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IF THERE WAS LESS

Covering up and more putting off, professions of religion would not be so barren and fruitless. The old man, the depraved nature, will not long remain covered by mere profession. It must be put off. Put off the old man with his deeds, says the apostle; don't undertake to keep him under control with a limited supply of grace; get rid of everything that savors of carnality; cast off the "works of darkness," every rag of the old fleshy garments of the flesh. The task will not be too great for you. God will take away all that you put away in the volition of your will. You do the consenting; God will do the removing. "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and you shall be clean; from all your filthiness and from all your idols will I cleanse you. . . I will take away your stony heart out of your flesh." Ezek. 36: 25-26. All this God will do; but you must consent that it be done and claim it by faith. When you have gone through the work of spiritual subtraction you may begin the work of addition. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh. "Put on the new man, which after God is erected in righteousness and true holiness." Eph. 4: 24. This is the armor of light (Romans 13: 12) which cannot be put on until the works of darkness are put off. The two cannot be worn together and the christian life be a success. They will not mix; but when once this work is done, the radical change effected, the soul is in possession of FACTS, divine realities, concerning God and salvation that becomes an anchor, "sure and steadfast." Such souls are not governed by every transient emotion. Emotions have developed into realities. They say with David, My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed. Such souls "hold fast their profession;" but it carries with it the fruitage consequent upon a union with Christ. They have endured the purging and bear much fruit. "So shall ye be my disciples." John 15: 8.

"COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM."

The devil is satisfied for men to have some form of religion; even a profession of christianity does not alarm him if it is not too radical. Pharaoh was willing that Moses should teach the people to sacrifice to Jehovah if they remained in Egypt; but he would not consent to their leaving the country. So the devil cares but little how much a man prays or sings or talks in meeting if he does not separate from worldly associations and worldly practices. He knows that a religion that's worth anything goes farther than that. Indeed he can bear to have a man quite religious, provided he does not carry his religion too far; some things may be abandoned that are wrong; some may be practised that are christian; but don't make too much ado about it. So said Pharaoh to Moses: "And Pharaoh said I will let you go that ye may sacrifice to the Lord your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away." Exodus 8: 28. "You can go, but your little ones must remain behind, or go and leave your cattle." (see Exodus 10: 10-24—that is, don't insist on family religion, don't be so strict with your children, or remember that business is one thing and religion is another. And some are too willing to heed satanic instructions until it becomes difficult to tell what some professed christians are saved from. They pray, they have been baptized, they go to church on the Sabbath; but they enjoy worldly company, seldom read the Bible, they get angry as they always did, they continue the use of tobacco as usual, there seems to be no real difference between the new life they profess and the old life they formerly lived, except their profession. The devil is no

O, for a lowly, contrite heart, Believing, true and clean, Which neither life nor death can part From Him that dwells within.

A heart in every thought renewed, And full of love divine; Perfect and right and pure and good: A copy Lord of thine. M.

REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCHES IN MAINE.

We have spent The last eight weeks with the churches in Maine, and we find that a large field is open to us in that country. Rev. Z. B. Grass is pastor at Lubec, and under his care the church is recovering from the severe shock received before he assumed the

pastorate. Dr. M. D. Collins held a ten-days meeting with this church, and the truth preached did its work among the people, confirming the faith of the brethren and overcoming the unbelief so prevalent in the community regarding entire sanctification. There was no conversion during the winter campaign in this church, yet we believe the church has been greatly helped. Bro. Grass is a tower of strength in that part of our field.

