

that there is no set time nor place, nor men who bestow the gift, but John the Baptist said of Christ, "The same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." To us the most difficult thing to understand is, why Christian people are so averse to seeking this great gift while their hearts cry out every time they utter honest prayer for the very things the Holy Spirit imparts, and arise from their knees with a sigh which indicates that they are still unsatisfied.

The gift of the Holy Ghost, the great divine personality, the divinely appointed teacher and leader, is the greatest need of the individual Christian, and the church of Christ to take away the reproach of failure and turn defeat into victory and adorn her with the heavenly beauty that He alone can impart.

AT HOME.

Religion at home is more precious than at church or in the world. Every day each family should worship as regularly as they eat. Have they time to eat? Let the soul have food. Open the Bible and have God talk to the family; pray and praise in song, and on bended knees ask mercies. A family without worship is a domestic orphanage and a school of unbelief, sensuality and sin. Without spiritual life at home it will be wholly lacking or exceedingly thin abroad. Children will grow up Christless, physical objects and carnal life will absorb attention and engross affection. With pure, sincere, tender religion at home, children will begin to be Christians as soon as they learn of the Saviour's love and never know rebellion. Why should the offspring of saints be for one moment exposed to condemnation? Why should they not know the Saviour as soon as they know sin? Generally they will if Christ is honored at the family altar. But he is not honored. Thousands upon thousands of church members live like infidels at home. The Bible is unread, praises never sung, prayer never heard. Can they not read? Why not let God speak to them out of His Word? Can they not pray? The Lord's prayer can at least be repeated in concert. Is there no time? It will save time to take counsel of God. We can have no real home without him. It requires a Heavenly Father as well as earthly parents to make a sweet, healthful, absolute home.—Baptist Union.

Dear Highway:

Not being able to hold our June Quarterly Meeting, we held a few special services, assisted by Brother Hallett Mullen. Several persons having professed conversion during the winter and spring, we appointed a baptismal service on June 13th. Three of the four persons who requested baptism were buried with Christ in that ordinance. Others were reclaimed who have erected family altars. Our congregations have increased during the past year.

My soul magnifies the Lord.

Saved by the precious blood of Christ.

T. W. MOSES.

Brethren, the time is short, the world is passing away. The heathen are perishing. The Christians are sleeping. Satan is active and mighty. Oh, shall we not in thought of the love of our Lord Jesus, in thought of the coming glory, in view of the coming end, and of the need of the church and the world, give ourselves to be holy as He is holy?—Andrew Murray.

THE EMPTY LIFE AND THE FULL LIFE.

That is an empty life which is not dominated by an exalted purpose. There are many persons whose life vision is circumscribed by the present day. As to the future they are indifferent and outwardly unconcerned and they take advantage of that state to make no plans that will commit them to any great movements for the welfare of their fellow men, or for their own spiritual good. They are representatives of the man in the gospel who said to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease; eat, drink and be merry." It is a very narrow and selfish view of life that does not include the needs of a common humanity; and it is a person of low ideals who refuses to recognize his personal duty and responsibility with reference to his fellows.

It is easy for un-regenerated humanity to be selfish, to disregard the worthier aspirations of the soul and the inspiring examples of intentional men, but the price cannot be estimated. The world would consider the rich man wise who addressed his soul with so much assurance, but God considered him foolish and said, "Thou fool, this night thy soul will be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided?"

But a greater loss than that of earthly possessions is the deprivation of the sweetness and satisfaction of soul that comes from the consciousness of having done something to uplift somebody at the cost of one's self. This is one of the refined delights of life, and one of the rich rewards that accrue to those whose purposes are in harmony with the teachings of Jesus. The life that is not made cheerful and bright by an eternal hope is a sad and empty one.

