessings for cursings. Individuals or even whole audiences may treat him with indignity, but he must not be offended. Nor need the preacher think that he can get out among strangers and act like a man of the world. The preacher who quarrels at trainmen, storms at waiters and grumbles at hotel keepers

spikes his own gun and disgraces the gospel. He could never win those people if his labors were thrown among them, nor can he win those who witness his performances. Imagine how cheap a certain preacher felt when, after grumbling at a few imperfections in the cooking at a restaurant in a strange town, he was informed when he went to settle his bill that ministers were not charged.

We cannot afford to take offence at not being asked to preach or at being given an unfavorable hour, or at the failure of committees and news papers to give us due attention. Yielding to such a spirit will destroy all the grace in our hearts. Statements and bills may be inadvertently or unjustly sent to us, repeatedly; and, while others may fly off at a tangent and write ugly letters, the preacher would disgrace himself in so doing, for even a broad minded man of the world with good business sense would not do such a thing. "Charity suffereth long and is kind." The absence of sensitiveness is a mark of greatness. A few sensitive men may rise to altitudes of usefulness and positions of honor, but this is an exception to the rule; and in such a case you have the paradox of a little man filling a big place.—Pentecostal Herald.

## A MISSIONARY CATECHISM ON CHINA.

1. What is the best short description of China? "Great, dark, hungry China." That is how it was described by a missionary.

2. Is it great in size, or in the number of people?—In both. China itself is eleven times as large as the British Isles, and the Chinese Empire thirty-four times as large.

3. Does this country contain many people?—Yes. It would take over twelve years for the people of China to walk by a given spot even though one person passed every second.

4. What makes you think that China is dark and hungry?—The fact that so few of the Chinese have heard of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each month a million die, of whom very few know of the Savior of the World.

5. But have they no religion of their own?—They have three; but none of them tell of the Light of the World.

6. What are their religions?—One is Confucianism? There is no god in that religion, and it says nothing about heaven.

7. What is the second?—It is called Taoism, and now is little more than fortunetelling and the like.

8. And the third? Buddhism.

9. Is that better than the other two?—No. The highest hope it holds out is of attaining the state of a candle when it is blown out; that is, of ceasing to exist.

10. Have the Chinese any idols?—Many, chiefly in Taoist temples. There is also the kitchen god, which is kept in the houses of the people; the god of the entrance, and so on.

11. When was Christianity first taken into China?—About 1,350 years ago, by the Nestorians, an early sect of Christians; but little is known of what was done then.

12. Who was the first Protestant missionary?—Dr. Morrison, who reached China in 1808.

13. What sort of work did he do?—He compiled a Chinese dictionary and translated the Bible.

14. How can we help to send the gospel to these people?—The best

way is by prayer. Then we must read about the work, so as to be better able to pray, and give money to support the missionaries; and older people can sometimes go out themselves and teach the Chinese.—C. and M. Alliance.

## FOUNDATIONAL FACTS ABOUT HOLINESS.

Whatever may be the grounds any man has for opposing or neglecting the doctrine and experience of holiness it remains true that the really holy man is the best man in the community all other things being equal. He may not be the most intellectual nor the largest property owner nor the man who makes the largest display of himself, but he is the man who is always on the side of what he believes to be right. He is always transparently sincere, he is always true to his convictions, and always against whatever is not for the glory of God and the good of mankind. Other people may not always agree with him, some of his neighbors may wish he were out of the community and others even wish him out of the world, but when the rocks rend and the winds blow and the storms beat about these oppressors they would rather he would be of their company than any compromising man in the world. The only enduring gifts come from the Father of light and the true holy man knows how to bring these enduring gifts down from above in answer to prayer. The principal difficulty is that there are so many sinners and half-hearted church members in almost every community that the influence of one holy man is but little more than a drop in a bucket.—Wesleyan Methodist.

## 'STRANGE BENEVOLENCE.'

One day, riding with a friend in one of our leading cities, I noticed a stately and palatial residence, to which I called my friend's attention. He said; "That beautiful mansion was built for its proprietor by benevolent gentlemen of this city and community." And by further conversation I learned that some men gave their own clothing, others gave their pianos and organs, and some donated their carpets, pictures and furniture. Others sacrificed nearly all the food of pantry and cellar, and most of the clothing of the wardrobe belonging to wife and children. Some gave their sons to dissipation, while their daughters became outcasts. The majority of these benevolent gentlemen deposited their good name, their reputation, character and all—mind, body and soul—all to erect this stately mansion for the man who occupies and owns it. They also have given him the finest suit of broadcloth and a brilliant diamond pin, while they have dressed his wife and children in silks and satins. They also keep the pantry, cellar and wardrobe filled to overflowing. (Strange benevolence! Who are these benevolent ones, and who is the man living in the stately mansion, surrounded by every luxury? Can you guess?—O. F. Laughbaum.

