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SANCTIFICATION--AN EXPERIENCE.

A noteworthy and significant fact, in connection with the Revision of the New Testament from the original Greek, is that the word "sanctification" is a perfectly accurate translation from the Greek. While the word "holiness" represents the idea correctly as to a state, or doctrine, or life, the word "sanctification" brings with it the thought of an "act" or "work" that God does in us and for us. And so in the Revised New Testament we have the word "sanctification" uniformly rendered, in place of the word holiness.

If we carefully consider this fact, it is not without important significance as to our conception of what this blessed experience may mean to us. Sanctification then, is an "act" of God in us and for us; a work of God in answer to our faith. This work—this act of God, by the Holy Ghost, produces in our hearts and consciousness a distinct experience. This inward experience is as much a matter of spiritual consciousness as is the experience of regeneration or the new birth.

And so sanctification is truly an experience. It is more than a doctrine, more than a state; it is an inwrought work of the Holy Ghost in the heart of the believer, in answer to our faith and consecration. It produces in our hearts a conviction, a consciousness, a positive knowledge of our spiritual possession. It removes fear, brings in perfect love, creates purity in the soul, imparts power to our regenerated faculties, purifies and regulates the affections, develops a holy purpose to stand any and every trial, creates a spiritual oneness among God's children, brings the things of the kingdom very near and conscious to our hearts, makes the image of God and likeness to Jesus Christ very real and exceedingly beautiful to our soul's spiritual vision, and lifts up our whole moral being into a heavenly atmosphere of unspeakable joy and wonderful delight.

This and much more is the experience of sanctification.

And so it is the experience we need to prepare us to live and fit us to dwell with the holy in heaven. And

there is no sanctification without the experience, as there is no conversion or regeneration without a radical change of heart and of life. So beloved, let God perform the work, and then we have the experience.

A. L. B.

MEMORIAL FUND.

As we have referred to this fund previously and in this issue we feel like saying a few words more. Now the need of this amount is before us and it can only be a few months at least before our missionaries will be making an appeal to us as a people, and to the missionary board for money to build a mission station, and with this before us and the sad fact of the death of Bro. Macdonald, one of our charter members and pioneer workers, how befitting that we, as a body and all lovers of holiness and mission work, should raise this amount to his memory.

This ought not to be the work of a few, there ought to be at least five hundred lovers of holiness among us and connected with us who would give two dollars each and raise this fund. However this may be let us all strive to have a part in this work, let us give it impetus by sending in our names and subscriptions at once. When God called on Israel of old for contributions for the building of the tabernacle, what an object lesson of cheerful giving they gave us. Shall we professors of holiness, partakers of God's richest blessings and richest gifts; we who profess to belong to God, with all we have and are, shall we be less responsive to this call—God's demand for a tabernacle of worship in South Africa? Would that we may find such earnestness and willingness that we would have to restrain the people. Brethren and sisters, for the work of God and the salvation of those who sit in darkness let us respond promptly and cheerfully.

M. S. TRAFTON.

THE WORK BEFORE US.

THE HIGHWAY is the medium through which we speak to each other every two weeks, and all are interested to know how the ministers and churches are prospering. This we can find out by personal letter, and testimonies in the columns of the HIGHWAY. Can we not have more news from the ministers and churches? Each church should have its correspondent, then can we not have a full column of personal testimonies for each issue? Now let us try.

This season we have two camp meetings, Beulah and Riverside. There ought to be, not only an interest, but a real enthusiasm among all the holiness people in the preparation for these two meetings, that we may have success beyond all past years, and this can only be brought about by prayer, faith and works.

Thousands of people will come to those meetings for the bread of life. This lays responsibility on every truly sanctified man and woman. First to be at our best, second to let no trifling circumstance keep us from those meetings, go with the prayer in your hearts and on your lips. Lord what wilt thou have me do? and when he answers, do it.

This also brings to us the fact that comfortable places must be provided in which the gospel is to be preached, and in which the people are to be lodged, &c., of which we will speak later.

