

PATIENCE.

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terms, in any part of the oracles of God. Every man therefore may abound in his own sense, provided he will allow the same liberty to his neighbour; provided he will not be angry at those who differ from his opinion, nor entertain hard thoughts concerning them. Permit me likewise to add one thing more: Be the change instantaneous or gradual, see that you never rest till it is wrought in your own soul, if you desire to dwell with God in glory.

This premised, in order to throw what light I can upon this interesting question, I will simply relate what I have seen myself in the course of many years. Four or five and forty years ago, when I had no distinct views of what the Apostle meant by exhorting us to "leave the principles of the doctrine of Christ, and go on to perfection," two or three persons in London, whom I knew to be truly sincere, desired to give me an account of their experience. It appeared exceeding strange, being different from any that I had heard before; but exactly similar to the preceding account of entire sanctification. The next year, two or three more persons at Bristol, and two or three in Kingswood, coming to me severally, gave me exactly the same account of their experience. A few years after, I desired all those in London who made the same profession, to come to me all together at the Foundery, that I might be thoroughly satisfied. I desired that man of God, Thomas Walsh, to give us the meeting there. When we met, first one of us, and then the other, asked them the most searching questions we could devise. They answered every one without hesitation, and with the utmost simplicity, so that we were fully persuaded, they did not deceive themselves. In the years 1759, 1760, 1761, and 1762, their numbers multiplied exceedingly, not only in London and Bristol, but in various parts of Ireland as well as England. Not resting to the testimony of others, I carefully examined most of these myself; and in London alone I found six hundred and fifty-two members of our society who were exceeding clear in their experience, and of whose testimony I could see no reason to doubt. I believe no year has passed since that time wherein God has not wrought the same work in many others; but sometimes in one part of England or Ireland, sometimes in another;—as "the wind bloweth where it listeth;"—and every one of these (after the most careful inquiry, I have not found one exception either in Great Britain or Ireland) has declared that his deliverance from sin instantaneous; that the change was wrought in a moment. Had half of these, or one third, or one in twenty, declared it was gradually wrought in them, I should have believed this, with regard to them, and thought that some were gradually sanctified and some instantaneously. But as I have not found, in so long a space of time, a single person speaking thus; as all who believe they are sanctified, declare with one voice, that the change was wrought in a moment, I cannot but believe that sanctification is commonly, if not always, an instantaneous work.

But however that question be decided, whether sanctification, in the full sense of the word, be wrought instantaneously or

gradually, how may we attain to it? "What shall we do," said the Jews to our Lord, "that we may work the works of God?" His answer will suit those that ask, What shall we do, that this work of God may be wrought in us? "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." on this one work all the others depend. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and all his wisdom, and power, and faithfulness are engaged on thy side. In this, as in all other instances, "by grace we are saved through faith." Sanctification too is "not of works, lest any man should boast." "It is the gift of God," and is to be received by plain, simple faith. Suppose you are now labouring to "abstain from all appearance of evil," "zealous of good works," and walking diligently and carefully in all the ordinances of God; there is then only one point remaining: The voice of God to your soul is, "Believe, and be saved." First, believe that God has promised to save you from all sin, and to fill you with all holiness. Secondly, believe that he is able thus "to save to the uttermost all that come unto God through him." Thirdly, believe that he is willing, as well as able, to save you to the uttermost; to purify you from all sin, and fill up all your heart with love. Believe, Fourthly, that he is not only able, but willing to do it now! Not when you come to die; not at any distant time; not tomorrow, but today. He will then enable you to believe, it is done, according to his word: And then "patience shall have its perfect work; that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

Ye shall then be perfect. The Apostle seems to mean by this expression, ye shall be wholly delivered from every evil work; from every evil word; from every sinful thought; yea, from every evil desire, passion, temper; from all inbred corruption, from all remains of the carnal mind, from the body of sin and ye shall be renewed in the spirit of your mind, in every right temper, after the image of Him that created you, in righteousness and true holiness. Ye shall be entire: (The same word which the Apostle uses to the Christians in Thessalonica:) This seems to refer, not so much to the kind as to the degree of holiness; as if he had said, "Ye shall enjoy as high a degree of holiness as is consistent with your present state of pilgrimage;"—and ye shall want nothing; the Lord being your Shepherd, your Father, your Redeemer, your Sanctifier, your God, and your all, will feed you with the bread of heaven, and give you meat enough. He will lead you forth beside the waters of comfort, and keep you every moment: So that loving him with all your heart, (which is the sum of all perfection), you will "rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks," till "an abundant entrance is ministered unto you into his everlasting kingdom!"

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Abram Thurston.

One of our oldest members, Mrs. Abram Thurston, of Sandford, Yarmouth Co., Nova Scotia, passed to her reward on the 20th inst, aged 94 years. Sister Thurston has lived in the element of heaven for many years. Obituary probably in next issue.

Mrs. Edmund Hillman.

On Friday morning, April 21st, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Cameron, of Fredericton, just as the sun was rising from her amber chamber, our dear sister, Mrs. Edmund Hillman, of Greenbush, passed peacefully away to her eternal home. Our dear sister was a great sufferer, but she bore it all very patiently. Sister Hillman was seventy-nine years of age on March 8th. She had been a charter member of the Greenbush church and was faithful to the end. She will be missed in the home, church and community. What is our loss, we believe, will be her gain. She leaves to mourn their loss five sons and four daughters, several grand-children and a host of relatives and friends. A short service was held in the home of Mrs. E. Cameron, of Fredericton, by Revs. P. J. Trafton and W. B. Wiggins, and the remains were taken to Greenbush to her home. Here the funeral service was held in the home conducted by the writer. Interment was made in the cemetery at Middle Southampton. We extend our heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the bereaved. May God's richest blessing rest upon them. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

H. S. MULLEN.

Mrs. Hiram Murphy.

At her residence at Four Falls, Victoria County, N. B., on April 18th, 1922, Mrs. Hiram Murphy departed this life after a very sudden and severe attack of apoplexy; she had been in her usual health and doing her work, when she was taken with a severe pain in her head; in about twenty minutes death brought relief to the sufferer.

Sister Murphy was a member of the Reformed Baptist Church that was organized at Four Falls.

She has left to mourn their loss a sorrowing husband and two sons, Walter and George, both grown to manhood. The remains were laid to rest in the Episcopal burying ground at Andover, N. B. The service was held at the residence of the deceased, F. T. Wright officiating.

Rev. J. N. Short.

Rev. J. N. Short, for many years pastor of the Nazarene Church at Cambridge, Mass., went to be with Jesus Tuesday, April 12th.

He was converted at the age of twelve and began to preach nearly sixty years ago. He graduated from Wilbraham Academy and Boston School of Theology. He was nearly 81 years of age. He changed his church relations twice but never changed his principles. He was an able scholar, a great preacher and a true man of God.

He in the early days of the holiness movement, preached in Woodstock, and is known to many in the provinces, especially through his writings.

He was staunch in body, strong in intellect and big in soul. He began his church in a hall twenty-seven years ago and left a beautiful edifice valued at \$20,000, and a prosperous spiritual society. The writer gave the funeral address before an audience that filled the church. A beautiful memorial service was held in his honor at the Nazarene Assembly just closed.

W. E. SMITH.