

don is, indeed, a great city, so many places of interest especially to a Canadian, and we were only sorry that we could not remain there for a month, although we were satisfied that no one had seen more of the city than we in the time at our disposal.

On July 24th we left on the afternoon train for Southampton, at which place we took the S. S. Ascania for Montreal. The trip home was a very delightful one, as the weather was fine and the sea smooth, and very little fog was encountered. We were given a splendid view of a large iceberg as we passed so close to it that the smoke from our boat hid it entirely from view as we steamed by. Arriving in Canada we first touched at Quebec to land the third class passengers, and here we were given an opportunity of looking over the old historic city.

The next evening we docked at Montreal and the following day I arrived at home, glad to be back again to my native land, although every moment of the time had been enjoyed on the trip. I feel much benefited in every way and encouraged to press with greater vigor the work of the Master.

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THE BAPTISM AND ANNOINTINGS.

By Rev. W. E. Smith.

Teachers of the blessing of entire sanctification are generally agreed that the blessing is inseparable from the baptism with the Holy Ghost and fire, and that there is only one baptism but many anointings. In the fiery baptism all carnality is destroyed in the heart, but in the subsequent anointings the soul is not purified but refreshed and regirded with strength and power for the performing of certain duties or the meeting of peculiar temptations. Purity is a condition that may be constantly maintained by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, but it is through prayer and faith and waiting upon God that the Holy Spirit gives us special uplifts of soul that are absolutely necessary for our spiritual progress.

The wholly sanctified believer is living in the place where it is easy for him or her to get blessed. It does not take them long to pray through. When carnality was written it proved a great barrier to the souls touching God. Doubt, fear, carnal and selfish desires hindered faith, and often days passed without the soul being greatly conscious of upward spiritual life and power. The refreshings were far apart. But how different is this in the land of perfect love. It is glory and blessing all along the way, interspersed with special anointings that lift the soul Heavenward in its life of faith, and instead of having to go back in the past for a testimony of complete victory, with unction the fully trusting soul can tell of an up to date salvation.

Right here there are two errors to be avoided: one is to think the sanctified soul can live merely on ecstatic feelings, and the other is to think a soul can be wholly sanctified and not have "joy unspeakable and full of glory."

Alas for those to-day who once had the shine upon their faces and the ring of victory in their testimonies, who while still retaining a profession of holiness, give evidence by their deadness of spirit that the glory has departed. Some of these will tell us they are living by principle and not feeling, and they can even call the work of the Holy Ghost gush and emotion. Those best acquainted with

them note the change. Their letters that were once full of life and fire now breathe a very formal testimony at best. The mind is more engrossed in material things than spiritual.

Of course they are doing spiritual work, preaching the gospel, or teaching a Sunday school class, etc., but they are not the same. They once suffered for and rejoiced in the blessing of holiness; it was their theme. Now they avoid all definite conversation on the subject, and their testimony is indefinite unless they get in a hot holiness meeting and then they talk as though they were the truest warriors: but in the carnal church they attend they never mention sanctification or do anything to stir the Devil.

Needless to say few anointings come to such folks. They have not kept their conversation perfect. They have taken something off. The Devil doesn't care how much a preacher gets up and preaches a theory of holiness, if he leave not the experience burning in his soul. He is perfectly willing for us to trot out our experience of long ago when the fire fell, providing there is only dead ashes now where the fire once burned. In this life of faith the adversary will contest every foot of the way, and brother, sister, if you have toned down so that you are getting no opposition for holiness you can well look within. If you have not within your soul the fervent desire to see others get this "blessing", the blessing does not mean much to you.

The Devil will try all means to keep us from living in the place where we can be unobstructed channels for the blessing of God. The love of ease, self indulgence, ambition, pride or compromise will soon destroy the fire of perfect love, and when the keen edge is taken off and we begin to live in the past, the Devil's kingdom has little to fear from us.

Thank God there are many who are determined to go through with God. Every morning they do not renew their conservation, but they perpetuate it. They let neither prosperity nor adversity stay their progress, but use either as stepping stones to spiritual advancement. They live where God can continually bless them, and make them a blessing. If a sinner come asking light on holiness, they have food to set before Him and the faith to pray Him through. God knows, the Devil knows, and all the world knows wherever they go that they have the blessing. "Their dearest ones may oppose but that does not matter; they press forward." They endure on seeing Him who is invisible. They had rather be found with a humble band of bloodwashed saints worshipping in a hall, than in a cathedral where pride and fashion rule.

Thank God for the privilege of living in a glorious present, with the hope of even a better tomorrow. This is what the blessing of entire sanctification means. It means we were baptized once with the Holy Ghost and anointed times without number.

BE A CONQUEROR.

"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good" (Rom. 12:21).

Be not overcome, but be a conqueror; be not cast down, but cast down. All our young officers are taught at Sandhurst in the Staff College, in every standard book of tactics, that the best form of defence is attack, but that maxim is older than the standard of military text books, it is the word of God—"Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good."

STOLEN OR STRAYED; LOST OR MISLAID.

The following is a copy of a unique notice affixed to a church door at Whitechurch, London:

Missing, last Sunday, some families from church.

Stolen, several hours from the Lord's Day by a number of people of different ages dressed in their Sunday clothes.

Strayed, half a score of lambs, believed to have gone in the direction of "No Sunday-school."

Mislaid, a quantity of silver and copper coins on the counter of a public house, the owner being in a state of great excitement at the time.

Wanted, several young people. When last seen were walking in pairs up Sabbath Breaker's Lane, which leads to the city of No Good.

Lost, a lad carefully reared, not long from home, and for a time very promising. Supposed to have gone with one or two older companions to Prodigal Town, Husk Lane.

Any person assisting in the recovery of the above shall in no wise lose his reward.—*Ex.*

CHARACTER RULES.

The Rev. Ernest Wray Oneal, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Chicago, spoke, April 20, at the Sunday Evening Club in Orchestra Hall and was applauded repeatedly. His subject was "The Vision Splendid." His climax was a series of epigrams contrasting reputation and character:

Reputation is what men say you are; character is what God knows you are.

Reputation is seeming; character is being.

Reputation is your photograph; character is your face.

Reputation is manufactured; character is grown.

Reputation is what comes over you from without; character is what rises up from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come to town; character is what you have when you go away.

Reputation makes you rich or poor; character makes you miserable or happy.

Reputation is what you need to get a job; character is what you need to keep one.

Reputation is what is chiseled on your tombstone; character is what the angels say about you before the throne of God.—*The Gideon Magazine.*

The saloon is a sort of a bank.

You deposit your money and lose it.

Your time and lose it.

Your character and lose it.

Your health and lose it.

Your strength and lose it.

Your self-control and lose it.

Your own soul and lose it.

Your home comfort and lose it.

The depositor awakes to find himself ruined.—*Exchange.*

If you want knowledge, you must toil for it; if food, you must toil for it; and if pleasure, you must toil for it. Toil is the law. Pleasure comes through toil, and not by self-indulgence and indolence. When one gets to love work, his life is a happy one.—*Ruskin.*

"A week filled up with selfishness, and a Sabbath stuffed full of religious exercises, will make a good Pharisee, but a poor Christian."