

MISSIONARY.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT.

This globe has a population of about 1,500,300,300—of these 30,000,000 are members of Protestant church, and of these it would be fair to say that 15,000,000 would represent the number of truly converted persons, leaving 99 out of every 100 human beings still without Christ.

(2) There are today on earth 800,000,000 people who could not be saved if they wanted to, for they have no knowledge of the Gospel and never had the chance of accepting it.

(3) This state of things has been going on for ages. There have been sixty generations since the time of Christ, and in each of these generations the same or a greater proportion of the people that have lived and died have never known the message of the Gospel. The 800,000,000 of perishing souls on earth today must be multiplied by sixty, if you would know the awful waste of mortal life through the neglect of the Church of God.

(4) One hundred thousand souls are dying every day without Christ. A population equal to one of our large cities drops out of existence every twenty four hours. If a city were annihilated it would fill the world with horror, but a sadder tragedy is going on all the time, and no one seems to care.

(5) If the people that have died in a single year without Christ were buried in a row, it would stretch across the continent of America with a belt of graves side by side, and would return upon itself no less than seven times, before they were all interred, making a cemetery 3,000 miles long and fifty feet wide, and then repeating it every year until at last it should cover all the broad land.

(6) If we were to bring the heathen to you across the sea and crowd them into our largest churches, holding, say, 2,000 people, and have three services a day every day in the week, thus preaching daily to 42,000 people, how long do you suppose it would take to give them all one chance to hear the Gospel? It would take more than an entire generation and then they would have heard the Gospel, but once, and a new generation would be waiting to come along.

(7) For these countless myriads there is no other way of salvation, no other hope but the Gospel. Their religion cannot save them, their consciences do not give them light enough, and they have disobeyed the light they have, and without the power of God's grace no human soul is able to obey even the light of conscience. "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which they must be saved."

(8) Apart from their future danger, they are at present in the greatest distress, their temporal condition is wretched. Poverty, infanticide, the degradation of women, the curse of opium, the cruel horror of the witch doctor and the miseries of slavery—these are among the dark shades in the picture of heathenism. Look at your own happy home and beautiful children and ask, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"—Christian Worker.

FUEL FOR MISSIONARY FIRES

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

To go ourselves, to be one with the sufferer that we may help his suffering, one with the darkened that we may lighten his darkness—this is the only Christliness, the only complete living of the life of Christ.—Phillips Brooks.

"An idle soul shall suffer hunger."

WHY BE SANCTIFIED WHOLLY?

Elder J. F. Beeson.

The plan and purpose of God is righteous and eternal. They cannot be improved upon by His creatures. "See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount." Heb. 8:5. The Psalmist expresses these characteristic words "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple: the statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes: the fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." Psa. 19:7-9.

The whole purpose of the Scriptures is that we might know the perfect way and will of God for us. The actions and ideas of men do not always commend themselves to God nor man; however, God often commends the conduct of men as being perfect, as answering to the purpose of His design. That God makes us a factor with Him in what He is doing for us and or others is unquestionably true: hence in God's plan and purpose to make us holy in this life it has pleased Him to make the subject an important factor in His own redemption.

God commands entire holiness "that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Jas. 1:4. This must refer in some important sense to a state in which we may be perfect and entire. God has not commanded anything that He did not know to be possible and for our best good and His greatest glory. Neither has He set forth any plan or purpose in His church that has not been a success. In other words, the moral perfection that God requires in the church has never been without examples in all ages of the world. It would be in vain for any to contradict this.

Moral perfection is all that any holiness teaching ever pretends to uphold, unless it might be a rare case of an over-balanced zealot. The evident purpose of God is the perfection of our moral nature, the heart nature, inasmuch as the conformity of our outer lives wholly depends on the heart nature. Our stage of progress on arrival at the point of entire sanctification, is comparatively only a beginning of heavenly things within, and of holy harmony without. The absence of all sinful acts and purposes is the beginning of the justified relation to God, but the continuation of the reign of the perfect heart in entire sanctification is "proving what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom 12:1.