Pembroke church is located about fourteen miles from Lubec Point. Bro. T. W. Moses is pastor. He enjoys the confidence and affections of his people. They supply his wants, pray for him and, we believe, endeavor to practice what he preaches from the pulpit, and teaches them in his pastoral instruction from house to house. Bro. Moses really lives in his people's hearts, and deservedly so, for he lives and walks in the Spirit. The members of Pembroke church are good worshippers, intelligent, spiritual christians. We had great satisfaction preaching the word to them, listening to their burning testimonies, and enjoying the hospitality of their homes. Sister Moses entered into the experience of perfect love under our labors some years ago on Grand Manan and has enjoyed the blessing ever since. Perfect love has made our sister a blessing to her home and a great help to her husband in his religious work. We have written of Jonesport church in a former article. There are large and inviting fields opening before us in Maine. Whole townships without churches and others without pastors. The weather was so changeable, the storms so frequent, and the travelling so bad that we were unable to break into new fields. But we have surveyed the land and in the near future we believe we will be able to go up and possess it. M.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

I was at Millville when you received my last report. I remained there until March 30th. The church was helped. Some expressed a desire to return to God and others were deeply convicted who did not yield. We were sorry that we could not remain longer, but having promised to be at Woodstock about the first of April, and having received an invitation to attend a Union Holiness Convention there, I left Millville on Monday, 30th March. The convention opened at Woodstock that evening and continued for a week. It was well attended, considering the weather and state of the roads, and was a success. Persons were present from Houlton and Fort Fairfield, Me., and various parts of Carleton Co., N. B. Quite a number were reclaimed and sanctified, and many greatly helped in their Christian experience. After a stirring sermon on Easter Sunday morning by Bro. Blackmer, from Heb. vi. 4-6, over one hundred testimonies were given of the saving grace of God.

Among the workers at the convention were: Dr. Barker, of Fort Fairfield, Me.; Rev. White, of Houlton; Rev. Wyeth, of Clinton, Mass.; Rev. Brewster, of Old Orchard, Me.; Rev. E. Smith, of Hartland, Revs. G. T. Hartley, A. Trafon, Colpitts, Denton, Coy, Blackmer and Wiggins, of Woodstock; Sister Mary Everett, missionary, and Bro. Lewis King, evangelist, in which were represented Methodists, Baptists, Advents, and Reformed Baptists. How good and how pleasant it was to see brethren dwell together in unity. Union services between Reformed Baptists and Advents continue this week and much good is being done. We expect greater victories and are trusting God for them. The sudden and sad death of Mr. Sperry Shea by drowning, has cast a gloom over the town, as he was so well known and highly respected here. May God comfort the bereaved ones. His body has not been recovered as yet. I am sorry to record Bro. G. T. Hartley's loss, by fire, of his house and considerable of his furniture and goods, at Upper Woodstock, on Tuesday evening, April 7th. Suddenly the labor of years was swept away; but we are glad to say our brother has treasure laid up in heaven which no fire can destroy and which gives him comfort in this time of trial. We deeply sympathize with him. The snow is disappearing fast, but the ice seems as firm as ever. There is considerable sickness in the town, and quite a number near the end of life. Amidst it all Jesus says: "Be ye also ready." &c. Your brother in Christ, saved by the grace of God. W.

REVIVAL AT SEAL COVE, G. M.

Licentiate W. H. Ingersoll has been holding meetings at Seal Cove with grand results. All who had backslidden of the entire membership have been reclaimed and a considerable number have been converted, eight of whom were baptized on Sunday, April 5th, and received into the church. It is a rare thing to find a church without a backslidden member in it, but Seal Cove Church is one at the present time. S. A. B.

more startled by their religion than Pharaoh would have been if Israel had worshipped in Egypt or gone a little way on the border, or left their wives and children in Egypt or their cattle behind them. But Moses knew this and silenced Pharaoh's palaver with the declaration, We will go with our young, and with our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go. . . there shall not a hoof be left behind. M.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

We were much pleased to receive a letter from Mrs. Louise Hartley McLean, of Everett, Mass., in which she gives a strong, definite testimony to the tender care and keeping power of Jesus.

