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EDITORIAL

It will be impossible to ever make the experience of entire sanctification popular. There is too much involved. We are finding more and more that while people seem to be anxious and in earnest, they are like the rich young man, that came to Jesus. Something they hold dear seems more value to them than the cry of their soul, so they turn away sorrowful, when if they would yield to the entreaty of the spirit, they would go on with Jesus joyful.

God intends that we shall enjoy our religion, and it cannot be fully enjoyed until there is a full consecration of the life to God, and the Holy Spirit comes to wholly sanctify the soul. This is Pentecost.

TEMPERANCE

The temperance people in the province of New Brunswick today find themselves in rather a difficult situation. The Baxter Government is a liquor concern and hope to continue so, by the voice of the people; but how any Christian, or any person in fact, who holds a promise as sacred, and especially that given by individuals who represent us in our legislative halls, can vote for the present administration is a puzzler. From our point of thinking no one can be clear at the judgment bar of God and do so. They have betrayed their trust reposed in them by the temperance people of this province.

We print the resolution passed at the meeting of the Reformed Baptist Alliance, in session at Beulah Camp Ground, July 1st, 1927.

Whereas the present Government has nullified the prohibition law, and placed upon the statute books a measure seeking to bring about the sale of intoxicating liquor as a beverage

Therefore resolved: That we the Reformed Baptist Alliance in session at Beulah Camp, place ourselves on record as disapproving of their action in this regard, and further resolved that we express ourselves as opposed to the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.

Also resolved that we perpetuate our original attitude as expressed in our church covenant, viz.: "We will not traffic in nor use intoxicating drinks as a beverage, but will use our influence to aid in the legal suppression of the liquor traffic, in order that ultimately it may be totally prohibited."

THROW AWAY YOUR CRUTCHES

Mrs. H. C. Morrison

The tendency of humanity is to trust in false supports. Somehow, we are inclined to substitute the shadow for the substance, the chaff for the wheat.

We would prefer the twine and wrapping paper to the merchandise of truth.

Men naturally are religious; they have propensities to worship, but they seem disposed to neglect the "great salvation" and substitute, apparently what seems non-essential, for that which is absolutely indispensable to a true Christian life. It seems that when true religion, with all of its beauties, is presented that we would be eager to accept it, incorporate it into our lives and live a life "hid with Christ in God."

Alas! there is the perverseness of the human heart to consider. In its natural state it revolts from a divine religion and prefers a human sham. Christianity is Christlikeness, and it is a sad fact that the personal sanctity demanded by the Christian religion is the chief objection to it of the unsanctified mind. Men want religion, they want something to worship, but they want something tangible, something external, something independent of the heart. But the Word explicitly declares that "with the heart man believeth unto righteousness." It is a heart affair, this Christian religion which cometh, not with observation, but by the work of the Holy Spirit in regenerating and sanctifying power.

We lose sight of the fact that with the natural heart we cannot please God. "It is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" It is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed, can be. It is likened to a cage of unclean birds, to a whited sepulcher full of dead men's bones. What a picture of ourselves ere the grace of God in regenerating power gets hold of us!

The tendency of fallen human nature is to hanker after the things that please the senses; an appetite that can be satiated with shows, dances, cards, all sorts of pleasures of the godless world, and there is only one way to get rid of such hankerings, and that is by the expulsive power of a new and stronger affection which comes into the heart when self is laid upon the altar of sacrifice, the dross is consumed by the purifying fire of the Holy Ghost, and he takes up his abode in the temple of the human heart. It is heartening to us as we consider the deceitfulness of sin, and the power it has over the human race, to know that there is ONE who is mighty to save from ALL sin, and to keep the citadel of the heart from all encroachments of the evil one.

It would be a new day for the Christian church if all who profess the name of Jesus Christ would come to realize the obvious necessity of being cleansed from all sin in order that we be Christians who shall really worship God in spirit and in truth. But when men are pressed with the precepts of the Bible and convictions of conscience, that religion, to be saving, must be admitted into the inner nature and become a part of our spiritual being, they persist in reducing it to a diluted form, mixing worldly ingredients with it, so as to destroy its efficacy; or substitute a part for the whole; or displace it altogether by some human device. "Forms and ceremonies" are substituted for the "worship of God in spirit and in truth." As some one has said, "Men make and use substitutes and crutches until they lose the use of themselves, and become permanently stiff and deformed as Christians. They are weaklings afflicted with a chronic

feebleness. They live and die in a state of spiritual decrepitude."

Reader, if you are using crutches to support your feeble faith, throw them away and lean upon the everlasting arms of an unshaken faith in the cleansing blood, and see how much better your spiritual travelling will be.—*Pentecostal Herald.*

NOT WICKED ENOUGH

According to the press dispatches, there is one actress who is not vile enough to suit the demands of one London theatre. The dispatch reads:

"Because Willette Kershaw, an American star in 'Decameron Nights,' is too modest and does not appear in a sufficient state of nudity in the big scene at the Drury Lane theatre, it is reported that the management is seeking to induce her to abandon her role and contract. Margaret Bannerman is reported to have signed up to replace Miss Kershaw in 'Decameron Nights' if the American quits.

"The big scene is when Miss Kershaw as *Peride*, the unknown woman, clad only in her blonde tresses, is cast up by the sea onto a rock and is discovered by the abbot of a monastery. The American actress insisted on wearing a thick blonde wig, ankle length. Critics, theatre-goers and the management insist Miss Kershaw's wig screens too much her charms. Miss Bannerman, who promised not to wear a wig, had her hair bobbed today."

This indicates the moral condition of the theatre managers and of their patrons. The theatre is morally rotten today, but the reason it is so is because those who attend demand the impure and the unholy. It but reflects the condition of the people who patronize it. They are no better at heart than the things in which they delight. If there were no demand on the part of the people for the base and the vile, the lewd and the nude, the theatres would not dare to present such things. How desperately wicked is the human heart without God!—*Free Methodist.*

CHRIST COMING

I have just finished reading a book on the Second Coming of Christ. I cannot say that the signs of the times point to his speedy coming as some claim, nor can I say they do not. But this I say—and can say safely—it behooves us all to be always ready.

I have always been of the opinion that the gospel would have to be preached to every nation on the earth before Christ comes. I mean preached throughout each nation—"to every creature." So that every man in each nation may have a chance of accepting or rejecting it. When this is done then may we not look confidently for Christ to appear to judge the world?

We look, however, for great and revolutionary events in the near future. Our ground for this is simply the fact that from the creation of Adam to the flood was 2000 years and that from the flood to Christ was 2000 years, and that now another 2000 years is about passed, and hence we may look for something under the mighty hand of God, that will equal in importance and display of His glory either of the other events, the flood or the coming of Jesus. This may truly be Christ's Second Coming. We know not. We wait with expectancy.