This work is progressive, and is carried on through a pure heart in the midst of many errors of judgment, preconceived opinions, prejudices, human weaknesses and infirmities, by the power of the Holy Ghost. He keeps us reproofed for errors, instructing us in righteousness, and humiliating us for our weaknesses, informing us as to the will of God according to His Word. The whole purposes of God in the perfection of grace in our hearts is His greatest glory, in the church, which is His body, "by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Brother, Sister, have you the witness this moment that your heart is perfect?

Atlanta, Georgia.—Vangard.

UNKNOWN RICHES.

Several weeks ago an old man living in New Jersey discovered about \$5,000 in a family Bible. The bank notes were scattered throughout the book. In 1574 the aunt of this man had died and one clause of her will was as follows:

"To my beloved nephew, Steven Marsh, I will and bequeath my family Bible and all it contains, with the residue of my estate after my funeral

expenses and just and lawful debts are paid."

The estate amounted to a few hundred dollars, which were soon spent and for about 35 years his chief support has been a small pension from the Government. He lived in poverty and all the time within his reach there was the precious Bible containing thousands of dollars, sufficient for all his wants. He passed that Bible by. His eyes rested on it, perhaps his hands handled the old leather bound Bible with its brass clasps, but he did not open it once. At last while packing his trunk to move to his son, where he intends to spend his few remaining years, he discovered the unknown riches, which were in his possession. What thoughts of regret must have come to his mind. If he only had opened that Bible years ago, he then might have used the money to great advantage. Instead of it the treasure laid idle for 35 years. And he might have had it and enjoyed it all that time.

This is a sad story. But there is something infinitely sadder than the experience of this man. It is the neglect of the Bible by God's people. Our God has given to His people a costly treasure in His own Word. In this Book of books the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God are stored up. Here the riches of His love and grace are made known and the highest wisdom man is capable of possessing is told out. All the child of God needs spiritually is to be found on its pages all wants are there supplied. And yet these riches, put at our disposal by a loving Father, are unknown and unused riches. Instead of being enjoyed, used, and in using them multiplied, they are neglected. Many of God's people are dragging along in a spiritually impoverished state, when they might have all their need supplied and constantly increase in the knowledge of God. Occasionally we receive letters from aged Christians, including preachers. They tell us how they deplore the fact that they did not know certain truths 30 and 40 years ago. "How different my Christian life and experience as well as my service might have been," is what an old Christian wrote to us recently. And all this time these riches were in the Bible, they might have enjoyed them. Oh, the neglected Bible! May we arise and possess our possessions.—Our Hope.

FAITH IN PRAYER.

Alexander the Great had a famous but indigent philosopher in his court. This adept in science was once particularly straitened in his circumstances. To whom should he apply, but to his patron, the conqueror of the world? He no sooner made his request than it was granted. Alexander gave him a commission to receive of his treasurer whatever he wanted. He immediately demanded in his sovereign's name, ten thousand pounds. The treasurer, surprised at so large a demand, refused to comply; but waited upon the king and told him of the request, adding, withal, how unreasonable he thought the petition, and how exorbitant the sum. Alexander heard him with patience, but as soon as he had ended his remonstrance, he replied, "Let the money be instantly paid; I am delighted with this philosopher's way of thinking. He has done me a singular honor, by the largeness of his request, he shows the high idea he has conceived both of my superior wealth and my royal munificence." We cannot honor God more than by believing what he says, and act under that faith in all our requests at his throne. "All things whatsoever ye ask in prayer, ye shall receive." "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name, ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." "Ask of God that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not."—Watchward.

DONT'S.

Don't talk about your preacher's faults and failings around the family table, and then wonder why he has not more influence over your children. You have killed his influence and it is no wonder that they sit on the back seat, snicker and grin under the preaching of the Gospel with as little concern as the devil himself. Your fireside influence has done the work.

Don't expect people to believe that you have Holy Ghost salvation, is you sit around your fireside on prayer meeting night, or go to bed and sleep while others are beseeching the throne on their behalf, and for the community that is asleep in the arms of the evil one. You should not feel hurt when they drop their heads as you endeavor to make them believe you are on your way to heaven. They can remember when you had enough salvation that you could not be induced to stay at home. It was your perfect delight to be there.

