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EDITORIAL

We are more and more convinced that the Holy Spirit wants to convince the world of sin and of righteousness, and of Judgment. It was when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and knew that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. The Holy Spirit must have a vessel to demonstrate through. Paul says: If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. What the Holy Spirit is wanting is these vessels, that are wholly and totally abandoned to him, human vessels, sanctified, who have no will of their own only as it is swallowed up in his; who are willing to be counted the off-scouring of the earth for Christ's sake. We are sure that the days of miracles are not past; we are also sure that the Holy Spirit has not withdrawn himself from this scene of action, but is still here waiting to manifest himself through his own, so that the world will be convinced of the reality of the supernatural. The challenge is to the holiness people today. If God can only get us where he can have his way in our lives, it will be accomplished. The responsibility that rests upon us, if we could only realize it, would cure us of our divisions, contentions and strifes. May God help us to humble ourselves, give up the pride of this world, etc., that God may be glorified in us. Soon we must stand before God to give an account. We will be judged for what we might have been. Paul realized this and he cried out, I am reaching forward for the greater things. What shall we do? Live on the easy way? Or let the Holy Spirit have us, so as to manifest his mighty power in the greatness of his salvation?

"Faith and love are like a pair of compasses: faith, like one point, fastens on Christ as the center; and love, like the other, goes the round in all the works of holiness and righteousness."

No day is commonplace, if only we have eyes to see its splendor. There is no duty that comes to hand that does not bring with it the possibility of kingly service.—Selected.

TRAVELOGUE

A few errors and omissions appeared in my last letter. Brother Baker's initials are T. S., and it should have read Brother and Sister Raymond Jamieson

Raymond Jamieson. The night of October 2nd was without incident but the morning following I found a fellow-passenger was a Saint John man, a Mr. McIntosh, in connection with the Natural History Museum. He was going through to Chicago, so it helped to make the trip a bit more pleasant for me. We were detained in Detroit on account of a change in the time. We got away, however, at 9 a. m. and arrived at Chicago at 2.30 p. m. central time. Mr. and Mrs. William Somers and little daughter were right on the spot waiting to meet me, and it was a hearty welcome I received I can tell you. They took me in their car and drove me through some of the beautiful sections along the water front and through the parks, then to their home. They are living in a nice section of this great city. These young people have a fine furnished flat, and I believe Christ is certainly honored there. It seemed I was living over a part of my life again meeting these I had ministered to in the home-land, and I felt right at home, I can assure you. I went with them to the prayer-meeting at the Woodlawn Nazarene Church. They had told the pastor that I would be present, so he kindly invited me to speak to them, which I did for a few minutes; they caught the inspiration and the fire burned; there was some old fashioned shouting and a real good time of fellowship. The pastor and his people were really courteous. I met Brother Jasper Harris at this meeting; he had a ringing testimony of victory. Brother Somers was at this meeting elected a trustee of the church. After our arrival at home they telephoned to one of our Woodstock boys, who lives only a few blocks away, Bliss Britton, son of Mrs. Geo. Britton. Well wasn't he surprised to know I was there, so he and his wife came right around in their car and we had a very pleasant two hours together. Bliss is doing well. He is assistant manager at one of the banks in the city. His wife is a Carleton Co. girl, daughter of Everett Colwell, and she used to play the organ for my dear old father when he preached at Bedell Settlement. Go where you will and you will usually run across some one that has known you or heard of you. The following day was a great time for me. We were slated to take dinner at the home of Brother and Sister Jasper Harris at Lombard, Ill. This is about 30 miles away. Well we made some calls in the city, then headed for Brother and Sister Harris' home. We were sorry that Brother Jasper could not be present, but here were some of the friends of the former days. Here we met Mrs. George Somers, and in a short time Brother George Somers arrived; say it was a grand meeting. Here we were together a number of the old guard from the Victoria Corner Reformed Baptist Church. Brother and Sister Harris have bought a home here and are getting it fixed up fine. They have three nice children. We certainly had a fine time together; it was all too short, but we sang and prayed and praised God together. Brother George Somers still keeps the glory on his soul. Say, won't it be great when the saints come marching in. We returned and had supper with Brother and Sister William Somers. They brought Mrs. Harris in to spend the week-end with them. After the supper a song and prayer, I got my grip packed and they took me to the train where

I got aboard and took a sleeper for Kansas. We were delayed four hours by the wreck of a freight and so arrived at our destination late in the night. My brother Miles and his wife were there to meet me, and it was a happy meeting, we having been separated for the last few years. He has a fine wife and they are doing a grand work. The Lord has been gracious unto me and brought me safely on my way. This certainly has been a wonderful trip for me. I rested on Saturday and we began a 3 weeks' campaign on Sunday, Oct. 6th, in the holiness church, of which my brother is the pastor. They have a nice church with basement; the membership is not large, but they have a number of people that have the real thing and are on the stretch for more. The same problem here as elsewherethe crowds are not wanting holiness; they prefer the way of least resistance. We thank God for the holiness people everywhere. I mean those that stand for a definite experience of entire sanctification as a second work of grace, subsequent to regeneration. Those are the folk that usually keep the glory on them. My soul has been richly blessed as I have been ministering to these dear people. They have quite a number of young folk who keep up a young people's meeting. God bless these churches-North, South, East and West -who are standing definitely for holiness and deep spirituality in the midst of unbelief and worldliness all around. Keep on praying P. J. TRAFTON

GOD'S CHARGE TO EZEKIEL

In the second chapter of Ezekiel we find the charge God gave to Ezekiel. Even though they were a rebellious and sinful people, the Lord said, "I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God." And in the seventh verse he says, "And thou shalt speak my words unto them."

If every preacher today would give heed to that charge, how different conditions would be. If every holiness preacher would obey this divine injunction, how different it would be in the work of God. Will it not be a serious thing in the day of Judgment for a preacher who has preached his opinions and notions and traditions instead of preaching the Word of the Lord, If we have not a "thus saith the Lord," we dare not go farther than to give our opinion and tell the people it is "our" opinion, and not the Word of God. We have no right to insist that they give heed to our opinion. Then most likely it would be far better just to keep our opinion to ourselves and not bother others with it anyway. ,

If some preachers would carefully give heed to this solemn charge to Ezekiel, they would have to revise their sermons and modify their teachings in many instances. "And thou shalt speak my words unto them." Brethren, let us be careful that we stay with the Book and preach the Book and nothing but the Book; that our preaching may be "thus saith the Lord," backed up with the Holy Ghost that will drive the truth into the hearts of men like a dagger between the "joints of the harness." The entrance of the Word of God giveth light. People have more opinions and notions of their own than they know what to do with, without being bothered with ours. It is the truth that makes men free. "Thy Word is Truth."

Lord, deliver us from traditions and notions and give us preachers that will preach Thy Word.