

## Missionary Correspondence.

### CHAPTER XVII.

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SNAPSHOTS AT THE SCHOOL OF THE  
PROPHETS—Continued.

*"And he that winneth souls is wise."*

Though Mr. Newhall was my most intimate friend, both he and I were attracted to Samuel Smalling. In fact, we three, being such close friends, were known as the "holiness trio." While Brother Newhall and I gravitated together because of our mutual desire for knowledge, we both were drawn to Mr. Smalling by a kindred spirit, the passion for souls. His aim, even in school life, was to win as many as possible for the Master. Lessons and all else were made subordinate to this supreme ambition. Studies were mastered not for love of knowledge, but because they were a necessary means to the great end in view. He worked too hard, however, for his weak constitution. Often, after his usual long day at the farm and school, he would have an evening service, bringing him home late at night. Next morning he would be up at five o'clock to help milk; and thus for a week or two, according as special meetings might be continued, where he was assisting, did he labor for souls, not sparing himself.

While in Brooklyn he devoted much time to the sailors in connection with a City Mission work at the "Floating Bethel," near Brooklyn Bridge. He seemed strong and none the worse for his too strenuous life, until his senior year, when he fell a victim to pulmonary tuberculosis, a tendency to which had been his inheritance. Had he known of his coming early end, we do not see that he could have been more zealous and devoted in finishing his God-given work. He had hoped to preach Christ in Africa, but was called to higher service.

Being a Methodist, he was always foremost in work connected with that body, and once took a couple of his sailor lads to his church in Brooklyn. They followed him to a seat he had chosen as suitable; but soon an usher came and politely asked the sailors to withdraw and take a place less conspicuous. This deeply wounded the feelings of our godly brother—to think that his church, standing for holiness, as taught by John Wesley, and supposed to exist for the purpose of seeking the lost—it was difficult for him to believe that his beloved mother church had so far departed from her early standard of humble service.

Our beloved classmate, Samuel Smalling, was "pure gold," seeking only that Jesus be exalted as the Mighty to Save from sin and keep from falling.

Among the students present against the will of their parents was Harry Wilson. He felt called to India, but found it hard to go against the wish of his mother, to whom he was a tenderly devoted son. Thoroughly unselfish, intensely loving and earnest, he was one of those rare souls who naturally pour out their lives in service to others.

Perhaps what first drew me to him was his shrinking nature. Had he but overcome this—that has always been a snare to me—a field of wonderful usefulness would have opened before him. He under-estimated his own abilities because he had more humility than self-esteem. If only his mother could have understood the claims of Christ, and been willing to give her noble son to His service, all might have been different. Then, too, his sensitive nature suf-

fered under the hardships of that hard pioneer year. Few understood or sympathized with him, while others secretly or openly blamed him for what they saw as only marks of weakness.

My heart always aches when I remember that so rare a jewel should have failed in God's plan for his life. He left the school, but feeling that he was disobeying the Lord, came back, only to yield a second time, however, and return to his home. My only comfort is that I understood him and did my best to be his true friend.

Letters I afterward received from him told of the sorrow and remorse he felt for having failed to walk in the path of known duty.

Shortly after returning home, he married and settled down to a life of more than average usefulness as a good son, husband, church member and citizen—but always with the consciousness that he had missed God's best choice.

His experience is an example of many who are truly called to the ministry, but fail to obey. I have become acquainted with quite a number of this class in my limited experience. And, having so nearly failed myself, I always deeply sympathize with such, and if not already too late, I try to induce them to make the start and get themselves "in the way" of obedience to the Divine call.

There are in both the home and foreign field to-day—I speak not boastfully, but with humility and gratitude—several whose lives have been helped to obedience through my feeble influence.

### AN APPEAL TO HOLINESS PEOPLE THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

To our Brethren and Sisters in the Faith of Full Salvation, through the merits of our Lord Jesus Christ, we send words of congratulation and greeting.

