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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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## “But When I Became a Man, I Put Away Childish Things.”

Mrs Geo Tedlie, Dec. 18

There are no people who like to be called childish, but Paul told the Corinthian Church that they were like babes, and that he fed them with milk, because they were unable to bear the messages that he compared with meat.

The Lord Jesus Christ told his disciples that they also were unable to bear the things he had to speak to them, and left it for the Holy Spirit to teach them the great truths of the gospel.

John also calls the Christian believers little children, young men, and fathers, dividing them into three classes, three stages of Christian experience.

One only needs to read the history of our Lord's disciples up to Pentecost to discover the characteristics of childhood frequently manifested, and these things are unmistakably evident in all churches of the present day.

For every good healthy church have those representing little children, young men (or youths) and fathers in Christian experience composing their membership.

Some need to stop and think here, or they will contend with the writer. We repeat: That when a church lacks any one of these classes there is something wrong for this is the Bible order. There is certainly a defect in a childless home. It lacks the music and beauty and joy of the perfect home. So with a church, it should have people, from the new born babe in Christ, up to those who have been sanctified wholly, and those who are mature in Christian manhood. We must be careful lest we confound purity with maturity.

Paul surely designates a time when a Christian reaches in his experience spiritual manhood for he said: “When I became a man.”

“I put away childish things.”

These things pertained to his sayings, “I spake as a child.” His understanding: “I understood as a child” and his reasoning, I thought as a child.

He throws no reflections on the early Christian experiences, there must be the new born babes in Christian experience, and they are as scripturally right in their time and order as any other stage of Christian experience, but God never intended for Christians to

remain in spiritual babyhood, and become a lot of spiritual dwarfs, but that all should go on to spiritual manhood.

Peter exhorts the people to **lay aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings. As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby. If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.**

Practically saying that at the period of Christian babyhood the people have only received a taste, and should be hungry as healthy new-born babes. And the milk to produce growth in Christian experience is “the word,” and the word is a great developer of Christian life and experience. No matter whether we have arrived at the experience of “little children, young men, or fathers.”

But the tendency of the church generally is to tarry about the very first principles of the doctrine of Christ. Notwithstanding Paul exhorted the Hebrews to “leave the word of the beginning of Christ,” “and go on unto perfection.”

Tens of thousands are tarrying in “the arbour,” of the first principles.

This condition is largely because of the lack of leadership, partly because of the crucifixion of the “old man,” that confronts them, seeking for a religion without a cross. But this wonderful chapter from which the caption of this article is taken makes some very startling statements.

From the fact that the masses of Christians are constantly seeking after men of great gifts, Paul frankly tells them that men may possess the “tongues of men and angels,” but if devoid of love, they are like sounding brass, or tinkling cymbals. Men may possess the great gifts of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and have all knowledge, and be able to remove mountains, and yet amount to nothing.

And men may give all their possessions to feed the poor, and their bodies to be burned, and lack that great gift of God, it is all without profit. Then he describes the qualities of true Christian manhood as compared with the greatest gifts, which is the pure gold of Christian experience, only known by those who obtain

and retain perfect love, and “**dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty.**”

There is a very striking analogy between the fickleness and fancies and freaks, and timidity, and ignorance of values and lack of stability of natural childhood and those in the initial Christian experiences. Paul surely teaches us that there is a Christian experience that lifts us out and beyond these childhood conditions, into a place of Christian manhood, and lands us on the three great cardinal graces, as great pearls of spiritual wealth. The three things which are absolutely needful to carry us through the dangers and conflicts of earth, and providing true wealth for two worlds.

MANY THANKS.

We want to thank the brethren and sisters who have sent us gifts to our “building fund” for the Moncton Church already and we expect the list to be greatly enlarged by the 20th inst.

S. A. BAKER.

We need abounding faith that will cut all the Ts off all cant's and make them cans.

“Dry eyed pulpit and dry eyed pews will never bring tears to the eyes of sinners.”

“A revival is the normal condition of Church. The lack of a revival is abnormal.”

“A revival, it is said, is temporary. Yes, and so is a bath. But it does you good.”

“The man that magnifies God's Word in his preaching is the man that God will honor.”

“If the saloon is not a good place for a boy, it is not a good place for that boy's father.”

“The plain, undisguised devil would not tempt anybody but a fool. He is the original camouflager.”

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