

## POST-GRADUATE IN SANCTIFICATION.

I consider Madame Guyon as one of the most illustrious post-graduates in sanctification. She attained this high state of grace by close communion with God and by severe suffering and persecution. In early life she was an object of physical beauty. This was blighted by a severe attack of smallpox which left, permanently, its marks upon her otherwise beautiful countenance. She married early in life, but was cursed with a wicked mother-in-law, who delighted to make her life miserable by destroying her husband's confidence. Her intense piety and close walk with God excited the hatred and bitter persecution of the church of which she was a member. Her influence was so great among the people that they put her into a loathsome prison, without the common decencies of prison life; then she was confined four years in the Bastille, where so many hundreds of Protestants had suffered and many of them died.

'Love constitutes my crime;  
For this they keep me here,  
Imprisoned thus so long a time  
For Him I hold so dear:  
And yet I am as when I came  
The subject of this holy flame.'

At another time she sang:

'A little bird I am,  
Shut out from fields of air,  
And in my cage I sit and sing  
To Him who placed me there;  
Well pleased a prisoner to be,  
Because, my God, it pleased Thee.'

'My cage confines me round,  
Abroad I cannot fly;  
But though my wing is closely bound,  
My heart's at liberty.  
My prison walls cannot control  
The flight, the freedom of my soul.'

'Oh, it is good to soar  
These bolts and bars above,  
To Him whose purpose I adore,  
Whose providence I love,  
And joy, the freedom of the mind.'

She was truly a post-graduate of sanctification of the highest order. Think of the following testimony:

'I repeat, again, that in my imprisonment nature suffered grievously; but yet I would not be without suffering. It is with the utmost sincerity I assert that I have a secret fear of being without suffering. The cross in the sense of suffering for Christ, is dear to me. I have espoused it with an inconceivable force and ardor, and would be faithful to it as long as I live. In the consecration I have made to God I have reserved nothing. Both body and spirit are entirely His. Let Him do to me whatsoever He pleases. I have no desire, no purpose, no will of my own separated from the will of God. The continual prayer of my heart is Thy will be done.'

At another time she wrote:

'I being in the Bastille, said to Thee, O my God, if Thou are pleased to render me a spectacle to men and angels, Thy holy will be done. All that I ask that Thou be with and save those who love Thee, so

that neither death nor life, neither principalities nor powers, may ever separate them from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. What matter what men think of me, or make me suffer, since they cannot separate me from the Saviour whose name is engraved in the very bottom of my heart.'

Saint Paul was evidently a post-graduate. He could glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation worketh patience, and patience experience, and experience hope. He could also glory in his infirmities that the power of Christ might rest upon him.

If we belong to this post-graduate class we shall always 'be led forth in triumph with Christ, and diffuse the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place, so that when we are forgotten or neglected, or purposely set at naught, we can smile, inwardly glorying in the insult or the oversight, because thereby counted worthy to suffer with Christ.

'When our good is evil spoken of, our wishes crossed, and taste offended, and our advice disregarded, or our opinions ridiculed, we shall take it all patiently.'

'When we are content with any food, any raiment, any climate, any society, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God,' then we are in this state.

'When we can lovingly and patiently bear with any disorder, any irregularity or unpunctuality or annoyance.'

If we belong to this post-graduate class we shall be careful to magnify Christ in all our work in His name, and not be ever ready to magnify ourselves or be glad at commendation. Then we can endure, for Jesus' sake, extravagance, spiritual insensibility. Then we shall be instructed both how to be hungry and how to suffer need, as well as how to abound and how to be full, having learned in whatsoever state we are therewith to be content. I propose to take a post-graduate course in sanctification. Hallelujah! Amen! Glory to God!—Sel.

## NOT DENOMINATIONS.

If the same amount of zeal was expended to get people saved as is put forth to build great denominations up, we are sure there would be a tremendous spiritual change come over the world. Jesus came into the world to save the world. We have no ill will to distinct denominational groups of Christians.

But the fact is that denomination has quite completely swept salvation as the great objective of the church, out of sight.

God wants holy people. Jesus did not give his life to build up great sectarian institutions, but to save men.

Brother George B. Thomas, of Grand Manan, N. B., says:

We appreciate the Highway very much and enjoy reading the testimonies of the brothers and sisters and all the other good reading. My testimony is: I am glad to have accepted Jesus as my Saviour and I know he will never leave or forsake me as long as I trust in him. I am resting on his promises which I know will never fail.

'To be of service is a solid foundation for contentment.'

## THE BIBLE.

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The largest and purest piece of literary radium in the possession of the human race is the Bible. The largest and purest piece of spiritual and ethical radium in the possession of the human race is the Bible.

Covering a period bounded not even by generations and centuries, this book, the common possession of all, has been shooting forth sparks of light and heat, igniting the mind, kindling the imagination and warming the heart of humanity, and yet it remains undiminished in its glory and power.

The story of its origin, its preservation and its unparalleled service approaches the miraculous, and puts it in the class with those great personalities whose influence defies the destructive hand of time and death, and the sinister attack of the living.

The centuries record the history of all that is mighty in human achievement. Great empires and lordly rulers have come and gone, and are going, majestic monuments have been raised to perpetuate ambition, the glare and glow of flame has flashed across the ages, but all have passed, while this book remains in undiminished glory to breathe the breath of life into the soul of man. The marvel of the Bible is its inexhaustibleness. The ages read it, but all succeeding ages turn to it again; the preachers and commentators have let no word escape their scrutiny, but the sermons and comment are forgotten, while the Bible serenely awaits other preachers and commentators, coming thirstily to it as to a perennial spring.

## TRY IT YOURSELF.

Wasting time is a pleasant but profitless occupation. It is, however, one of the most liberally patronized in-and-out-door sports indulged in by patrons. The fellow who complains of non-accomplishment because of a lack of time is, more often than not, a proficient time-waster himself. He is frequently in the position of the man who, after watching a stranger fish from the end of a pier for some two hours, went away shaking his head at such a waste of time on the part of the fisherman. He failed utterly to count his own waste.

And time spent in idle criticism of the other fellow is wasted. Hunting for time in which to accomplish things could be better spent in the accomplishment of them. Use each minute doing something. You will have no time to waste, and no wasted time.—George B. Beal.

## WOMEN TO THE FRONT.

According to late returns twenty-nine women were elected to places in the various state legislatures at the recent election. Connecticut heads the list with the names of seven women. That they will make their mark and do credit to their sex in that relation can not well be doubted. There is a grand opportunity for them to do some needed housecleaning in their new sphere of work.—Free Methodist.