

in simple, trusting faith believes now that the blood of Jesus cleanses from all sin.

"Faith lends its realizing light,
The clouds disperse, the shadows fly;
The invisible appears in sight,
And God is seen by mortal eye."

I was preaching in Brazil on Isaiah 43:19: "Behold, I will do a new thing," and I was joining that to Ezekiel 36:26, where God says through the prophet, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit." God's new things—a new heart, a new name, a new creature, a new heaven, etc.

Conversion is a new experience to the soul. "If any man is in Christ, there is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold they are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. Moody, describing his conversion, said: "I remember the morning on which I came out of my room after I had first trusted Christ. I thought the old sun shone a good deal brighter than it ever had before. I thought that it was just smiling on me; and as I walked out upon Boston Common and heard the birds singing in the trees I thought they were all singing a song to me. Do you know, I fell in love with the birds. I had never cared for them before. It seemed to me I was in love with all creation."

W. B. Temple Gairdner, of England, describing the new sensations produced by the Spirit, said:

"When I got to Trinity, after a great moment of surrender, I seemed unrecognizable to myself and it was as though I was walking on air. I went straight to the room below mine, where my chief pal lived, to tell him about this incredible experience. There were men with him and I merely gaped at him and them—they appeared to me as if one had looked at them from the wrong end of a telescope, phantasms, inhabiting a totally different world from the incredible world I suddenly found myself inhabiting a new world, breathing new air; all things new. And when I got up the next morning I went straight to Hills & Saunders and put in hand that text which I always had in my rooms and which you may remember in the drawing-room, 'Behold, I make all things new.' It seemed the one text in the Bible for me that day; for I was walking in a world indescribably beautified; indescribably lovely: with my heart exactly as the heart of a bride with her lover, so over-mastering was the realization of the Presence—I had almost said the embrace—of Christ. Yes, I knew it then: and the embrace was returned! It was wonderful. I avoided all company; I could not bear any. I stayed up a day or two just to enjoy solitude with the unseen Lover. And when I went down to Glasgow, I did not go alone."

Augustine was a man of mighty intellect, but his brains led him astray; his philosophy led him into sin. He got convicted for sin under Ambrose, of Milan; then he sought God like a little child, broke down and wept and prayed. He tells of the new experience of joy that came to him when he experienced converting grace. "How sweet did it seem to me in a moment to taste no more the sweetness of folly; it was joy to cast away what I had feared to lose. For Thou didst cast it out. Thou true and sovereign sweetness . . . Henceforth my soul was delivered from the gnawing anxieties of ambition and gain, from wallowing in the mud and scratching the swinish itch of lust; and I prattled like a child to Thee, O

Lord my God; my Light, my Wealth, my Salvation."

Observe what salvation delivered him from:

1. The gnawing anxieties of ambition and gain.
2. From wallowing in the mud.
3. From the swinish itch of lust.
4. Christ became to him Light, Wealth and Salvation!

"Long my imprisoned spirit lay

Fast bound in sin and nature's night;

Thine eyes diffused a quickening ray,

I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;

My chains fell off, my heart was free,

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee."

—Charles Wesley

Methodism stirred two continents, not by intellectualism, or preaching the new social order, not by preaching the implications of the gospel, but by preaching the gospel of repentance and salvation through the blood of Jesus in the power of the Holy Ghost. You will not purify the water by painting the pump handle. You will not bring on a new social order without getting men and women converted by the grace of God. Wesley brought on a new social order in Great Britain by preaching salvation, not social Christianity. You will look in vain in Wesley's sermons for a single one on the social order but you will find sermons on Sin, Judgment, Hell, Holiness, Repentance, Salvation and Sanctification. With these messages Wesley cleansed the national life of the 18th century.

"Heaven Stormers"—such I think I saw somewhere as the name of a book. The title is suggestive, reminding us of such Heaven stormers as Abraham, Elijah, Gideon, John the Baptist, John Knox, Wesley, Finney, Jacob, Knapp, Peter Cartwright, Inskip—men who at times took Heaven by storm; the type of men who interpreted Matthew 11:12: "The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force." There was a book in the long ago entitled: "No Christian soldier or Heaven taken by storm." Adam Clark has said: "He who will take possession of the kingdom, all Hell will oppose him every step he takes, and if a man be not absolutely determined to give up his sins and have his soul saved at all hazards, and at every expense, he will surely perish."

The following words from Jacob Boehme, one of the Heaven stormers, are powerful:

"But when in this affliction and trouble I earnestly raised my spirit up into God, as with a great storm or onset, wrapping up my whole heart and mind, as also all my thoughts and whole will and resolution, incessantly to wrestle with the love and mercy of God, and not to give over, until he blessed me. And then the spirit did break through. But when, in my resolved zeal, I gave so hard an assault, storm, and onset upon God, and upon all the gates of hell, with a resolution to hazard my life upon it, suddenly, after some violent storms made, my spirit did break through the gates of hell. But the greatness of the triumphing that was in the spirit I cannot express, either in speaking or writing; neither can it be compared to anything, but it is like the resurrection from the dead."

—Pentecostal Herald.

SOCIAL REFORM

We would desire to draw your attention to the ever increasing menace of the dance. As a people we have never countenanced it, but

now, when in college and High schools, this fascinating and sinful pleasure is on the increase and coupled with drinking, by women as well as men, we believe we should stir ourselves up to work harder than ever against this evil which is seducing the youth of our land. Even in churches is this evil creeping to the stilling of the voice of the pulpit which should warn against it.

Can we not do more personal work in church and home by instructing the young and warning them against it? Ministers should preach and parents warn as, the ball-room is an open door to hell.

The subject of immorality stirs us to the depths of our souls for, in many places, this wickedness is waxing worse and worse to the ruination of our youth and breaking up of what should be happy homes.

It seems, almost, that parents especially, have completely failed to "train up the child in the way in which it should go," and not enough is done in schools to save our boys and girls from falling into this sink of iniquity. Often, we fear, before the children have passed the VII. or VIII. grades, boys and girls have gone a long way down this evil road.

Cannot we do more than we are to stop this? Are we truly doing all we can?

Mothers and fathers, Deut. II:19 says: "And ye shall teach them (the words of God) your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Parents, get busy if you do not want your consecrated little ones to slide down this slimy path. Too late to teach, after one has fallen, begin in the tender years of life. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed."

Our hearts rejoice in the good our teaching, as a denomination against tobacco in any form, so this evil habit of cigarette smoking is not among our young people, but when backslidden, many have gone this way we fear and become such slaves as to make it most difficult for them to return to God. Young women smoking cigarettes means depraved tastes in the mothers of the future and what chances for health and godliness will the children of the future have with such mothers! God help us!

Cards, billiards, pool, etc., more and more are worldlings pushing these to the front, eating up money and valuable time, and destructive to the morals of our youth for gambling is more or less common in these. Perhaps we can do more visiting in jails, hospitals, old folks' homes and poor houses than we do, we who have access to such. Oh, the heart hunger in many who are thus shut away in these places with plenty of time to think but few to visit them! A visit, now and then, with the ministry of the Word and prayer goes a long way to brighten crushed lives.

Believing we can still do more than we are on all these lives and praying God to help us to do all we can your committee begs to submit to you its report.

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"There are said to be twenty-six million automobiles in the United States. That makes twenty-six million reasons against free liquor."—Sel.