Again our missionary work Foreign and Home. I think brother M. S. Trafton's suggestion to raise a thousand dollars towards building a mission station in South Africa as a fitting memorial for Brother Macdonald, an excellent idea. This can be done immediately if every reader of the HIGHWAY will send to our missionary treasurer, Mr. C. K. Short, Garden St., St. John, one dollar each, or by whatever plan Brother Trafton may suggest. Then our home missionary work should be kept in mind for the opportunities and need of home missionary work on holiness lines is great.

Dear Readers,—Having been chosen

by the HIGHWAY committee to take the editorial work of the HIGHWAY until the next meeting of the alliance, I do so from a sense of duty, but with feelings that are hard to express in words. The duties that have fallen upon me by this act of the committee, bring home to me in a special way the fact that our dear Brother Macdonald has gone from us. We will hear his voice no more, nor can his pen fill these columns with articles of truth and good counsel which we have read with so much profit for these years. The loss we have sustained cannot at once be realized, but it will grow on us as we take up the work of the several committees of which he was a member.

But we must gird on the armour and take up the work where he laid it down, manfully assume the additional responsibilities and press the battle of a full salvation against worldliness, sin and indifference, and the bestowal of God's greatest gift to meet man's greatest need.

The death of Brother Macdonald if properly considered, will suggest to us many helpful lessons. 1st, How near is the end of our labors, hence the need of a close walk with God and great diligence in the work of our ministry. 2nd, The need of perfect fellowship and unity in our efforts, one has fallen, close up the ranks. 3rd, Let us speak our good words and perform our good deeds with each other while we are yet alive for after death it is too late.

S. A. BAKER.

MICAH 7th CHAPTER.

Woe is me, for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruit, as the grapegleaning of the vintage, there is no cluster to eat: my soul desired the first ripe fruit.

The good man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men, they all lie in wait for blood, they hunt every man his brother with a net. That they may do evil with both hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward, and the great man he uttereth his mischievous desire so they wrap it up. The best of them is as a briar, the most upright is sharper than a thornhedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh, now shall be their perplexity.

Trust ye not in a friend, put ye no confidence in a guide, keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.

Dear Highway,—I trust you will find room for a few words from one who God by the Holy Ghost has seen fit to reveal the truth as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord. The above scripture is a revelation from God to the Prophet seven hundred years before Christ, and is a double revelation of the church showing the church as it was at that time, and a perfect type of the church of today. He that hath an ear let him hear. It is a beautiful warning to us to trust only in God. To expect our revelation direct from the Holy Ghost, for ye have no need that any man should teach you. But I shall send the Holy Spirit that will teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance. Or in other words, cut ourselves clear of self and all isms, and let every man be a liar but God be true, and trust him with our eternal welfare, and wait before him knowing that he loves us with an everlasting love. We must be subject to the trying fire of God's love, and it may be necessary to deliver you to Satan for the destruction of the flesh but the Holy Angels will guard you even then. And the life that now is shaking like a reed in the wind, and debauched with the deadly sting of sin will come out, built and grounded on the rock of ages and walk in the foot steps of our elder brother Jesus who loved us and gave his life for us. Dear reader this is no theory or perhaps so's, but a true revelation from God, through the Holy Ghost, and I as a servant of the most high, warn you to beware of

false prophets, for in these last days perilous times have come. Have you an ear to hear, if not; pray. He will take the things of God and reveal them unto you. In these days of isms and doctrines and so many counterfits so near the genuine, that they would deceive if it was possible, the very elect.

Dear reader trust your souls salvation to no man, nor put no confidence in a guide. Believe God. Lean on the strong arm of Jesus. He will rejoice and see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied. Dear HIGHWAY, I have no flowery sermon to tickle the ears of the people, but I am full of God's eternal truths, and will gladly write them for publication, from time to time, believing they are backed by the Holy Ghost, to those that have an ear to hear.

G. M. ENMAN.
Sussex, N. B.

LUKE 10:2.

The work of preaching the gospel and evangelizing the world has always been a great undertaking. The field for work being world wide and the needs of mankind being so great, the natural soil of the human heart being so barren, the object of the gospel being so definite, the work has always needed, willing, obedient, consecrated, self-sacrificing labourers.