Hope is one of the great Christian virtues that endures. It gives wings to the soul, and lifts it above the distressing and vexatious affairs of this life. The heart without a strong abiding confidence, or at least a well-founded expectation, concerning the life to come, must be heavy indeed. Overwhelmed by the cares of the passing day, distracted by the merciless competitions of business, disappointed by the many manifestations of human selfishness, humiliated by its own failures, and haunted by the uncertainty of the final outcome, how can that one be contented in his own soul or be of any great service to others, who does not possess that "hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before the world began." The hopeless life is an empty, unsatisfying, and unfruitful life, and none are more conscious of this than those who are living it.

It does not matter so much about the greatness of our talents as it does about the way we use them. Talents themselves amount to but little unless put into action with a purpose to make the most of them in a right way. Then they became a power for good and shine out in beauty and brightness.

Two young men seemed to possess a great talent for oratory, and both wanted to make the most of their talents. One went into the ministry, the other upon the stage. The one became an eloquent preacher, who won many to Christ; the other, a comic impersonator, whose calling led him into temptation which was his ruin. It is thus with thousands. Then let us use our talents as a precious gift from God and for the uplifting of humanity and the glory of God.

The emptiest life of all is the Christless life, for in the nature of the case it is hopeless as

well as purposeless. The entrance of Christ into a life transforms it, gives it a new and large meaning, expands its horizon, increases its joys, imparts to it a greater beauty, and renders it more helpful and fruitful.

There is nothing self-centered about the life that is moulded by the Christ spirit. All the influences that radiate from it are beneficent, and all its ideals are pure and lofty in conception, and comprehensive and generous in execution. Personal contact with the Holy Spirit has wrought regeneration in the soul, purity in the heart, illumination in the mind, and a consuming desire to think the thoughts, do the works, and live the life of Christ. This eradicates selfishness in all its forms, and makes possible a broadening and deepening of the soul-life which has brought abiding happiness to the individual heart and substantial blessings to mankind and honor to God.

Would you be among those whose lives are full and fruitful? Seek earnestly to have Christ enter into your life and abide therein and be filled with the Holy Spirit. For in a life "hid with Christ in God" there is "peace which passeth all understanding," there is a hope that hath foundation, and out of this life comes a purpose, holy, exalted and dominating, that being wrought out successfully by the grace of God, gives rich joy to the heart and glory to God here and hereafter.

W. B. W.

HOUSE PARTY AT PORT MAITLAND.

We clip the following from the Yarmouth Times:

A crowded house party congregated at the residence of Rev. S. H. Clark, the well known and very popular Reformed Baptist clergyman of Port Maitland, whose resignation has caused a great deal of regret among the people of this community. During the four years which he has spent in Port Maitland, Rev. Mr. Clark has made a host of friends. A hard working pastor, a bright, cheerful conscientious man, he has never shirked his duty and has always been ready to answer to the call. It being the 5th anniversary of their wedding, Rev. and Mrs. Clark were the recipients of many congratulatory eulogies. His parishioners from Brazil Lake, Cedar Lake, Sandford and all the surrounding country gave expression to their deep regret that Mr. and Mrs. Clark had deemed it expedient to leave this his field of labor. Among the invited guests called upon by the chairman, were Mr. Burns, of Sandford, Mr. Chas. Adams and Dr. Thomas A. Ledbetter, of Port Maitland. These gentlemen voiced the sentiments of the gathered assembly when they said they felt sorry that Mr. Clark had decided to go. Rev. Mr. Clarke's closing words will long be remembered. He felt sorry to leave; his associations here were always pleasant. He had many personal friends and now that he was going it made it very hard to bid them all good-bye. However, duty's call must needs be answered and he was going. Mr. Fred Solows presided as chairman. This popular couple leave for Beulah, N. B., in a few days. The different churches all made monetary presentations amounting to quite a large sum.

MISSIONS.

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Mrs. Pearl McNally	2.00
Laura Burpee (Memorial Fund)	6.00
Mrs. Wm. Taylor (Memorial Fund)	6.00
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