You will be interested to know that from October 28th to November 2nd, in the year 1913, there was held in the city of Chicago a convention for the promotion of holiness. In this convention there were representatives from more than thirty states in this country, and from a number of provinces in the Dominion of Canada. The convention was interdenominational, and there were present members from not less than thirty denominations of Christians, who have been brought into beautiful fellowship and oneness through the sanctifying power of our common Lord and Saviour.

The business sessions and devotional meetings of this gathering were all conducted in the spirit of perfect love, and the Holy Spirit was present to save and sanctify a number of souls. It was indeed a time of great refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and those who came up to this feast of tabernacles returned to their homes and various fields of labor with a renewal of love, and increase of faith, and a strengthening of purpose to press the good work of spreading scriptural holiness throughout all the lands as never before.

The reports from various sections of the country were most encouraging. Only a few decades ago there was not a holiness camp meeting upon this continent; now they dot the country over—from Northern Canada to the Gulf of Mexico; from Pilgrim Rock to the Texas Panhandle; and from the Virginia Beach to the California coast. In these great camp meetings hundreds of thousands of people of all Christian sects and from every walk of life, gather every summer and hear the gospel of a

full redemption faithfully preached, and gladly witnessed to, by a multitude of earnest souls.

In these meetings many thousands of sinners are converted, a great host of believers are sanctified, and all devout people are blessed and helped in Christian experience and life; much prejudice is swept away, and a goodly per cent. of the present generation is coming to believe that Jesus Christ was manifested to destroy the works of the devil—to separate man from sin which only separates him from God—in order to restore him to oneness and communion with the blessed Trinity.

The great doctrine of Christian holiness rests upon a foundation as immovable as the eternal throne of God. In the nature of things there can be no heaven for a man who is out of harmony with his Maker, and there can be no perfect harmony with him when in a state of moral impurity; therefore, it is taught in His word, "*Without holiness no man shall see the Lord.*" There is no holiness, nor can there be, outside of and apart from Christ; and the only way of appropriating that full redemption from sin vouchsafed in Christ, is by faith.

It is no difficult task for the earnest preacher to show that the scriptures plainly teach the fall of man, the sinfulness of the race; that the laws of God require holiness, that the sacrifice of Christ provides for it, and that God has implanted in the hearts of the regenerated a hungering and thirsting after righteousness with which the blessed Christ assures us such shall "be filled." These Bible truths appeal both to the intelligence and heart hunger of the multitudes. In the great camp-meetings these truths are so faithfully and earnestly preached that they are becoming the common faith of vast numbers of devoted people of all denominations of Christians.

Less than three decades ago there was not a holiness college in all the land. Now there are a number of them, representing large sums of money, with excellent faculties and thousands of students, with good college courses of study; in these schools all brutal games, secret organizations, the use of tobacco, card playing, dancing, and the various forms of worldliness are excluded; here great revivals on full salvation lines are held, large numbers of splendid young people are saved, sanctified and educated for pastors, missionaries, evangelists, deaconesses, and teachers, who are wholly consecrated to God to carry the doctrine, and witnesses to the experience of full salvation from sin to the ends of the earth.

Within the last quarter of a century a number of publishing plants have sprung up, which make the printing and distribution of full salvation literature a specialty; from these plants there go out every week holiness periodicals, to many tens of thousands of homes, to be read by more than a quarter of million of people. These publishing houses also ship out every year a large quantity of devotional books, pamphlets, and tracts, all of them guiding the thoughts and educating the mind in the truths of full redemption, here, and now, by faith in Jesus Christ.

There is another interesting item of this gracious awakening to which we call your attention, and that is the fact that in all congregations, of all evangelical churches, in Sabbath schools, prayer meetings, and revival services, they are singing full salvation songs. In this way the gracious truths of present redemption for all men, from all sin, is filtering unconsciously into the minds of the great masses of Christian people, and in many instances will prepare the way for the reception of that truth