

We must turn from all our evil ways, leaving no sin unmortified; that's one measure of perfection; it is a perfect conversion. We must have charity; that's another perfection; it is a perfect grace. We must be ready to part with all, for conscience sake, and to die for Christ; that's perfect obedience, and the most perfect love. We must conform to the divine will in doing and suffering; that's perfect patience; we must live in all holy conversation and godliness; that's a perfect state. We must be going forward, and growing in godliness, that so we may be perfect men in Christ Jesus. And we must persevere unto the end; that's perfection, and the crown of all the rest. If anything less than this were intended, it cannot be told how the gospel should be a holy institution, or that God should require of us to live a holy life; but if anything more than this were intended, it is impossible but all mankind should perish. Like to this is *Toto corde*, loving and serving with all our heart, and with all our strength. That this is possible, is folly to deny. For he that saith he cannot do a thing with all his strength, that is, that he cannot do what he can do, knows not what he says; and yet to do this is the highest measure and sublimity of perfection, and of keeping the commandments.—Dr. Jer. Taylor.

#### THE REAL REVIVAL.

- Will make happy homes.
- Will smite social caste.
- Will fill empty seats.
- Will set fire to the pulpit.
- Will rebuild family altars.
- Will thaw out icy formality.
- Will unify church factions.
- Will swell all the benevolences.
- Will cause wide-spread conviction.
- Will put courage into timid saints.
- Will insist upon glorious conversations.
- Will bring up the pastor's belated salary.
- Will create a demand for good literature.
- Will tone up the morals of the whole town.
- Will carry salvation into the Sabbath-school.
- Will furnish arguments the infidel can not answer.
- Will make saints hungry for higher spiritual attainments.
- Will help pay up venerable accounts at the grocer's and butcher's.
- Will make the preachers shout when pastor presents his report at conference time.
- Will start the bells of heaven ringing merrily because of new and glorious victories for the victorious Christ.—Selected.

There is a type of holiness which appears to consist chiefly in noise and demonstration. There is certainly no objection to demonstration which is in the Spirit, nor to some, which is not altogether in the Spirit. But holiness to be acceptable to God or profitable to men must be leagues deeper than noise or demonstration. It must be strong in righteousness and love.—Sel.

A man in a New York town who was not rich, and who had a large family, was asked by a clergyman for a subscription to a good cause. He made a subscription so large that the one who had asked him was fairly amazed.

"Why, sir, that is much more than you ought to give!" he blurted out.

The giver looked at him thoughtfully and steadily.

"But you, sir," he replied gently, "do not know how much I owe my God."

The answer made a great impression on the clergyman. A few days later, so the story is told, he repeated it in talking to a richer man in his congregation. The man listened attentively. He made no comment, but he added half as much again to his church subscription that year. The answer had found an echo in his heart too.

It ought to find an echo in every Christian's heart. Health, love, friends, prosperity—men owe all these to God. But they are only the least of the debt. Cleansing from sin, freedom of soul, power to do right—these are the supreme blessings given to the Christian that can never be deserved, that must always be owed. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" is the cry of the loyal and loving heart.—Home and School.

#### "DEAD INDEED UNTO SIN."

The love of Christ in the soul takes the very nails that fastened him to the cross, and crucifies the soul to the world and to sin. Love is strong as death, particularly in this. The strongest and liveliest body, when death seizes it, must yield, and so becomes motionless, though it was so vigorous before. And the soul that is most active and unwearied in sin, when this love seizes it, is killed to sin; and as death separates a man from his dearest friends and society, this love breaks all the ties and friendship with sin.—Selected.

"The distinction between Christianity and all other systems of religion consists largely in this, that in these other men are found seeking after God, while Christianity is God seeking after men."

"Account him thy real friend who desires thy good, rather than thy good-will."

Much good is done by persons of great energy, but as much by persons of sweet will. For energy is at times in danger of provoking opposition, but gentleness wins upon its object unawares.—R. W. Barbour.

"You have a long time to be an angel, but only a short time to serve God."

"If the present Sabbath desecration tendency goes on, it will not be many years before the working-man will be compelled to work on Sundays, as on other days, and without gaining more pay for it."

Censure and criticism never hurt anybody. If false they cannot hurt you unless you are wanting in manly character, and if true they show a man his weak points and forewarn him against failure and trouble.—Gladstone.

Love and desire are so essential to the soul, that she cannot put them off but change them. She is as Psellus calls her, an immaterial and incorporeal fire, an unextinguishable activity, and will catch at some object or other. And therefore if she has ceased to love the world, and the lusts of her own body, she will certainly love the body of Christ, the church, and study how to help them and advantage them. Nor can she stop here, but this pure and quick flame mounts upwards and is reflected again downwards, and vibrates every way, reaching at all objects in heaven and in earth, as natural fire enters all combustible matter. And therefore in her pure and ardent speculations of the Godhead, and His unlimited goodness, and also her observations of the capacity of the whole creation of receiving good both from Him and from one another, she overflows those narrow bounds of brotherly love, and spreads out into that ineffably ample and transcendently divine grace and virtue, universal charity, which is the highest accomplishment the soul of man is capable of, either in this life or that which is to come; and thus at last she becomes perfect, as her Father which is in heaven is perfect. "To him that overcometh will I give to sit with me in my throne." When, I beseech you, is this overcoming? Is not victory won in the same field the battle is fought? And is not our warfare here upon this earth? Wherefore it is plain our victory must be here also. It is in this life we are commanded to kill and slay the old man within us, with all his deceivable lusts; who, while he is alive, will be always plotting and inventing some evil device or other, to undermine and root the kingdom of Christ out of our hearts; and therefore we must be wholly the one or wholly the other. We cannot serve Christ and Belial, light and darkness cannot abide together.—Dr. Henry More on the Grand Mystery of Godliness.

"There is not such a great difference between grace and glory after all. Grace is the bud and glory the blossom. Grace is glory begun and glory is grace perfect. It will not come hard to people who are serving God down here to do it when they go up yonder. They will change places, but they will not change employments."—D. L. Moody.

Your business is with Jesus, with His free, unmerited love, with His glorious promises.—Fletcher.

"It is much more easy to profess holiness in a general way than to carry it out in particulars."

"Only consistent giving keeps the soul from shrinking."

"There is no sculptor's tool half so skilful in forming the features of a splendid statue as is the quality of earnestness in high and noble thinking in beautifying and moulding the human face."

To bring yourself under the conviction that holiness is for you is a prime necessity.—Lowrey.