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**Editorial.**

**MOST ALARMING.**

If a few pessimistic people, or a few religious periodicals that have a leaning that way, were to declare that the church generally had lost its grip upon mankind and its old-time power, there would be little occasion for alarm.

We are gleaning from the utterances of certain men which are finding their way into prominent, expressions which are really alarming. We recently read an article from which we clipped the following extract:

"How to resuscitate the decadent country church is a problem which persistently demands solution from religious leaders. The decay of rural life in the United States is acknowledged by the St. Louis Christian-Evangelist to impose serious responsibilities upon the Church in general as well as on statesmen and the religious press are facing this condition of things with words of warning and counsel. How terrible the situation is may be judged from the statement that "fully 60 per cent. of the churches in small towns, villages and the open country are dead or dying."

It is not only the country church that is suffering spiritual decay, nor is it true of any particular denomination, but the great depression in spiritual life and power has become general. Even the holiness people are feeling the effect of a waning in spiritual life and power. We might obtain a multitude of opinions for the cause of this depression among the holiness people, unquestionably many things have and are grieving the Holy Spirit, but lest we should judge wrongfully we will not name any of these causes, for it is easy to point out the

wrong, but not so easy to effect a cure. The difficulty may be largely due to changing conditions, and the faith and prayer of the holiness people has not kept pace with these changing conditions. We believe this to be largely the cause. We have been looking back too much for the feelings we had in our early experience, forgetting that we have advanced beyond that zone, now having a more comprehensive view of the blessings of God, and are not so dependent upon our feelings for our assurance of the presence and blessings of God. In fact, as we advance in true Christian experience and work, there are constant demands for a greater faith, a deeper love, and greater sacrifices, and as a natural consequence, if we do not keep pace with the light, and the demands laid upon us, we will feel a lack which appears to us as though we had met with a loss or leakage in spiritual power, when in reality the trouble is we have failed to "forget the things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before." Beloved, let us look the situation fairly in the face, and manfully grapple with it. If we need to go back to "Bethel" or "Jabbok," let us go; if there is a "Jericho" to be taken, let us obey the orders. There is a great temptation to settle down and make comfortable nests for ourselves. The holiness work, we believe, has been greatly retarded in this way. There are also great temptations to get away from responsibility and burden-bearing, and a thousand and one other things. No man can retain the peace and power and glow and glory of entire sanctification unless he walks in all the light and in the path the Holy Spirit leads him. As we have gifts differing, the Holy Spirit will lead each one to the place, and the work in which we will be successful, if we follow him. Paul said: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

Brethren, the writer fears that if many of us were to get under the clear light, we would find that while we have been kept from all that we have known to be sin, and have been faithful in the work we, or our wives, or the people, have chosen for us, we have not fully consulted the Spirit as to His will in the matter. In this way we have chosen the path that required less faith, and involved less labor and sacrifice, and as a natural consequence we have suffered a loss in spiritual life and power, and the larger success. We have yielded to the cry of the human rather than the divine leader. It is the same spirit that was manifested by Peter when he rebuked Jesus our Lord. The Lord rebuked Peter, saying, "Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou savorest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." No doubt Peter thought he was going to save our Lord from suffering the rejection of the elders, chief priests and scribes, and of death.

What we are trying to say is, we should not yield to the cry of human nature for ease and the easy places, but listen to and obey the Holy Spirit wherever He may lead, and say with Mr. Wesley,—

What, though my shrinking flesh complain,  
And murmur to contend so long,  
I rise superior to my pain,  
When I am weak, then I am strong.

**NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

DR. ARTHUR T. PIERSON.

And I may be thought an alarmist, but I must confess that I look with great disfavor on the growing spirit of ritualism and formalism which has found its way into our own city.

During my preaching in the Great Tabernacle in London, there were on one occasion some Primitive Methodists, who held there an anniversary, and the Methodists, as you know, used to be known as among the strictest people of Great Britain in the matter of simplicity of their worship. The presiding officer ventured to say, in the course of his remarks on that occasion, that the time seemed to have come when the bareness and baldness of public worship should be relieved by a little more of the artistic and the aesthetic, and he pleaded for what he called an advanced movement, or a forward movement, in the matter of public services.

"As I was on the platform, and in a sense they were my guests, I was requested to make some remarks. I very reluctantly rose to reply; but God had already made me a text, and I said I was suspicious about any forward movement, and I was persuaded that any movement of the kind would be backward. I affirmed that the continued gathering of those great assemblies in the Tabernacle, where for nearly forty years 6,000 people have assembled morning and evening to worship, and where there is no choir and no organ, and where the Gospel is simply presented without an attempt at any high art, presents a standing contradiction of the slander that the old Gospel has lost one jot or tittle of its ancient power, or that there is a necessity for any modern resort to those aesthetic standards in order to bring the common people to hear the same old Gospel that they heard from the lips of Jesus Christ. And I say to-day that whenever the Spirit of God disappears from the midst of a Church you may seek in vain to bring Him back by such display, or substitute something else for that Spirit in the way of attractions, of refined and cultivated music, eloquence, oratory or any thing of the kind. It is the devil's device to bring the spirit of hypocrisy into your place of worship; for nothing will atone for the absence of the Holy Ghost."—*Tract.*

**REMEMBERED THEIR PASTOR.**

Our friends gave us a very pleasant surprise on Thursday evening, Oct. 9th, when about sixty of them took possession of our home and made us feel there is no tie so dear or fellowship so sweet like exists between brethren. (Ps. 133, 1.)

During the evening Deacon E. Cosman was called to the chair, and after prayer by Brother Whelpley he, in behalf of the friends, presented me with a purse of money as an expression of their good will. I feel very unworthy of the many kindnesses these dear people have shown me since coming among them. The ladies had provided a most excellent lunch, and after ample justice had been done to that they bade us good-night. My prayer is that the Lord will bless them, and make us a blessing to each other.

G. B. TRAFTON.

**THE MISSION BOARD.**

The Mission Board held a meeting at the residence of Dr. J. E. Jewett at Woodstock, N. B., on the 10th inst. They decided to bring Brother Kierstead and his family home as soon as possible. Revs. H. C. Archer and S. A. Baker were appointed to make arrangements for their passage, and to make an appeal to the churches for the passage money.

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