Rev. A. Hartt is pastor of the Evangelical church at Everett, Mass. We are glad to learn of the lasting results of Dr. Carradine's work in Lowell, Mass., and that the union holiness meetings held every Sunday afternoon are meetings of unabated interest and power.

Rev. A. Stoeger has been at home in the city for two weeks. He will return to his circuit this week. Rev. W. B. Wiggins is at Woodstock. The meetings are being continued. Mrs. F. H. Hale's address on Missionary Work was much appreciated by the large audience who came to hear her. Sister Hale thought that the people's expectations would be raised too high by the notices given in the local papers; but her address was an admirable one, and came fully up to the highest expectation. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered her.

The special meetings that were being held at Peniac by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Sherwood, were discontinued on account of the bad state of the roads, but will be resumed as soon as the roads are settled. Judging from letters we receive, the attendance at the Alliance and Camp Meeting this year will be much larger than last.

A sister asks, "What articles of bedding will we need most at the Camp Meeting?" We need a large number of comfortables, quilts, sheets and pillows and pillow cases. Let there be a general gathering up of these articles in all the churches and send me a list of the names of the contributors for publication in the HIGHWAY.

Bro. S. McLeod, of Newcastle, spent Sunday, the 5th, in the city. He addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon. Three candidates were baptized Sunday, March 29th, at Hartland, by Revs. Barnes and Coy—(Despatch). Rev. G. T. Hartley had the misfortune to lose his residence at Upper Woodstock, by fire, on the 7th. His loss is said to be heavy.

Bro. Geo. B. McDonald has taken a position in the Seaman's Mission in this city. We had pleasant calls from Rev. W. H. Sherwood and Licentiate H. C. Archer, who passed through the city last week. They are exchanging pulpits for a Sunday or two. Bro. Archer intends visiting York and perhaps Carleton County before returning to his circuit. The time for the question of pastoral care for our churches for this year is at hand. Every church should have a pastor; and here is a point where real, living faith needs to be exercised by the churches. Don't let any church say, we can't support a pastor. Count God in, from whom you get your support. Say we can and we will, by the help of God. We would like to say much on this subject, but will defer it to another time.

We are prepared to give any information required to those who intend building on Beulah Camp ground, and ready to assist them in any way we can that will save them extra expense. Faith is great which sees this great blessing. Hope braves the conflict and endures the refining. Perfect love is the great pearl in possession. Feasting our eyes upon the coveted treasure is good; hopes anticipations are delightful, but the possession gives perfect satisfaction. S. A. B.

hood, Grand Manan. He is now in Lubec, Maine, but will be home this week and will be open for engagements in evangelistic work after the first of May.

A note from Rev. A. Kinney states that his health is not very good at present. Let all the people pray for Brother Kinney.

Evidently there is some mistake in the statement clipped by us from the Christian Witness a few weeks since, stating that sixty persons were converted and sanctified at Lubec in the meetings held there by Dr. Collins, as they fail to materialize, and the people are staggered by the statement. We presume it arises from a stranger not being acquainted with the brethren, and counting all who came to the altar in response to the various invitations. S. A. B.

DO YOU WANT IT?

One of the most valuable books ever published on the doctrine and experience of holiness, entitled, "Half-hours with Paul," by Rev. Daniel Steele, S. T. D. The regular price is one dollar, but we propose to furnish it to our subscribers at fifty cents, as follows:

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NOTES FROM DR. GARRADINE'S SERMON.

