

THE DEATH OF DR. C. J. FOWLER.

A feeling of sorrow will come to the hearts of a multitude of the most spiritual people in all parts of U. S. and Canada when they learn that Dr. C. J. Fowler, for many years president of the National holiness Association passed away at his home in West Newton, Mass., on the afternoon of Nov. 30th.

During the last few months Dr. Fowler had apparently been enjoying good health, and was able to render active service at Old Orchard, Moore's and Richland Camp Meetings. It was after enjoying a trip down the St. Lawrence to Montreal and returning to the home of one of his daughters at St. Johnsbury, Vt., that he was stricken with paralysis. He was carried in an ambulance to his own home at West Newton and gradually sank away.

The funeral service was of the simplest kind and was conducted by his friend of more than forty years, Rev. J. N. Short, of the church of the Nazarene, Cambridge, Mass. He by request only read the scriptures and offered prayer. Besides the immediate family there were present Revs. John Gould and A. B. Riggs, of Lowell; C. W. Beers of Lynn; D. Rand Pierce, of Peabody; L. N. Fogg, of Sanbornville, Vt.; Isaac Hanson of Haverhill; W. E. Smith of West Somerville, all preachers in the Church of the Nazarene, and Rev. Chas. Locke, of the Evangelical Church. The interment was made the following day in the family burial plot at Littleton, N. H.

In the death of Dr. Fowler the cause of God known as the holiness movement has lost a most eloquent and effective advocate, a wise and successful leader and most of all a man who was the incarnation of those principles of purity and integrity which he so ardently advocated and ably defended.

For many years Brother Fowler was an evangelist and pastor in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He remained a Methodist till his death, one of the real Wesleyan type, but he held an independent relation to his conference.

While his name seldom appeared in the official papers of the church, nevertheless in every state in the Union, in many parts of Canada and over in Britain his name with all those who loved the experience of holiness, or the second blessing as taught and so designated by John Wesley. As a preacher at Camp Meetings and holiness conventions and as one of the editors of the Christian Witness Dr. Fowler made his great power and personality felt. As a preacher and leader he ranks with Inskip, Macdonald and Cookman. He has well been called logic on fire. The necessity and possibility of perfect holiness then and now was the constant theme of his tongue and pen. He avoided all side issues and non-essentials in magnifying the efficacy of the cleansing blood of Jesus. He had special discernment in detecting and exposing error.

He greatly deplored the apostasy of the church he loved so well from the true New Testament standard of doctrine, experience and life. He rebuked those in high places for the betrayal of their trust. For that reason he received little honor from ecclesiasticism. He lived for the

Judgment Day. Bishops and Church leaders who resented our brother's pungent arraignments will have to meet their record there. His wife remains to mourn her loss. They walked together in love for forty-seven years. Three daughters also survive. He leaves them the heritage of an untarnished name.

Another leader of equal ability may arise to carry on the work our brother laid down, but none can take his place.

A noble man is gone;
He had the qualities of real work
Not always found in those of royal birth.
In feeling, thought and action wrought the plan
That built him to the measure of a man.

A preacher great is gone.
No profiteer made thus by human art
He had the vision of the pure in heart.
In line with prophets and apostles, he
Led Satan's captives unto liberty.

A leader wise is gone.
His counsels ever led the narrow way
Unscathed by errors of the present day.
He saw the star and urged God's people on,
The light remains although the leader's
gone.

A friend so true is gone.
And many miss the hand-clasp and the smile;
And words of counsel all unmixed with guile;
And one may ask, where shall I find another,
To be to me far closer than my brother.

A husband dear is gone.
The hand of death has torn him from the side
Of her who was his loyal heart's fair bride.
The passing years never dimmed this early love
Made pure by cleansing power from above.

A father kind is gone.
And daughters mourn the loss of him
whose power
Made strong their feet in childhood's early hour.
He leaves the heritage of unstained name;
More precious than the memory of fame.

So soon shall we be gone.
We all must follow him who is gone before,
And one by one will pass death's waters o'er.
There'll be a light for those who trust in God,
And keep the path of faith our brother trod.
W. E. S.

Only ten at the prayer meeting—Well, if there had been ten found in Sodom when Abraham prayed, Sodom, Gomorrah and the cities of the Plain would have been saved.

Holiness and idleness cannot exist with the same person—if he gets holiness he quits idleness—if he becomes idle holiness ends.

Extremist—yes, if that means that a man is clear over on the right side of things.

"HE STIRRETH UP THE PEOPLE."

By Rev. W. H. Tyler.

They were the more fierce, saying, "He stirreth up the people." This is the charge brought against Jesus before Pilate and Herod.

It is the nature of man to take ease, disliking to be disturbed. On the other hand, he likes to be lulled or stupefied rather than awakened. The popular idea of Jesus was then, and is now, that He came to soothe, not to arouse or disturb, not to wound or awaken; but to bless man in his sleep. So to-day the world is clamoring for a gospel of peace without war. He came not to send peace, but a sword; not to bless the dead in their deadness, but to arouse and give life. Amen!

The call to Lazarus was to arise from the dead and come forth. The apostle says, "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." Man in his natural state is not capable of seeing the light. He must be aroused or awakened.

"When the Holy Ghost works there is a stir." Ezekiel's "valley of dry bones" had to be stirred. The fact that man dislikes to be stirred is evidence that he needs stirring. The Prophet Isaiah said, "There is none that calleth upon Thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of Thee." Since our nature is to take ease, it remains that we need another to stir us up; but we say, "Let us alone."

God in His mercy has to let something come upon even His own people quite often to arouse them that they may be kept from settling down, and many times they resist His means or method instead of humbly submitting.

Lord, help us if we should fail to stir ourselves to gladly submit to any process that Thou mayest use to stir us. "As the eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them and beareth them on her wings; so the Lord alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him." Praise His Name! If we are honest when He stirs us out of our nest He always catches us before we fall on the rocks of wreck and ruin.

This is His method of keeping His people from being led off by strange doctrines or strange gods. "There was no strange god with him." It is only as we keep awake or stirred that we can see the false. The unawakened can only see God as a comforter, not as an awakener. Man likes to have the joy of salvation, but dislikes the means by which it is obtained.

The writer once heard a brother testify to have gotten sanctified in his sleep. He also heard a preacher say that he knew one sanctified while sitting out in his yard smoking his pipe. The preacher himself claimed to have gotten the experience several weeks before he knew it.

Another holiness preacher was quoted as saying, "The doctrine preached by certain Free Methodists is true, but I can not let it into my church, it would tear it up, the people not being able to stand it." Neither preacher nor his flock would like a real stir, but prefer a calm without a storm, which of necessity generally precedes a calm.

A real gospel sermon among such as the above so-called "Christians" would evidently cause an unpleasant stir, but a very much needed one.—*Free Methodist.*

An easy place in life never developed a strong man. Great men's sons are not always great men.

Our risen Lord said: Ye shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you."