## HER INFLUENCE.

So great is the influence of a sweet-minded woman on those around her that it is almost boundless. It is to her that friends come in seasons of sorrow and sickness for help and comfort. One soothing touch of her kindly hands works wonders in the feverish child; a few words let fall

from her lips in the ear of a sorrowing sister do much to raise the load of grief that is bowing its victim down to the dust in anguish. The husband comes home worn out with the pressure of business and feeling irritable with the world in general, but when he enters the cozy sitting-room and sees the blaze of the bright fire, and meets his wife's smiling face, he succumbs in a moment to the soothing influences which act as a balm of Gilead to his wounded spirit. We are all weary with combating with the stern realities of life. The rough schoolboy flies in a rage from the taunts of his companions to find solace in his mother's smile; the little one, full of grief with its own large troubles finds a haven of rest on its mother's breast; and so one might go on with instances of the influence that a sweet minded woman has in the social life with which she is connected. Beauty is an insignificant power when compared with hers.—'Weekly Wisconsin.'

## THERE IS ROOM FOR US.

Of all compromises which must be offensive to God and injurious to man holiness compromisers are the very worst. When we hear a man shouting for holiness and see the three links of the Odd Fellows, or the pin of the Masons, or some other Christ-denying secret society on him, see him with gold rings on his fingers, other ornamental gold on his person like a watch and chain and bosom pins and other jewelry, we feel certain that either light has been withheld or rejected and some one is compromising. When we hear some one loudly and powerfully professing holiness and yet know that he is to be found the next night at some entertainment or theatrical show either in the church or elsewhere we are again certain that some one has either failed to let the light shine or some one has failed to walk in it. By these compromises thousands of souls are deluded into indulgences which certainly result in terrible spiritual loss. There certainly must be room for a people who do not compromise on any of these lines. Wesleyan Methodists mean to be that uncompromising people.—Wesleyan Methodist.

## HOLINESS NOT ALL SWEETNESS.

Sometimes when holy men are urged to do things of a doubtful character they are found to be very stubborn for the right. This quality of character is likely to make the person who wants them to join in questionable things very uncomfortable. The next step is to discourse on the sweetness affability of real holiness and follow this by accusations against the professor of holiness who will not yield the point and do doubtful things. The fact in every such case is that holiness is not entirely sweetness. There are other elements in it or it would not be worth anything. There is backbone in it, strength of character and tenacity of purpose in it; vigorous opposition to sin and to all questionable things in it. The flabby or soft character which never differs from any one is not the holy man or woman. Holiness would do a mighty work of improvement for such soft and worthless persons.—Wesleyan Methodist.

Faith brings us near to God. Unbelief puts us from God, when we are near to him.—John Bunyan.

## GOING HOME.

In a little while we are going home,  
Never more on earth to roam;  
There to walk the streets of gold,  
And our dear Saviour's face behold.

Yes, a little while and we shall meet  
The loved ones who have gone before,  
Singing, oh! the songs so sweet,  
Praising God forever more.

Just a little while, it won't be long,  
'Till we shall join that happy throng,  
Singing just the songs we love,  
And reign with those who have gone above.

When Jesus died on Calvary,  
To save our souls, to set us free,  
Oh! why should we neglect to do  
The little things He'd have us to.

And I shall live and shine for Him,  
As long as He lends me breath;  
And when he calls me to come home,  
I will sweetly rest on Jesus' breast.

My testimony is that I am trusting in  
Jesus each day, and He is unspeakably  
precious to my soul. Praise His dear  
name!

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[Sister Ethel has been sick for some  
time. Pray for her.—Ed.]

## GET AWAY FROM THE CROWD.

Robert Burdette, in a talk to young men said: "Get away from the crowd for a while and think. Stand on one side and let the world run by, while you get acquainted with yourself, and see what kind of a fellow you are. Ask yourself hard questions about yourself. Ascertain, from original sources, if you are really the manner of man you say you are; and if you are always honest; if you always tell the square, perfect truth in business details; if your life is as good and upright at eleven o'clock at night as it is at noon; if you are a temperance man on a fishing excursion as you are on a Sunday-school picnic; if you are as good when you go to the city as you are at home; if in short you are really the sort of a man your father hopes you are, and your sweetheart believes you are. Get on intimate terms with yourself, my boy, and believe me, every time you come out of one of those private interviews, you will be a stronger, better, purer man. Don't forget this and it will do you good."—Sel.

## SERVE WHERE YOU ARE.

A policeman in Birmingham, becoming a Christian, was so greatly troubled by the sights and sounds of sin among which he worked, that for a long time he and his wife prayed:

"Lord, take me out of the police service. Give me some other work."

Still no answer came, and no other work was opened for him. At last he said to his wife:

"I think we have been making a great mistake. We have been praying that I may be taken out of the force, and I begin to think that He has put me there to work for Him. Now I am just going to pray that He may help me serve Him where I am."

That was the beginning of a life of marvellous usefulness. His influence over men was so great that he was promoted to the head of detectives. He was instrumental in the salvation of many criminals. The place where God has put you is the place where you can do the best service for Him.—Sel.

"Small kindnesses, small courtesies, small considerations, habitually practiced in our social intercourse, give a greater charm to the character than the display of great talents and accomplishments."