Don't wonder if your pastor cannot reach the outside world and bring them to the feet of the world's Redeemer, while there is an awful slackness and lack of punctuality in business matters when dealing with the unsaved; for instance, not paying your grocery bills promptly, your notes when due, not honorable and upright when doing business, bantering with business men, until you are known all over the town and community as a man who wants to get articles less than their value, etc. It would need tremendous conviction for sinners to climb over the inconsistency of some professors of religion and go to the altar and have these backsliders gather around them to pray them into the kingdom.

Don't expect people to have confidence in your profession of holiness, if you have the same prayer and experience Sunday after Sunday. Your life may be consistent, and your brethren and sisters in the Church ought to thank God for that, but, if they are spiritual-minded, they know you should be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of God's house. You should be drinking from the rivers of His pleasure. No matter how much charity the people may have they know that your cup ought to run over at least once in a while. Inhabitants of Canaan are living in a land of plenty, with brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of the valleys and hills; a land where they eat bread without scarceness, and do not lack any good thing.—Holiness Era.

If it is a man's duty to become a minister or a missionary, he cannot afford to go into business, even though he might gain ten times as much that way as he would receive in his proper position. But, on the other hand, it is quite possible for a man to mistake his calling and enter the ministry when he should become a lawyer, or a doctor, or something else. In that case he is likely to have a trying and discouraging experience.

There are many men who should be in the pulpit, and are not, and there are many in the pulpit who manifestly never had any call from God to that vocation, many, in fact, who have no conscious experience of salvation in Christ or of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and who are therefore dependent upon others for any knowledge they possess of the truths which they try to preach. Such a minister may be very earnest and very sincere, but he is dear at any price to the church which he serves, however clever or eloquent he may be, and he cannot hope to have any real joy in his work; though he may take great pleasure in the admiration which he receives.—Selected.

A holiness man who is not punctual in his business and prompt in his obligations needs to be sanctified yet.

EARLY CHURCH GOING.

Many parents neglect the bringing of their little children up to the house of worship. Solomon says, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. Dr. Young says the word "train" here means "dedicate," "give instruction." The margin in the Oxford Bible has "Catechise."

These days many people think little children should stay at home till they could understand. The disciples rebuked the parents for bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not." "And He took them up in His arms, put His hands upon them and blessed them." Jesus spoke so simple that all could understand Him. Jewish parents brought their children to the house of the Lord when they were forty days old.

A certain writer in a religious magazine advocates that father and mother should alternately stay home with the children. Train up a child outside of the house of God and he is hard to transplant in later years and his growth and permanent establishment becomes the less certain the older he gets.

Parents, bring your little ones along to Church. Train them so well at home that they will obey you and behave in Church. If you can't make them behave when small, it is very likely that later on neither you nor your pastor can make them behave.

As long as they cannot behave when they sit with some one else or alone, have them sit with yourself, so you know what they are doing. Raise them up in the Church and train them to obey and they will likely be members of the Church and pillars in the House of God when your body is lowered into the grave, and their children will follow them.—Gospel Banner.

OF VALUE.

A late writer calls attention to a unique Church building in England; unique in the fact that the following inscriptions are upon it:

"On your way to the Lord's House, be thoughtful, be silent; or say but little, and that little good."

"Speak not of other men's faults—think of your own—for you are going to ask forgiveness." This is applicable not merely when one is going to church.

"In church, bow down at once, very humbly, and pray. Spend the time that remains in holy thought. In prayer, remember the Presence into which you have come!"

"Never look about you to see who are coming in, or for any cause whatever."

"It matters nothing to you what others may be doing; attend to yourself; fasten your thoughts firmly on the holy service; miss not one word. This needs a severe struggle so you have no time for vain things. The blessed Spirit will strengthen you if you persevere."

"When the service is over, remain kneeling and pray."

"Do not cover your head until you are outside—the church is God's house, even when prayer is over."

"On your way home, be careful of your talk; the world will too soon slip back into your mind."

"Love prayer and praise best; preaching is but the help to that heavenly work."

While these may not be entirely free from possible improvement, they are worthy of consideration and to practice them would improve the most of us.—Ch. Witness.

All the honesty in the universe, if it were as steady and steadfast as the pole star, would not save a man from losing something by reason of every truth or fact he misses through error of either opinion or faith.