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WHAT WILL BE.

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I talked to you last week about the condition that this country would be in if every preacher in the United States was filled with the Holy Ghost; this week we want to look at some of the conditions if they don't seek and obtain the Holy Ghost.

In the first place, if the ministry doesn't get filled with the Holy Ghost they will go away from the old landmarks of spiritual holiness and power, and in that condition a gulf stream of worldliness will flood the church, and as soon as the old veterans die out, the spiritual life will be gone from the church; then the prayer and class meetings will be a thing of the past, and in another generation Bible regeneration and Bible sanctification will be only history.

Again, if the preachers don't get filled with the Holy Ghost there is but little hope of the liquor traffic ever being put down in America, for we need not expect politics to do more than religion, and if the church fails there is no hope of the state. I have heard some good people say that the church had no time to dabble with politics. Well, if that is so, then we must leave all offices to be filled by sinners, and that being the case, of course they will want plenty of whiskey, and whiskey they will have; they will also want plenty of tobacco. Under the reign of sinners the white slave traffic will flourish and they will make inmates for the rescue homes ten times as fast as we can build them; but if we had a Spirit-filled ministry, the liquor, tobacco and white slave traffic and almost all of the great public sins of the day would stop.

If the liquor traffic was put out of the country the divorce traffic would almost be a thing of the past. The whiskey traffic, the tobacco traffic, the white slave traffic and the divorce traffic all flourish under a dead and powerless ministry. If we had one hundred and fifty thousand pulpits in this country all on fire with the Holy Ghost there is no telling what we could do in the next year or two; at least in the next four years.

With our present ministry we will never check the powers of Rome, and we will never stop the oncoming liquor traffic, the tobacco traffic, the white slave traffic, the divorce traffic and the Sunday baseball traffic. If we don't, God will charge it up to the ministry of this age and generation, and we will require the blood of the millions of this land at the hand of the ministry of this country. The sin of this nation is so high it reaches heaven, and it is so deep it reaches the pit, and it is so broad it covers the nation like the waters over the sea; but if we had a ministry that would believe the Bible and obey God, they would sweep this land just like a cyclone would sweep a city. Think of this! I read in one of the Methodist Advocates not long ago from the pen of one of the bishops that seven thousand of the Methodist churches had run for a whole year without adding one single member to their church roll. Now, reader, that doesn't look possible; if I had written it somebody might have said that I was clubbing the Methodist church; but beloved, don't you see that I am not throwing stones at all; the letter is in the Pacific Advocate, published in Portland, Oregon, and I only refer to it to show you that the American church must have the Holy Ghost or go to the wall. I am safe in saying that aside from the great holiness move in this country, which, by the way is the only hope of the country, the Methodist church

is as spiritual or maybe more spiritual than any other leading church in the United States. You can see at a glance that if one of the most spiritual churches in the land will work seven thousand of her preachers for a whole year and not get a member, that there is something lacking; and I will tell you what it is; it is that the blessed Holy Ghost has been grieved, rejected, ignored, and not been consulted, and there is no place for him; he was left off and out of the programme altogether, and there can't be a revival without him. Without him there is no conviction for sin, and without conviction there can be no repentance, and without repentance there can be no confession of sins, and without confession there can be no forsaking of sins, and without forsaking of sins there can be no faith or pardon, and without pardon there can be no regeneration, and without regeneration there can be no witness of the Spirit; without the witness of the Spirit there can be no adoption; and if we cannot be adopted into the family of God we can't consecrate our lives to him, and if we can't consecrate our lives to him we can't be made holy, and if we can't be made holy we can't see God, for he said, "without holiness no man can see the Lord." That being the case we are lost.

Now reader, you can see at a glance where we drift when we reject the Holy Ghost. All of these churches that did not receive a member went on with their church work and collected quite a sum of money and did many things that were good, but the Holy Ghost not being there, of course there was no life in the work; it all could have been done by the sinners in the community just as well as by the church members. Sinners can do all kinds of church work but getting souls saved, and when the church quits that kind of work she has gone out of business, and the institution ought to be closed up. The only work that God ever gave the church to do was to save the world, and when she fails to do that she is out of a job. The church ought to remember that Christ said that, "When the Holy Ghost is come he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of the judgment," and of course if he doesn't come that will not be done. Is it not a mistake for the church to fail here? It is one of the blackest crimes against God and humanity that was ever committed by any people; all the resources of heaven are offered to the ministry of the United States. God said to the preachers of the United States that all the resources of heaven were theirs, and the American pulpit spoke back to God and said that we don't want your resources. And I say, where will we end?"—*Pentecostal Herald*.

Jerusalem has now two daily papers printed in the Hebrew language, besides a number of periodicals. There are about 64,000 Jewish inhabitants in that city now, and about 150,000 in Palestine.—*Sel*.

Latest statistics give us the information that there now 24,092 missionaries and 135,954 native workers in all the world's mission fields. The number of communicants in the fields is given as 2,644,170.—*Sel*.

They who seek the throne of grace
Find that throne in every place;
If we live a life of prayer,
God is present everywhere.

—*Oliver Holden*.

Those who go to a Camp Meeting and spend about all their time eating and sleeping will go home dried up spiritually.

The opinion of the Bible bred in me not only by the teaching of my home when I was a boy, but also by every turn and experience of my life and every step of study is, that it is the one supreme source of revelation, the revelation of the meaning of life, the nature of God and the spiritual nature and needs of men. It is the only guide of life which really leads the spirit in the way of peace and salvation. If men could be made to know it, intimately and for what it really is, we should have secured both individual and social regeneration.—*Woodrow Wilson*.

Miss Helen Keller, the blind leader of the seeing ones, believes that unity is necessary to all success in this world. In an address she said:

"As I was blind, now I see. As I was dumb, I speak; as I was deaf, I hear. I have found soul, and love, and God. Life is glorious, the living for and by one another. Alone, we can do so little; together, so much. When I think of what can be done in the power of men united by love my soul lifts up to meet the sun as my voice leaps up to thank the Lord of Life."

There are 5,144 foreign missionaries, 15,501 native workers and 325,000 Christians in China. The increase for the past year was 516 missionaries, 1,822 native workers and 37,081 Christians. Native contributions for the year were Yen 642,000.00.—*Sel*.

But what are these figures when we think of the population of that nation, 440,000,000! Pray for China.—*Sel*.

"Pray therefore." Prayer is not words but work; not a substitute for labor but labor itself. When men pray they are employing spiritual forces as real as the material forces of gravitation and cohesion. They liberate energy which works at the deepest roots of human need. We never do finer work than when we finely pray.—*Rev. J. H. Jowett, D. D.*

If you wish to be miserable, think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay to you: and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch, you will make misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose.—*Charles Kingsley*.

There is a growing increase of secularism, socialism and agnosticism in France and every kind of Christian life is being crowded out. It is also significant that the birthrate has fallen quite low and the population is decreasing at an alarming rate.—*Sel*.

The Bangor & Aroostook R. R. have issued three large handbills for the Riverside Camp Meeting, advertising reduced rates from all stations between Millinocket and Fort Kent, for Aug. 5th to 20th inclusive. The management of the B. & A. R. R. have found out that the Aroostook County Camp Meetings are worthy of consideration from a financial standpoint.

An American consul general at Constantinople who is on a visit to his homeland, says: "The American Missionaries as I have known them in Turkey, have had to be all things to all men—physicians, mechanics, savings banks, legal advisers as well as spiritual."—*Sel*.