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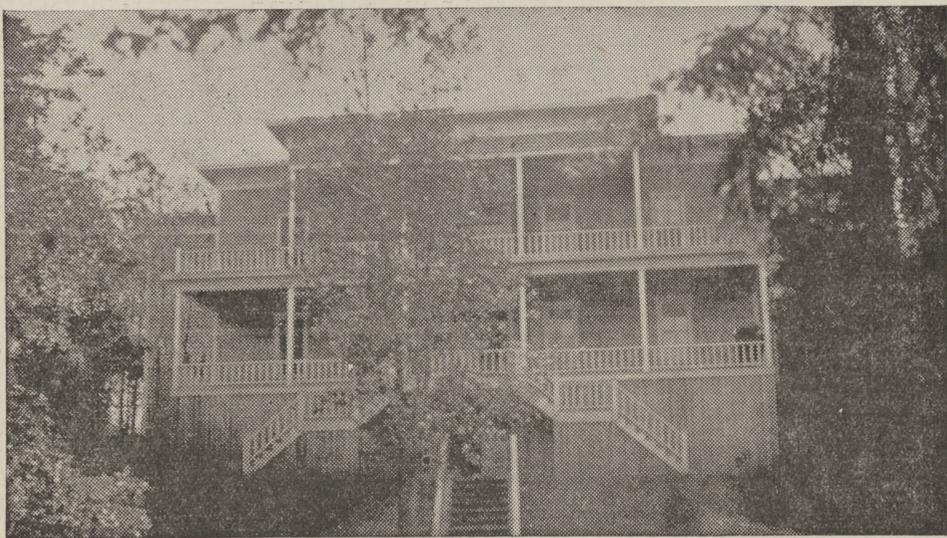
An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness.

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness.—Isa. 35-8.

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"I GIVE YOU POWER TO TREAD ON  
SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND  
OVER ALL THE POWER OF  
THE ENEMY.

This declaration of our blessed Lord's is full of comforting assurance, as well as being full of suggestion to us.

It is comforting to know that we can get rid of the inherited cunning and craft, and the disposition to sting in haughty retaliation for real or supposed slights, and other injuries and also power over all other phrases of the enemy's power as affecting our own disposition and habits that are contrary to the spirit and life of a true consecrated and wholly sanctified Christian. It is a much greater problem to us to grasp and exercise faith for a perfect cure, or cleansing from our own life of this serpent-like cunning and scorpion-like stinging, than to meet it in actions and words, as we come in contact with others who still possess these characteristics. But the wonder of this gift of power that it includes ability to meet and trample under our feet, and be victors over all the cunning artfulness, and the stinging attacks of men and devils, and suffer no wounds from them, for he said: "And nothing shall by any means hurt you."

He had just said: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." From that we naturally get the idea that Satan was in heaven.

But we have beheld a great nation (Germany) fall, almost with lightning speed, from her professed position as the teacher of culture to the world, to barbarity of satanic cruelty, outdoing all the records of barbarity of the darkest ages of the world's history.

So while we would not raise the ques-

tion as to whether our Lord meant that Satan fell literally from heaven or not, He certainly saw him fall before his (Jesus Christ's) presence, from his throne in the hearts and lives of men, as quick as a flash of lightning, and these same men were given power over all the power of Satan.

Notwithstanding he had retained his rule in and over the majority of men from the time of man's fall in the Garden of Eden.

We said at the beginning of this article that it is comforting to know we can get rid of these things and having appropriated the promise, as great and marvelous as it is as God's gift it becomes a great fact in our personal experience, viz., that we no longer resort to craftiness and cunning in any wise. We no longer possess nor use the scorpion sting, no matter how we may be tried by our fellow man, nor do unkind things nor haughty looks nor words sting us as they once did, and do we not "have to" obey the devil in anything.

For Christ through the Holy Spirit has given his true children power 'over all the power of the enemy' so far as they are individually concerned. He has broken the chains which bound them, and they have become love slaves to him. And now we can sing with all our hearts:

"I'm free, free, gloriously free,  
No longer by sin I'm bound,  
The precious blood cleanses and satisfies me,  
This freedom in Jesus I've found."

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## MARKS OF RIPENESS.

C. H. Spurgeon beautifully illustrates the marks of ripeness in Christian character somewhat as follows: One mark is beauty. As the fruit ripens the sun tints it with surpassing loveliness, and the colors deepen till the beauty of the fruit is equal to the beauty of the blossom, and in some respects superior. There is in ripe Christians the beauty of realized sanctification, which the Word of God knows by the name of "beauty of holiness."

Another mark of ripe fruit is tenderness. The young green fruit is hard and stonelike, but the ripe fruit is soft, yields to the pressure, can almost be moulded, retains the mark of the finger. So it is with the mature Christian; he is noted for tenderness of spirit.

Another mark of ripeness is sweetness. The unripe fruit is sour, and perhaps it ought to be, or else we should eat all the fruits while they are yet green. It may, therefore, be in the order of grace a fit thing that in the youthful Christian some sharpness should be formed which will ultimately be removed. As we grow in grace we are sure to grow in charity, sympathy and love; we shall have greater and more intense affection for the person of Him "whom having not seen we love;" we shall have greater delight in the precious things of His gospel; the doctrines which we did not understand at first will become marrow and fatness to us as we advance in grace. We shall feel that there is honey dropping from the honeycomb in the deep things of religion. We shall, as we ripen in grace, have greater sweetness towards our fellow Christians. Bitter-spirited Christians may know a great deal but they are immature. Those who are quick to censure may be very acute in judgment, but they are yet immature in heart. I know we who are young beginners in grace think ourselves qualified to reform the whole Christian church. We drag her before us, and condemn her straightway; but when our virtues become more mature I trust we shall not be more tolerant of evil, but we shall be more tolerant of infirmity, more hopeful for the people of God, and certainly less arrogant in our criticisms.

Another and a very sure mark of ripeness is a loose hold of earth. Ripe fruit easily parts from the bough. You shake the tree and the ripe apples fall. If you wish to eat fresh fruit you put out your hand to pluck it, and it comes off with difficulty, you feel you had better leave it alone a little longer; but when it drops into your hand, quite ready to be withdrawn from the branch, you know it to be in a good condition.—Selected.

Lorne Wilson, Jan. 16