

PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING.

"There is a perfection of salvation whereby we are justified and entirely sanctified. This is full perfect salvation. There is another perfection of character that goes on after we are entirely sanctified, and this latter perfection is largely brought about by the harsh process of trials and sorrows. It is the grinding process, necessary to smooth the hard surface of the diamond that will cause it to sparkle in the crown of our King who likens his people to jewels.

"So true is this that the good Book says, 'Sorrow is better than laughter.' It is better because it leads us to seriously ponder the great truths of life, death and eternity and properly adjust ourselves to them. God has to chasten us often because of our foolishness or heedlessness and carelessness in order that a sense of faults may keep us humble and cause us to cling closer to Him. Here is where some people get bewildered in their theological thinking. They seem to think sorrow will purify the heart from sin. This is not true. Only the blood of Jesus purifies from sin. The inspired author of Hebrews says of our parents who had to chastise us, 'For verily they for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit that we might be partakers of his holiness.' It does not mean that He chastens us to make us good, for affliction has no purifying power. Only the blood of Jesus can purify from sin. Afflictions cause good people to fly to the cleansing blood for help. Just as sometimes a parent has to punish a child until it is willing to take medicine, so the Lord has to sometimes almost compel us by our afflictions to take the remedy, and thus we are led to become partakers of his holiness.

"When we get to heaven and look back on earth's battlefield, we shall see that many of our sorrows drove us to the shelter of the cross just as the enemy was about to annihilate us. We shall after the battle is all over say, 'Blessed were the trials and storms of life.'—*Sel.*

THINGS WORTH LEARNING.

S. J. Shields.

Sometimes it is noticeable that the less of religious theory one has in their heads before they seek God the easier to get saved, as there is such a strong tendency to let the head get in the way of the heart in seeking the way of life, for it is "with the heart man believeth unto salvation," but when souls have entered into the kingdom of Christ they need to feed upon the Word if they would become strong, and learn in every conflict to overcome the evil one. "Let the word of Christ," says the sacred penman, "dwell in you richly in all wisdom." It is often sadly true that "My people die for lack of knowledge." Good theories of religion, believed in the head, but rejected in the life, tend to destroy the soul, but good doctrine believed in the head and practiced in daily life are strength and bulwarks to the soul, and tend to make those who receive and practice the truth, "like giants refreshed with new wine." This is the reason that the study of good doctrine, and drilling one's mind in Bible theology, be it ever so good in itself, before one begins to seek the grace of God, is often preventative rather than helpful when the soul begins to see His grace; but is helpful and upbuilding if read, studied and "inwardly digested" by the believing, obedient soul. "The letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life," so the letter filled with or clothed with the Spirit is very lifegiving.



Sister Sanders and Family at Balmoral Farm, South Africa.

BALMORAL (MISSIONARY) FARM FUND.

Previously acknowledged, \$1,620.06; total amount now needed, \$1,584.94; toward which we have received:

- Mrs. J. P. Alley \$5.00
- Mrs. Geo. Weeks 1.00
- Mrs. Charles Jones 1.00
- Mrs. Rebecca Cann 1.00
- Miss Grace Cann 1.00
- Mildred Cann 1.00
- Mrs. Albert Fitzherbert 1.00
- Mrs. Laura Knox 2.00
- A friend (Hartland) 4.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Odbur Sharp 2.00
- Jack Campbell 1.00
- Mrs. Lucy Tedford 1.00

We the undersigned contribute the amount opposite our names to the Balmoral Farm Fund, in kind remembrance of our beloved sister, the late Lucy Beal.

- Rev. C. S. Hilyard \$10.00
- C. H. Beal 25.00
- Miss Barker 5.00
- Avery Beal 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Wallace 5.00
- Miss Parvetta Hilyard 1.00
- Oscar Alley 1.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carver 5.00
- Thelma Simmonds 1.00
- Harvey Crowley 5.00
- F. W. Beal 20.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Eli Beal 10.00
- Mrs. F. W. Beal 5.00
- Blanche Gould 1.00
- Alton Urquhart 5.00
- Mrs. C. H. Beal 10.00
- Edmond Beal 1.00
- Oscar and Sylvina Carver 1.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Esten Beal 5.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Woodward 10.00
- Mildred Beal 5.00
- Mrs. Avery Beal 5.00
- Mrs. Annie Simmonds 5.00
- Mrs. Alonzo Alley 5.00
- Daniel Hilyard 5.00
- Maggie Alley 1.00
- Sewel Hilyard50
- Pearl Hilyard50
- Etta Hilyard50
- Ruth Hilyard50
- Harvey Hilyard50
- Mrs. C. S. Hilyard 1.00

A "COMMON" SIN.

Men have a curious vanity in wishing to do some thing "out of the common." They wish to be distinguished in some way, even though, like Milton's "Satan," they can only aspire to "some bad eminence." A recent editorial in Zion's Herald pricks this bubble of distorted pride in the following ruthless sentences:

"Sin is the great leveler. It attrites the soul, taking off its fine edges and marring its delicate characteristics, and reduces all whom it touches to a coarse commonalty of being. There is nothing distinctive about sin. There is now no original sin, it has all been done so many times over by so many men. It is the most coarsely common thing in the world. If you would be distinguished, cease to be a sinner and become a saint. In sainthood there are all manner of possibilities of distinction. In the astronomy of grace there is room for any number of radiant stars differing one from another in glory. It is only black night of sin that is the same and indiscriminate—the galaxies which stud God's heavens have all their peculiar charm, their individual glory. Be a star, and not a shadow; shine for God instead of being lost in the abnormality and anonymity of sin."—*Selected.*

INFLUENCE OF HOLINESS.

There is an energy of moral suasion in a good man's life passing the highest efforts of the orator's genius. The seen but silent beauty of holiness speaks more eloquently of God and duty than the tongues of men and angels. Let parents remember this. The best inheritance a parent can bequeath to a child is a virtuous example, a legacy of hallowed remembrance and associations. The beauty of holiness beaming through the life of a loved relative or friend is more effectual to strengthen such as do stand in virtue's ways, and to raise up those who are bowed down, than precept, command, entreaty or warning. Christianity itself owes by far the greater part of its moral power, not to the precepts or parables of Christ, but to His own character. The beauty of that holiness which is enshrined in the four brief biographies of the Man of Nazareth has done more to regenerate the world and bring in everlasting righteousness than all the other agencies put together. It has done more to spread His religion in the world than all that has ever been preached or written on the evidences of Christianity.—Chalmers.

WEIGHT OF PARCELS.

The deputy postmaster general in a communication yesterday from Ottawa to the local post office made known that the parcels post to France and Flanders had been reduced by four pounds on the maximum weight. The maximum weight prior to this was eleven pounds, and in future parcels of only seven pounds will be accepted. This is important to those who intend forwarding parcels from Canada to boys at the front.

- Advar Dobbin25
- Viola Lowell25

We offer this amount (\$160) as a challenge to nine other churches with us to supply the balance needed by Christmas, and present Balmoral as a Christmas present free to debt to Jesus our Lord. Amen. Come on!

Yours for the church,
Rev. C. S. Hilyard.