

THE INSEPARABLE COUPLES.

The doctrines of Regeneration and Entire Sanctification are an inseparable couple. They must both be preached. To neglect the one is to ruin the other. Let regeneration be neglected by the pulpit and there will soon be no candidates for entire sanctification, and this is becoming remarkably true today. Let the pulpit neglect entire sanctification and it will soon neglect regeneration, and this is being illustrated also today. There is very little preaching of entire sanctification because the preachers begin to cool off at the top. When the tree begins to die, it quite often shows it first by the dead leaves at the top. When the highest doctrine shows signs of decay, the others soon follow. We must then preach entire sanctification in order to preserve the fundamental doctrine of regeneration and preach the doctrine of regeneration in order to make a good foundation for preaching entire sanctification.—Christian Witness.

CLARION CALL.

By Jane Priest in Good Housekeeping for January.

The world needs a song—

Now sing, if your gift be singing!

The world needs a song

To set men's pulses ringing.

Over the ultimate seas

The jubilant strains must carry

To lift up the heavy-hearted,

So their feet may lag not nor tarry.

The world needs a prayer—

Now pray, if your gift be praying!

The world needs a prayer

That will mean what all are saying:

Give us a ray of hope—

Something to lessen the sorrow—

Faith that it's all for the best,

And courage to rise tomorrow.

The world needs a light—

Now see! if your gift be seeing!

An all-pervading light

To send the darkness fleeing.

Show us the vision divine

And do not dare conceal it!

You on the mountain-tops,

If you see the truth, reveal it!

WHY YOU ARE POOR.

One grain of sand is very little—unless it gets in your eye; and a nickle is not much; but a two bushel bag of them would come in handy when you are dead broke. According to the report of the secretary of the treasury, you, and other American people, spend in one year, for non-essentials, four billion, five hundred and sixty million dollars! Just 50 millions went for chewing gum, one billion for candy (no wonder sugar is scarce and dentists fat), and five hundred millions went for cigarettes, while soft drinks, ice-cream and soda drew three hundred and fifty millions. Perfumery and cosmetics, woman's war paint, cost seven hundred and fifty millions, tobacco and snuff, eight hundred millions; and expensive toilet soaps, four hundred millions. Meanwhile none of it was spent to glorify God, or save a soul—and the farmers paid the taxes! How about "fools and their money?"—Word and Works.

DIVINE HEALING.

Dr. H. C. Morrison.

The Christian mind and heart instinctively turn to God in time of affliction. Physical affliction brings trouble and God has said, "Call upon me in the day of trouble, and I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me." Naturally, the devout soul will lay hold upon scriptures like this for loved ones and for self. There is no doubt that God often answers prayer for the sick.

It would take columns of large books to contain the experiences of parents who have knelt in tears around the cradle and little beds of their children and cried to God for help and mercy, and promised and pledged Him devotion and service if He would hear prayer and raise up their loved ones; and they have received answers and have gone through life nothing doubting that God has heard and answered prayer.

A general faith that God will answer prayer for the healing of the sick seems to exist throughout the Church. I heard Bishop Haygood once say, while presiding over an annual conference, 'I am here in answer to the prayers of the Church. I was sick; death seemed to be approaching, the Church was called up to pray for my recovery and God raised me up.' Then he went on to tell how, that when a small boy he had poor health and an old aunt wrestled with God in prayer, got the answer that he should live and preach the gospel. Our condition would be sad indeed, if we could not go to our Father in heaven and cry to Him for those we love and for ourselves, when we are in suffering and pain, with a full belief that that compassionate mercy which notes the fall of a sparrow, and that tender care which numbers the hairs of our head, will hear and help in our time of need. God is answering prayer all over the world, and helping the people in their souls, their bodies, their business, their distress, ignorance, difficulties and problems. Praise his name forever! Our Father in heaven answers prayer.

In the Old Testament scriptures we have a very interesting incident in the case of King Hezekiah who was sick unto death, and who wept and prayed and God heard him, answered him, and extended his life for fifteen years. Evidently, God has not changed; He is without doubt, as compassionate and ready to hear under the new dispensation as He was under the old. James is very clear on this subject. He says, "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the Church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." The scriptures could not be more clear than the above quoted.

We are well aware that there have been extravagance and fanaticism on this subject, however, the fanaticism or extravagance of individuals must not discount the Word of God or destroy the faith of His people who are neither fanatical nor extravagant. Our Lord did heal. He commissioned His disciples to go forth preaching

and healing, and all along through the history of the Church there have been those who have had special faith for healing. We have known great numbers of persons who have been healed instantly by the divine touch. There can be no question with regard to the power of Christ to heal if He wills to do so. There can be no reasonable doubt but there are living today thousands of people in the world who can bear witness that the Lord has healed them. We may all pray the prayer of that humble, earnest soul who cried out, "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean." Of course we must be always submitted to the divine will. We must acknowledge the wisdom high over all. We must recognize the fact that God knows best. It is ours to submit fully and resignedly to His will.

In praying for healing we certainly ought to try to bring our bodies into harmony with the laws of nature. It would be unreasonable to drink two or three cups of strong tea for supper and then pray God to give one quiet sleep. It would seem like impudence to rack one's nerves with a mouthful of strong tobacco, meanwhile praying God to save us from nervousness. Even the preacher of the gospel must not presume that God will give superhuman power for good works beyond the strength which He allots to man. The lessons of life are hard for us to learn. Many a preacher has worn himself out with over-work, broken down his nervous system, worn out his heart, pressing on from one revival to another, from one task to another, praying God to help him and at the same time defeating the divine will and purpose by undertaking more than God has ever willed or planned for him to do. This is a large subject with many angles and some difficult phases and problems, nevertheless, let the people know that God answers prayer, and that all about the sick are being healed, and God is raising up glad and happy witnesses of His presence and power in the world, that He is full of compassion and love, and that the name of Jesus is all-powerful. Bishop Henderson, in a recent issue of one of the Christian Advocates, gives a beautiful account of a converted woman in a Mohammedan family who was given deadly poison, and when she found that she, to all appearance, was doomed to die began calling upon Jesus and soon realized waves of health and power sweeping through her, and her life was saved and she became a witness to all about her, of the gracious power of the Christ. Let us gather about the mercy seat and call upon our Father in the name of the Lord Jesus, for holiness and for health.—Pentecostal Herald.

A SUPERNATURAL FAITH.

In Christianity we have "the supernatural fact, which is God; the supernatural act, which is miracle; the supernatural redemption, which is the divine deed of the divine Spirit."

And the Modernists—the counterfeit Christian teachers—are trying to eliminate the supernatural from the Bible and from Christianity, Satan working with them.—Herald and Presbyter.