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EDITORIAL

Several things have impressed us very deeply of late, so much so that we are concerned as never before. First, the great number of people who are being received into the church without any Christian experience. They are taken from the Sunday schools and young people's societies and brought into full membership without any change of heart, and in consequence there is no change in the life. We insist that no one can be a member of the church of Jesus Christ without being born of the Spirit. Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." We cannot help but view with alarm this condition. The enemy comes to suggest that we are too rigid, and because of our making such demands on the people we are losing them, they are going elsewhere. Did not Paul warn Timothy of the condition that should pertain in the last days? "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. II. Tim. 4-3, 4. The only hope of the world as far as salvation from sin is concerned is through and by God's plan. A man must become a new creature in Christ Jesus. This explains the apathy, on the part of many professors, in the matter of heart holiness. An individual who has never been born of the Spirit cannot hunger after Spiritual things.

Another thing that concerns us is the spirit of trifling that seems to have gotten hold of a number of people, especially the young people. There does not seem to be the serious thought given to the obtaining of the experience of entire sanctification. We find them at the altar as seekers, but there is no groaning in spirit, no agony of dying out to sin. A spirit of lightness seems to possess them, and in consequence they do not get a depth of experience; they testify to being blessed, but it seems to pass away in a few days or weeks. Unless the individual dies out and goes through on the crucifixion route, where sin is destroyed and the Holy Spirit comes in to fill and flood the soul, shallow experience and shallow living be the result.

Another thing that concerns us is the great

number of folk who profess the experience of heart holiness, but do not seem to have any much joy. We are sure of this fact, the Holy Spirit is accompanied or one of his manifestations is a fulness of joy. The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost. We fear the lack of this is why there is not more hunger on others. Real joy brings conviction of the reality of the experience. The enemy of our souls is offering many counterfeits, but to that one who is willing to go the whole way with Jesus there is the real cleansing and power.

CORRESPONDENCE

Seattle, Wash.,

July 22, 1930.

I suppose it is time I sent in my subscription renewal. I like the paper very much. The date of this letter just reminds me that it is my 75th birthday. Sometimes I have difficulty in convincing some that I am that old, but a holy living prolongs one's days. "With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." I belong to the first Nazarene church. We have a new minister now from Dallas, Texas. He is certainly filled with the spirit. "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

WILLARD D. MARSTEN.

Beulah Camp Ground,

July 8th, 1930.

Beloved: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned."—2 Tim. 3:14.

We have sat together "in heavenly places" the past ten days, and now as we leave this hill-top of blessing and turn our eyes homeward to the tasks He has appointed, let us do as Paul admonished Timothy. It is good advice and if followed, by God's grace, we shall be blessed and be a blessing.

How many hearts have responded and yielded to God as they were searched out by the preaching! Vows have been made and many have covenanted with God to follow Him, whatever the cost let them continue, and victory will be theirs. We have a wily foe. He has also made vows and covenants with himself and hell that he will, by his power and deceivableness, make every one of us break every one of these new promises that we have made to God. Shall we let him? Again I hear Paul admonishing Timothy and pointing out to him the state of the times and how to meet them, in 2 Tim. 4. "For the time will come when they shall turn away their ears from the truth and shall be turned unto fables."

How such words describe this time and our day! Then, let us listen to Paul, and do as he instructed Timothy. If we do we shall be able to testify as he did in 2 Tim. 4:7.

We must fight many things. The weaknesses of our own hearts, our limitations and temptations, public opinion and flattery, or anything else that would hinder us.

"If God be for us, who can be against us," and He is with us as a mighty Saviour and deliverer. Let us take home to our friends and people not criticism and fault-finding, but every precious truth that has been made plainer and tell them they too may be blessed as we have been.

There are so many aching hearts! So many who have been looking at people and, because they have not filled their expectations or, perhaps, because they failed God, their failure has discouraged these. But we have learned to be always "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," let us continue in the things which we have learned.

Again let us remember those who have asked us to pray for them, for "prayer changes things."

July 24th: Sometimes the letters we begin are slow to get finished; this is one of them. When we arrived home and again entered into our work we found all the church services had been carried on during our absence, and were glad. Our weekly prayer meeting is one of refreshing. The prayers and testimonies are helpful and show advancement. Sunday morning Love Feast is really that, and often two are on their feet at the same time for testimony.

Glad to report that quite a number who came out during last winter's meetings are continuing on and some who were deeply converted then and did not yield to God, continue to come to our meetings, are interested and, I believe, still hungry to know Salvation.

There is so much work to do we find the days too short to get all we would like done.

Let us continue to pray for one another and press forward for the prize just ahead.

Yours in Jesus,

MS. H. C. SANDERS.

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN RUSSIA

The latest scheme by the Soviet government of Russia to suppress religion is described in an exchange as follows:

"It is demanded that every year twenty worshippers from each congregation register their names. This secures the use of the building for worship for another year. During the month of May many of those who had registered for the purpose of retaining their church buildings have been mercilessly persecuted by the authorities, some even being arrested and deported. Now comes the demand that all parishes—Christian, Jew and Mohammedan—present each their score of signatures. There is a natural reluctance on the part of individuals to sign, which will mean the closing of many more churches. A conference of the Anti-God Society is announced to meet in Moscow, and it is demanded that all schools of higher learning shall send three representatives each."—*The Wesleyan Methodist*.

ALABASTER BOX

Do not keep your sublime love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness; speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them, and while their hearts can be thrilled and be made happier by them. The kind things you mean to do when they are dead, do before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins, send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without flowers, a funeral without eulogy than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends for burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the burdened spirit; flowers on a coffin cast no fragrance backward over the weary way.

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."—Gal: 6:9.—*Selected*.