

SUGGESTIONS TO PREACHERS.

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This time from laymen. As I have been making this wide extended trip, meeting the laymen in different places, as I have come in contact with wise, discreet men, who love the church and are in deep sympathy with its ministry, who are good listeners and wise discerners of the best results of preaching, I have tried to draw from them their deepest convictions and best thought in reference to the preaching that wins best; and in reference to defects and hindrances. I find that they especially deprecate and are grieved by any censoriousness or lack of tenderness or sweetness in the pulpit. While they like that strength and manliness which is natural to a brave, heroic soul, and does not need to call attention to itself; yet it is felt that the preacher of holiness should be the embodiment of that patience, gentleness and humility; that though conditions are not ideal and things do not move in a seemingly desirable way that he will not take a spell and talk and act in such a way as to tend to convince people that either perfect love is a fallacy or that he ought to go to the altar. Some have thought that this matter of censoriousness when things are not what men feel they ought to be, instead of helping, is a fly in the ointment that leaves for long a bad odor on the air, and that it occurs sometimes with men of such standing as to make it especially harmful, as it discounts the whole work of holiness; as meekness, gentleness and patience are among its prime factors.

Another thing which these best men deplore is the wrong emphasis. They feel that doing any work, altruism and necessary machinery for work, must be attended to, instruction given and opportunities provided, all of which will take thought and labor; yet they feel that the real work, the fountain of all things, is in the experience within, where divine Personality is manifested in the heart, without which all machinery, work or even benevolence is but a sounding brass and a tinkling symbol. It seems to be felt that often too much emphasis relatively is laid on the outer things—methods, activities, doings—instead of the inner flame without which all is vain. They feel that in this some of our preachers are not sufficiently removed from the spirit and life, or lack of life, in the old churches; that the main thing, and that which will bring about all other good and necessary things, is the fiery glory of the abiding anointing of the Holy Ghost.

I find that the general feeling still is that a great hindrance to greater efficiency with many is the undue length of sermons. That after a reasonable length of time spent in the presentation of truth the mind becomes weary, the good effect of what has been received is in danger of being vitiated, and the opportunity to reach the people lost. That this habit of "long sermons" in some of our leading men is a bad example to our young men—where the effect because of their lack of thought and experience is even worse than in those from whom the bad example is received. These men are not looking for or desiring sermonettes; they want comprehensive presentations and discussions of truth, but they do plead for such thoughtful preparation—beating of the oil for the sanctuary—that within an hour a great truth may be presented; and ordinarily considerably within that time, giving time and opportunity for the seeking

FIDELITY TO GOD BASIC.

All schemes of political economy, social reform or reformation and betterment of human conditions are absolutely fallacious, fruitless and future which ignore God's absolute authority over men and man's absolute duty of fidelity and obedience to God. All such treatments for human ills and social disorders which ignore this fundamental and primary principle, are like treating a constitutional, dire physical malady by a simple attention to pimples on the skin or other mere symptoms of the dire disease. All crimes of violence of man to man are only the result of man's violation of the obligation of submission to God. All opposition of one another, all injustice and outrage of human rights, are only the cause of the outrage which men have perpetrated of God's right and command of obedience and submission to Him. You may work along the muddy stream putting in all sorts of chemicals to clear the water, and using every resort known to science for the removal of the discoloring ingredients, but you will never get the branch cleared until you drive the hog out of the spring from which the stream issues. Sin against God which is innate in the human heart is the fountain and source of all other sin, whether against God or against humanity, against society or against individuals. —*Herald of Holiness.*

DIED.

At the home of her nephew, Mr. James Sherwood, Norton, N. B., Mrs. Katherine Campbell, aged 89 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. W. Moses.

At Wood Island, Grand Manan, on Jan. 17, the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Green, aged six weeks. Services were held at the home Monday afternoon at two o'clock, by Rev. G. W. Henderson.

A Southern Head, Grand Manan, on Tuesday, Jan. 7, Mrs. David Ingalls, aged 89 years 7 months. Services were held at the home by Rev. G. W. Henderson. Burial was in Seal Cove Cemetery.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, Mrs. Susan Benson, widow of the late Caleb Benson, passed peacefully to rest at the age of 83 years 7 months. Before coming to Grand Manan she lived in Digby, Nova Scotia, and while there was a member of the Methodist church. Soon after coming to Grand Manan she united with the Reformed Baptist Church of this place, and was a true and active member for 22 years. The funeral took place Friday afternoon from the church and was largely attended. The pallbearers were Mr. Wilmot Benson, Mr. Clyde Ingersoll, Mr. William Russell, Mr. Robert Frazer. The pastor, Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, preached from the text, Isa. 25, 8: "He will swallow up death in victory. Burial was in Seal Cove cemetery.

"It ain't the talking by itself, it's the living, I reckon." That puts it plainly—the secret of the influence of a successful mission teacher. —*Selected.*

for further anointings of the Spirit and the special seeking for the conversion and sanctification of individual souls.

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Ministers and Churches.

Rev. P. J. Trafton began special services at Hartland on the 21st, to continue indefinitely.

Rev. S. H. Clark, assisted by Rev. Thomas Laite, of Everett, Mass., are holding a series of meetings at Port Maitland, N. S. The interest is good, with encouraging success.

Rev. A. H. Trafton and Sister Trafton and Rev. H. S. Dow attended the special services at Fort Fairfield last week.

An elderly sister recently giving her testimony in a prayer meeting, said: It takes a real man or real woman to live a Christian; any fool can follow the devil.

Sister Ella Slipp is assisting the pastor in special services at Fredericton, N. B. The interest has been good from the beginning. Sister Slipp is a good speaker and worker, and our pastors will find her an excellent helper in special services. The services will continue here indefinitely. We are having victory.

All who want extra copies of the Highway of February 15th please send 3 cents each in postage stamps for the number you want by February 10th. (See notice To the Brethren.)

The latest from the revival services from Port Maitland, N. S., says interest good and good attendance.

Licentiate F. T. Wright is making good progress in his studies at Brooklyn, N. Y.

Licentiate H. C. Mullen is attending the Pentecostal Institute at North Scituate, R. I.

The Moncton Missionary Society sent the treasurer \$50.00 to help us in our emergency for missionary funds. If your society has not responded to our call, please send your money to Brother Archer right away.

Rev. A. H. Trafton and wife are assisting in the special services at Hartland this week, and Rev. M. S. Trafton will assist in the services there next week. A good interest has been awakened.

Rev. Henry Smith reports good meetings on the 26th on his circuit.

MISSIONS.

Moncton Society	\$50.00
Grey's Mills Society	24.00
Perth Society	11.00
Fredericton Society	8.12
Mrs. D. H. Nixon	5.00
A friend	5.00
A friend	2.00

H. C. ARCHER, Treas.

Three Things

Of General Interest to be
kept before the Churches

THE MISSIONARY WORK

The Highway

AND BEULAH AND

Riverside Camp Grounds

Every Church should have a live
interest in these departments of our
work.