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THE KING'S HIGHWAY.

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time to write a few lines." How often I think of you and the blessed seasons we have had together in "the old fish house," where we held a grand revival meeting, by the sea.

You read in the Scriptures of wonderful miracles that God has done, but it seems to me no greater than He performed in "the old fish house," when by His almighty power He saved me from the grasp of the devil, and has kept me ever since. Glory be to His holy name forever! And not only me, but many others that are standing like Daniel of old, and to-day are living witnesses of His saving and sanctifying power, and are clean men and women for God, and are at work for the salvation of others. If my testimony would be of any benefit to sin-sick souls, I would be glad indeed to give it. I was in sin thirty-eight years, but I am now kept from falling by His power. To God belongs all the glory. Oh, what a wonderful Saviour. I believe while I am writing these lines He sees and owns me as his child.

Your friend and brother,

WM. BENSON.

Brother Benson, with many others, was converted and sanctified in the first revival we were blessed with, at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, nearly twenty years ago, and has stood faithfully at his post of Christian service ever since, and we say with Paul: "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each aboundeth."—EDITOR.

FOR THE HIGHWAY.

Dear Highway—

Just a few lines from St. John. We are all quite well and fairly settled in our new home, 192 Waterloo Street, and will be pleased to see any of our friends who are in the city at any time.

Our meetings are good, and the interest increasing. We are standing for the "old time religion" and the "second blessing" "properly so called" without compromise.

Yours,

G. B. TRAFTON.

(This letter was written for the issue of Oct. 15th, but got mislaid, and it has just been found. We are very sorry, but those things do happen.—Ed.)

ELOCUTION VS. THE HOLY GHOST.

Bishop Simpson preached some years ago in the Memorial Hall, London. For half an hour he spoke quietly, without gesticulating or uplifting his voice. Then, picturing the Son of God bearing our sins in his own body on the tree, he stopped, as if laden with an immeasurable burden, and rising to his full height he seemed to throw it from him, crying:

"How far? As far as the East is from the West, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

The whole assembly, as if moved by an irresistible impulse, rose, remained standing for a second or two, then sank back into their seats.

A professor of elocution was there. A friend who observed him and knew that he had come to criticize, asked him when the service was over:

"Well, what do you think of the Bishop's elocution?"

"Elocution?" said he. "That man doesn't want elocution; he's got the Holy Ghost!"—*Selected.*

THE DECEITFUL AND WICKED HEART.

REV. A. F. TANNER.

(Extract from a sermon preached at the Quarterly Meeting, held at New Tuskett, N. S.)

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."—Jer. 17-9.

This was spoken by the Prophet under inspiration, as "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God." So we bow in submission and accept it as truth. We shall endeavor, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to back up every statement we may make by a "thus saith the Lord."

In the text God gives us the state of the unregenerated heart. He that searches and knoweth the secrets of all hearts, declares that it is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they were brought under condemnation, and tried to hide from their Creator, and their fellowship with God ceased. Ever since, man's heart has been turned away from God, and growing worse instead of growing better.

In the heart of Cain was found envy and murder, and the wickedness of his heart was manifested by his deed. The world became so wicked that God brought judgment upon it, saving only eight souls. In Genesis 6-5, we read that "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

A Cage of Unclean Birds.

The heart of sinful man is represented as a cage of unclean birds. Our Blessed Lord and Master gives us a sad but true picture of the natural heart, when he said: "Out of the heart proceeds evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." This is sufficient proof from Scripture that the heart of man is **deceitful** above all things and **desperately wicked**.

The Need of a Change.

This certainly ought to convince us of the necessity of a change of heart, as none but the pure in heart shall see God. Doubtless I am speaking to some who do not believe that their heart is so very wicked. This is certainly the deceitfulness of your heart deceiving you. We must submit to divine truth, our opinions cannot change the unchangeable Word of God, and upon its authority we assure you that unless you have been born again,—created anew in Christ Jesus,—that your heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked and, remaining in that state, cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. No matter what your profession may be nor how much devoted to your church, if your heart has not been purified you cannot see God. Thus far we have dwelt on the dark side of this solemn truth.

Mount Calvary's Provision.

The law made no provision for the deceitful heart, but praise God Mount Calvary did.

God, through the death of His Son, provided a full salvation, a complete deliverance from sin, and its consequences, through the shedding of the precious blood of Jesus we have a remedy for the depraved, sinful heart. For, "if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Erroneous Idea.

It is very sad even to think that some professing Christians are indulging the erroneous

idea that there is no deliverance from sin in this life. Before me are some who claim to be Christians, yet say they are sinning every day in word, thought and deed. We are here to declare unto you a full salvation that saves from sin, and keeps from sin. Through the precious blood of Jesus we obtain not only pardon, but it sanctifies also. We are rejoicing in full salvation, having experienced the blessing, which Mr. Wesley termed the "second blessing properly so called."

Entire Sanctification.

The depraved heart cleansed, sanctified wholly, taking out the inbred corruption, making our bodies temples for the Holy Spirit to dwell in, "An habitation of God through the Spirit." Perhaps someone is saying I am sure I would like to have this blessing, Brother Tanner. How can I get it? Well, we are glad to say you can have it, "for this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

How It May Be Obtained.

I shall endeavor very briefly to show you how you may obtain it. I will call your attention to one who sought heart purity and obtained it. Many cases could be produced; but time will not permit. I will refer you to the fifty-first Psalm. Here we find a man under deep conviction of sin; his unsanctified heart deceived him and robbed him of the joy of salvation. You will please notice how earnestly he sought pardon, crying out "Have Mercy Upon Me, O God, according to thy loving kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions." Read the prayer carefully, and catch the spirit of it.

He made a full confession of his sin, then he earnestly prayed for a clean heart. "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow." Did he seek a clean heart in vain? Decidedly, no. Abundant evidence can be produced that he obtained both the first and second blessing—Pardon and Sanctification. Lay yourselves on the altar, make a complete consecration, seek earnestly heart cleansing. Accept the blessing by faith. May you be led by the Holy Spirit to pray, Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. May the Lord bless His own truth, and bring you into the blessed experience of full salvation. For without holiness no man shall see the Lord. Amen.

TAKE CARE OF THAT TONGUE.

1. It is your tongue. You have not the care of your neighbors' tongues. Theirs may need care, but it is with yours only that I am now concerned, and about which I am deeply anxious to interest you.

2. It is you only that can take care of it. If your neighbors could have done it, they would very likely have done it long ere this, with a vengeance. They have thought about your tongue and used their own about it, beyond question, and would be pleased with dominion over it. But they can not have it, you are the only ruler.

3. It needs care. Whose tongue does not? "The tongue is an unruly member." Not a Greek or Roman tongue only, but the tongue.

Here is universality of application, and the application is "unruly." This net is large enough to catch all birds. Your tongue, therefore, needs care.—*Exchange.*