Preached at Lowell, Mass., Jan. 21, 1896. Eph. 4: 22: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

This text teaches that there is something wrong left in the heart of the regenerated man. Experience also teaches this fact. A few days after conversion I got mad. Not a little mad, but a full grown mad. We know it by the testimony of others. We know it from the Hymn-book. Every church on earth teaches it. The Bible is full of declarations to this end. If carnality can be in a regenerated Corinthian it can be in a regenerated American. Some people have a home face, and a street face. The 7th chapter of Romans represents a regenerated man convicted for holiness, who cries out, Who shall deliver me, not forgiveness. Paul got out of that bog hole. Men call it many things. God calls it the carnal mind, the flesh, the body of sin, the old man, &c. He is a cold old man; he don't like anything demonstrative in religion. He is a very sensitive old man, so the minister frequently goes around and smoothes down the people who get offended. I have lived on cold shoulder and cold tongue for six years. He is a talkative old man; the tongue runs away with you. He is a gloomy old man. He is a corrupt old man. He is a deceitful old man. Regeneration is not destruction; it is life. Sanctification is death to the old man. The sinner comes to God by repentance and faith. The Christian comes by consecration and faith.

PERFECT LOVE. 1 Cor. 13: 13.

Now abideth faith, hope, love (R. V.), these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The world magnifies gifts, natural and acquired; they have them in great variety, vocal, intellectual, inventive, executive, and muscular.

The apostle speaks of seven perfect gifts in this chapter. 1st. The gifts, languages; 2nd, prophetic; 3rd, understanding; 4th, knowledge; 5th, faith; 6th, benevolence; 7th, sacrifice.

All of these are in perfect harmony with a religious life, touching the highest point of human ambition and the extreme limit of human sacrifice. Yet all without eternal profit, without love.

In this he shows us plainly that it is not gifts we should seek, but God, for God is love.

In the first three verses he deals with perfect gifts; but in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh verses he deals with perfect love. These four verses are a looking glass for the soul.

1st. I notice these are all Christian qualities. 2nd. They are unmixed qualities and can only exist in a pure heart. Their opposite is defilement. 3rd. These things herein named are not love, but the fruits of love.

4th. It is love putting the faculties of the soul to their legitimate use. Love must be measured by its beneficial effects. 1st, to the person possessing it; 2nd, to those around him.

Here are eight negatives, or what it does not do: 1st. It envieth not—that is according to Webster's definition. Don't feel uneasy, mortified, or discontent at the sight of another's superiority or success. 2nd. Vaneth not itself. That is, don't boast or make a vain display of one's own worth or attainments. 3rd. It is not puffed up. That is, not inflated with vanity or pride. 4th. Doth not behave itself unseemly. That is, the actions are in keeping with the life professed. 5th. Seeketh not her own. That is, unselfish. 6th. Is not provoked. (The word "easily," we are told, is not in the original) That is, is not irritated; is not made bitter or sour. (Dr. A. Clark.) 7th. Thinketh no evil. That is, no evil device or plot is born of love. 8th. Rejoiceth not in iniquity. That is, of any kind, not even a secret gratification on an apparent judgment of God upon one who had injured them. Then we have six affirmatives, or those things that love does beside the implied opposites, for if envy be absent, good will takes his seat. 1st. It suffers long and is kind. 2nd. Perfect love rejoiceth in the truth, no matter who preaches it. 3rd. It beareth all things (Dr. A. Clark defines the word "beareth" as meaning, in the original, covers or contains). We have observed that some professors of perfect love enjoy doing the shouting while others bear the burdens, but we are persuaded that those who really comprehend its breadth and length and depth and height never shrink, but willingly assume the responsibilities and help carry the burdens. 4th. Believeth all things. Not all the gossip of the country, but all the promises of God for the past, present and future, and appropriates them as his own. 5th. It hopeth all things. When there is no place left for believing good of a person, then love begins to hope for the best and make allowances. (Clark.) 6th. Endureth all things. Never says of any trial, affliction or insult: this cannot be endured. (Clark.) Let all professors of perfect love look into this wonderful mirror in the light of the blessed Holy Spirit; for if your perfect love does not mean all this it is defective. Faith is great which sees this great blessing. Hope braves the conflict and endures the refining. Perfect love is the great pearl in possession. Feasting our eyes upon the coveted treasure is good; hopes anticipations are delightful, but the possession gives perfect satisfaction. S. A. B.

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