

LIGHT ON OLD PATHS FROM THE
MEMORIES OF 'OLD WORTHIES.'

Rev. Wm. Bramwell

Early Life and Conversion, continued.—At this period he soon found himself of "the Communion of Saints," and suitable instruction in the way of the kingdom. His path was solitary, and being ignorant of Satan's devices, he was led to associate himself with a set of church singers who were in the habit of assembling in a large room at a public house. By associating with these trifling companions, he lost the consolations of religion and again walked in darkness. Subsequently, Mr. Bramwell became less exact and self-denying in his conduct, and thereby grieved the Holy Spirit. The commencement of the divine life in the soul is an important period with every Christian. He is then by grace delivered from the power of darkness, is translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, and obtains redemption in His blood, the forgiveness of sins. This blessing Mr. Bramwell received when partaking of the sacrament at the Episcopal church, but not understanding the life of faith in the Son of God, and being destitute of Christian fellowship, he soon lost the evidences of God's favour and was brought into bondage. How long this continued, we are not informed, but sometime after he had joined the Methodist society, Mr. Wesley visited Preston and Mr. Bramwell was introduced to him. Mr. Wesley looked attentively at him and said: "Well brother, can you praise God?" Mr. Bramwell replied, "No, sir." Mr. Wesley lifted up his hands and smilingly said, "Well, but perhaps you will tonight." Mr. Wesley's faith on his account was realized, for that very night Mr. Bramwell found the comfort he had lost, and was enabled from that time to walk habitually in the light of God's countenance. This interview was greatly blessed to Mr. Bramwell. The veteran saint had directed this sincere seeker to "Behold the Lamb of God," and live by faith; he was therefore strengthened in the way of the Lord, entered into deeper communion with God and became established in the truth. Before and after his conversion, Mr. Bramwell delighted in the scriptures, and from the book of God obtained arguments and motives to resist temptation. But every grace of the Christian must be tried, and therefore to guard His disciples from discouragement Christ foretold the persecutions they must endure for His sake. "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth. I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against the mother, and the daughter-in-law against the mother-in-law. And a man's

was to walk in darkness and sorrow, therefore the peace of God was to him above all earthly considerations.—(To be continued in next issue)

QUARTERLY MEETING.

As secretary of Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1, it becomes my duty to report through the columns of The Highway the meeting held at Hartland R. B. Church, Dec. 2-5.

The opening service was in charge of Hollis Kimball, who brought a deep message on "The Attributes of God." This was a good meeting, enabling the saints to see that we have a God who can be depended on.

Friday afternoon the meeting was in charge of Rev. L. T. Sabine, who used for the basis of his talk Philippians 3-10. This was a helpful service. Friday evening Bro. Stillman Mullen preached a fine message from St. John 17, emphasizing the necessity of sanctifying grace as a second work. The message was blessed of God, and four seekers were at the altar. We saw the need more than ever of standing for the doctrine which made us a separate people.

Saturday morning service was spent in prayer. We felt the spirit led us out on that line. Saturday afternoon the regular business session was held. Meeting called to order by President Rev. L. T. Sabine; prayer by Bro. Tilley. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Roll call of ministers found the following present: Revs. H. S. Dow, L. T. Sabine, E. W. Lester, H. S. Mullen, P. W. Briggs, Hollis Kimball, S. A. Mullen, F. T. Wright, C. S. Hilyard, and F. A. Dunlop.

The churches on the district were well represented with a goodly number of delegates. Election of officers for the coming quarterly resulted as follows:

President—H. S. Dow.
Vice-President—L. T. Sabine.
Secretary—F. A. Dunlop.
Highway Agent—E. W. Lester.
Treasurer—Frank Clark.

Devotional Committee appointed by the chair as follows. M. H. Young, R. M. Colpitts, Bert Nixon, H. S. Dow.

Reading of letters. Fourteen of the churches reported by letter. Reports were very encouraging.

Resolved that Brothers Hamilton, Hannah and Whitten have a seat in the quarterly. Oral reports were given by Brothers Hannah, Whitten, Hamilton and L. T. Sabine.

These reports were all good and helpful. Resolved that the next Quarterly Meeting be held with the church at Woodstock. Secretary authorized to arrange dates for the meeting at Woodstock.

Report of devotional committee accepted. A vote of thanks was tendered to the people of Hartland for their kind entertainment. Meeting closed with prayer by Bro. Briggs.

Saturday evening Bro. Briggs brought a strong message from St. Luke, 19, covering the account of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, showing us the need of a clean church at the cost of all else.

Sunday morning the Love Feast began with an altar service. God had been talking to hungry hearts through the hours of the night, and faithful to their convictions, they expressed their desire for a closer walk with God. A number gathered around the altar and looking to the Lord in prayer and faith. God blessed our hearts with just the anointing we needed for the services of the day. This meeting of prayer and praise continued until 12.30.

Then we gathered around the Lord's table

and partook of the emblems of His broken body and His shed blood. Truly we never felt more like praising Him for His infinite love and marvellous grace.

The afternoon message was brought by Bro. C. S. Hilyard, a heart-searching message on "Secret Prayer." We saw more clearly than ever before what it means to really "enter into thy closet," and when thou hast shut to thy door, praying to thy Father in secret. At the close of this message many gathered around the altar for a season of prayer.

The closing message was brought by Bro. H. S. Mullen. We were unable to be at this meeting, but understood that the message was on the line of "Judgment." Doubtless God blessed the truth since He has promised that "His Word shall not return unto Him void."

Personally, we feel this to have been a gracious season of Christian fellowship and feasting on the good things of the Kingdom, given unto us by our heavenly Father. May God bless the pastor and people of Hartland Circuit.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRAYER!

"The whole secret of prayer is found in those three words, 'In the Spirit.' Read Ephesians 6:18, 'Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit.' Read also Jude 1:20, 'Praying in the Holy Ghost.' It is the prayer that God the Holy Spirit inspires that God the Father hears. Oftentimes when we come to God in prayer we do not feel like praying. What shall we do in such a case? When we feel least like praying is the time when we most need to pray. We should pray quietly before God, tell Him how cold our hearts are, look up to Him and trust Him and expect Him to send the Holy Spirit to warm our hearts and draw them out in prayer. It will not be long before the glow of the Holy Spirit's presence will fill our hearts, and we will begin to pray with freedom, earnestness and power. When we pray in the Spirit we will pray for the right things and in the right way—there will be joy, power and faith in our prayers."—Wesleyan Methodist.

THE GREAT NEED OF THE CHURCH.

What a work God has set open for those who are His priests—intercessors! * * * If God were to show us how much there is of intense prayer for a revival through the Church, how much of sincere confession of the sons of the Church, how much of pleading with God. I think we should all be ashamed. Beloved friend, you do not know what you could do if you would give yourself up to intercession.

Ah, if men and women could be called out to band themselves together to take hold upon God! I am not speaking of any prayer union or any prayer time stately set apart, but if the Spirit could find men and women who would give up their lives to cry to God, the Spirit would most surely come. God wants us because He has to do a work; the work of Calvary is to be done in our hearts, we are to sacrifice our lives to pleading with God for men.—Andrew Murray.

How earth and heaven contract when our heart frets within its barriers! Goethe

in he was immovable. Among this people he had again found the pearl of great price and was made a new creature. He had known what it