In the thought of this text there is encouragement for those who go forth, Jesus likened it to a harvest; much is to be done it is true before we may reap; fallow ground to be well broken, good seed faithfully sown, the work to be carefully guarded, much patience to be exercised in waiting for God's word to accomplish its design, but through all, thank God, comes the encouraging thought, that there is a harvest to be gathered; the time will soon come when he that soweth and he that reapeth will rejoice together, and also the cheering statement that we shall reap in due season if we faint not. Again we have the thought of the Lord of the harvest engaging and sending forth the workers. No one else has any right to send workers to the harvest. It is vain for any one to go of their own accord because it might appear to them an inviting field or a nice calling.

How useless it would be to go forth to this great work of saving men, simply because men might approve, or talents might seem brilliant. Many we fear go forth little better than sent by men or stimulated by literary attainments, hence we have many so called labourers little better than good lecturers and comic readers. The pulpit the place for pleasing themes and oratorical display, instead of thundering out the claims of God, the demands of the law and heralding with loving and burning zeal the glorious invitations and provisions of the gospel.

Again as we view the needs of the work and see the scarcity of workers we are encouraged to pray the Lord of the harvest to send for labourers. He loves to find us so interested in the work. It is well for us to see the need so great the time so brief in which we may gather, that we will not only work with loving zeal but with the burden of the work upon us we will go to the Lord of the harvest and plead with him for more labourers.

While we are encouraged to pray we are certainly encouraged to expect an answer to our petition. We need God called, God chosen, God equipped men.

As a people and as ministers we certainly need to be on our forces that God may send us some laborers. Our forces in the ministry are becoming fewer, already three of our oldest

standard bearers have fallen, and others have gone out from us until we certainly need our ranks refilled and enlarged. How necessary that all of our present forces, who have felt and heard the call, be true to their high calling. There is no time to turn aside, let us go forth cheerfully to the work.

Let us all unite that God will put his hand on labourers and send them forth immediately. "The harvest is great the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth labourers into his harvest."

M. S. TRAFTON.

CONCERNING THE CENSUS.

The 1st volume of the census returns of 1901, has been published and is meeting with considerable criticism—some just, and no doubt some unjust. We notice that the Intelligencer is pointing out some flaws in it in reference to the enumeration of the various religious bodies of Canada. We are inclined to the belief that there are faults, as the Intelligencer has shown. Upon whom the blame should rest, we know not. We do not think the blunders were intentional—probably no one person is solely responsible. The returns show that there are only 15,668 Free Baptists, church members and adherents, in the province of N. B., whereas the "Intelligencer" judges there are 30,000. The loss of so many in 10 years does seem to be too great. If the Free Baptists have a grievance, the Reformed Baptists have one too, as they are not even mentioned at all in the census.

We had thought that there were a few Reformed Baptists in N. B., but the census returns say there are not.

By referring to the Cor. Sec'y Report for the year 1901, we find that there were over 1200 church members in the N. B. churches alone which would give us at least 3000 of church members and adherents—but lo! and behold! the census report say there are none. There is an error somewhere sure. We notice that the Reformed Episcopalians are mentioned though they only number 238 in N. B., and 857 in the whole of Canada. And there are also mentioned in the census other denominations as Adventists, Congregationalists, Salvation Army, &c., though neither of these are numerically as large as the Reformed Baptists. Now the question to be answered by Mr. Blue, the Census Commissioner, if he can, is, where have all these Reformed Baptists as well as Free Baptists gone?

As regards the Free Baptists, Mr. Blue may have put them in with the Baptists, as there were talks of union between them. Also we notice that the Baptists of N. B., have grown wondrously, being given 65,206. Now we have grave doubts as to such numbers. Surely Mr. Blue did not put all the Reformed Baptists in with our Baptist brethren too, for we have never been asked to unite with them. There must be a wrong somewhere and we think Mr. Blue should rectify the mistakes, if he can, and give every denomination there correct numbers. It would almost seem that the Census Commissioner's name was ominous, as he seems to have made a good many people feel Blue.

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NOTICE.

As the March quarterly meeting has not been permanently located any of the churches desiring the meeting, will please send their invitation to G. B. Trafton, Marysville, chairman of the Quarterly Board, and such notice will be published in the next issue of the HIGHWAY.

A holy life with reap an abundant harvest as truly as an unholy one will.