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EDITORIAL.

WHAT OF THE FUTURE?

The past of our work has been blessed of God. In all the different enterprises of our church where there has been marked effort, there has been corresponding success. In our Camp Meetings, Missionary Work—Home and Foreign; the publication of our denominational paper, The King's Highway, which under God is one of the most important in all our denominational effort, has been wonderful indeed. When we consider that for thirty-four years we have published a paper along the lines of deep spirituality stressing "Entire Sanctification" as a second definite work of grace subsequent to regeneration, with only the subscription fee as a basis of income, without advertisements of any kind, not even religious books, it is nothing short of marvelous. There has been the spirit of sacrifice on the part of the editors and business managers, so that we are free of debt. When a supplementary fund was called for, the people responded well. This became necessary at the time of the world war and has been continued since. The past is to us grand and we can truly say, "Hitherto the Lord has helped us." Some of the older brethren who have borne the burden in the heat of the day are now incapacitated by failing health. We have sustained a great loss in the death of our beloved Brother, Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B.A., the late editor and business manager. Another has been called to take up the work; to him it is new, and so with timidity we undertake to carry it on; we trust not alone, for the same blessed Holy Spirit, who enabled the brethren of the past to accomplish, will I trust give the needed wisdom for the future. "The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits." We look toward the future with confidence and hope. Confidence in our brothers and sisters that they will give the sympathy and encouragement needed, that their prayers will be fervent and their financial support liberal. There is a great tendency to let down in many quarters and give over to the spirit of the age. We cannot afford to do this, for if we do our own souls will become lean,

and not only so, but we will fail to help others. We must keep up the standard of full salvation, the need in human lives is ever the same and in consequence requires the same great remedy. Only true holiness can satisfy the heart cry of souls everywhere. The future will have its tests as in the past, and trials, too, but He who marks the sparrow's fall will surely take care of you. The future will hold its blessings; for He will feed them on the finest of wheat and honey out of the rock. The future will have its rewards. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. Then for the future, let us be faithful, courageous, always hopeful, and continually filled with love. In the future our paper will continue to be true to the doctrines of the Bible, on which our denomination is founded, with no side issues, without fanaticism. The God who so wonderfully undertook for others will do the same for us. Let us then go forward to do our best for God, and the helping of souls. We must improve the opportunities that present themselves. We should increase the circulation; this messenger of soul rest should be in all our homes. If all our pastors and people would make a strenuous effort the subscription list would be greatly increased. May we all unite together to make the future in our work all that God has intended that we should.

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Dear Friends:

This morning I was reading short reports from missionaries in different parts of the world, who also asked for prayer for themselves and the work.

One, whose son had been injured and was now in hospital in Alaska; another in North Africa, where, owing to trouble among the mountain tribes, they were unable to leave the city, as it is too dangerous; another in Central Africa, shut away, more than most wanting prayer for help as the "cunning way of sin," and "the Devil is so busy."

Then I thought of those in the flooded district in China where recently 50,000 are dead and many hundreds homeless. There are many of God's workers in that part of China and such a disaster must touch them. In Japan also, where much sorrow and trouble still abounds, are many of God's tried ones who need their hands to be upheld by prayer. In Russia, Persia, the Isles of the sea, South America, and many other of the "dark places" of the earth are the busy toilers who would welcome prayer for their work and them. What a privilege is prayer, real true prayer! How we may get God's attention and have Him not only listen while we pray but He puts a prayer in our hearts "according to the will of God." Then let us pray! We are commanded to "pray for the saints." "Pray for all men," etc., etc. It seems to me there are more persons needing prayer, wanting it, asking for it, than three are people who are willing to be their intercessors. A man or woman of prayer becomes the "pleader" or the "go-

between" the one who needs prayer and God, the one who hears prayer and can give the needed help.

I was reading this morning about Elijah, whom James tells us "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again and the heavens gave rain," etc. A man, God's man, who was so given up to the will of God that he became God's mouth-piece. He was just where God could give him the right kind of a prayer for that time and God could and did answer him.

Now the wicked Ahab had the kingdom turned upside down and inside out to find just one man. But he did not. God hid him, fed and used him. Suppose he had found and killed Elijah. Who would have prayed for the rain to return at the end of his three years and six months? Suppose the wicked king had accomplished his purpose, perhaps the famine would have been of a much longer duration, until all in Ahab's kingdom died!

But God had just the needed servant for that special time, and he hid him and Elijah was on hand when God wanted him to pray another prayer for rain. Beautiful, wonderful are the providences of God! He has always had the right person for the right place in these things. He has left on record for our instruction.

But I think of another side. What about the unwritten records God might have made had there only been the same willingness in some others as there was in these who did obey God? What about that rich young ruler? What might he not have done for God? Jesus loved him—there was something very especial, I think, in him to have called forth that expression. Perhaps Jesus saw a choice apostle that would have been another John or Paul or Peter. But he was not willing. He was not the one to choose God first, so what work Jesus wished him to do was never done by him, and the unwritten record does not tell us what a loss we have had because he failed to become the worker, the intercessor, etc., he might have become. Oh! How very valuable is just one man, one life, sometimes to the kingdom of God! Is there any one among us whom God wants to use but who is like that young ruler? I can think of others spoken about in the Word, but let this one suffice, and may none who reads this be like him.

We had a beautiful view of a total eclipse of the moon. One of our native boys remarked that the time for the end of all things was near as so many of the prophecies were being fulfilled and now here was the moon black.

Yesterday I met a heathen girl whom I had not seen for some time. She told me she had been away visiting her mother's people. When asked why she was not a Christian she spoke about the Devil, and that at last he would throw her into his awful fire. Poor girl, she has had light, but neglects it.

Saturday, the 23rd, we had a very fine Conference or Covenant meeting. Our subject was on Jesus' "power to deliver those who all their lifetime were subject to bondage, through fear of death." Poor people! Surely this describes their case!