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EDITORIAL

THE CAUSE OF ERROR

Jesus answered and said unto them. Ye do err, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God. Matt. 22:29.

According to the teachings of Jesus in the above words, it seems that two things are necessary to orthodoxy viz. knowing the scriptures and the power of God. Doubtless a great deal of error of which there is so much in religious circles these days, is due to the fact that men are ignorant of the teachings of the Word of God. Several years ago Thomas Paine, the atheist, wrote a book entitled "The Age of Reason", in which he denies the existence of God and salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. And one does not think so strange that he wrote as he did, when we read in his book that he says that he never read the Bible through. Had he read the Bible carefully, and become acquainted with its teachings and its Author, he never would have written that book, of which it is reported that he said when he was dying, "I would give worlds if I had them if the Age of Reason never had been published."

But all those who err in religious teaching do not do so because they are ignorant of the scriptures, for I often hear men preach, and I read the writings of others, who profess to be, and seem to be students of the Bible. And yet in spite of all that the Word has to say about God, through His Son Jesus Christ saving men from sin in this present life. Many of these good men deny the possibility of such a salvation for men in this world. Let us take for example, one portion of the Scripture, and there are scores of others that we can quote if needed, that command, teach or enjoin the same truth. I quote from St. Luke 1:73-74-75. "The oath which he (God) swore to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life." Notice please, that the speaker Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost when he uttered these words. See verse 67 in the same chapter. Hence there is no doubt about their authority. In every epistle that Paul wrote to the churches as recorded in the New Testament, he holds before them, holiness, sanctification, Christian perfection, or perfect love. And he exhorts and admonishes the churches to seek the higher altitudes or experiences in grace, which God has provided, and wills, and has called us to obtain.

So Jesus suggests another reason why men err in their religious teaching besides being ignorant of the scripture: And that is they do not know the power of God. Men are likely to judge other men's attainments in grace by their own, and if they themselves are strangers to the power of God to save from sin, they are not likely to set a higher standard in their teaching for others.

Several years ago I met an elderly man who was a preacher of the Anglican Church. And while we were in conversation about religion, he told me that thirteen years previous to that time, God had sanctified him wholly as a second work of grace by the baptism with the Holy Spirit. And he said that he received that experience after he had been converted and was preaching the gospel several years. He said further, that some of his relatives and brethren of the ministry told him that he must be mistaken because they had not received any such experience. But said he, "God might pass you by, and bless some one else", who is eligible to receive blessing.

If men who do not know the power of God experimentally to save from sin, will present themselves to God in consecration according to Rom. 12:1, and put away their doubts and unbelief, and call on God, and believe him to cleanse their hearts from all unrighteousness, which includes the carnal mind, which the apostle says is enmity against God, they will prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God. Rom. 12:2, which is salvation from sin now. Thank the Lord! And they would thus be saved from much error in religious teaching.

LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Jesus said, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me? He saith unto Him, yea, Lord; Thou knowest that I love Thee. He saith unto him, Feed My sheep."

Jesus emphasized this question by repeating it three times and after each avowal of Peter's love, Jesus immediately directed him to action that involved cost and responsibility.

We cannot separate true love from responsibility. A profession of love to God or His cause without consistent action is one of mere pretense, however fervently that profession may be proclaimed.

The injunction of Jesus to "Feed My sheep" may cover a great many branches of the Lord's work, but none more fittingly than when applied to the missionary cause.

A measure of responsibility for this work rests on every Christian professor, and as we near the close of our church year, and our mission funds are gathered in and accounted for, are we sure that our part has been done? Has even the paltry sum of ten cents a month which our Society calls for, been faithfully paid? Or have there been stormy nights during the winter preventing us from attending the monthly meeting, and we felt that was a chance to save ten cents, and evade that month's dues? Not that our debt is discharged when we pay even our dues to the Society. Is that the value of our interest, merely ten cents worth a month or one-third of a cent per day? Is our love just worth that much? In the balances of God's weights our love will only weigh as heavy as our actions to express it.

Someone may say, "I have no money to pay to missions. I wish I had the money, I would give it." Are we sure that statement is true? At this season of the year are we not finding means somehow and somewhere to buy new clothes for ourselves and new re-

quirements for the house? What about the fresh paper and paint which go on our walls, the new oilcloths on the floor, and the curtains which grace our windows? These all cost money, but somehow the money is found. Are these purchases "necessities," and can the debt we owe the Lord be lightly passed over and waived aside as of little consequence? Do we regard our persons and homes with greater love and interest than the work of God?

We say we are interested in missions and want to see the work prosper. But is the missionary work supported in some mysterious way and make progress of itself alone? No, indeed. It only flourishes as you and I pray and pay and balance up our professions of love and interest with corresponding gifts, perhaps involving sacrifice. Then what about getting our little debt of mission dues paid up, and adding a gift besides to show our gratitude for the Gospel.

Paul said he was debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians. We as stewards of the Grace of God are deeply in debt to the unenlightened ones of earth, and if we love in deed as well as in word, we will make a big effort to clear our souls and share with Christ in the work of redemption. When Jesus gathers these "Other sheep" into "one fold," will we be able to feel that there is not one missing because of our lack of love and consequent action expressed in a loyal and steady support of the missionary work. When we say we love Jesus, remember, He says, "Feed My sheep."

MRS. HANDLEY MULLEN

A CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Wm. Guptill and family with to take this opportunity to thank the many friends who rendered assistance during the illness and death of husband and father. Also at funeral by Seal Cove choir, and others.

A TRIO CELEBRATION

An interesting birthday party took place at the home of Mrs. Georgina Smith on the afternoon of April the 25th. It was a three-in-one affair. Mrs. Smith (81), her son Chesley Malone (52 the 22nd) and Mr. Robert Nickerson (85 the 24th) celebrated their birthdays together.

Fourteen happy faced friends and relatives could be seen around the table eagerly awaiting the serving of lobster salad, hot biscuits, tea and the five prettily decorated and delicious cakes.

The evening was spent in the singing of solos, duets, etc., the music being supplied by Miss Grace Sanders. A sweet season of prayer followed, offering praise to God for His great goodness in thus sparing so many of the family to meet together once more. All of Mrs. Smith's children were present (with the exception of one son, Mr. Hibbard Malone, of Boston, Mass.), namely: Mrs. Rufus MacConiskey, Charlesville, N. S.; Messrs. Arch, Clinton and Chesley and Miss Maud Malone of Wood's Harbor, N. S. Two grandchildren, Alfreda Malone and Ray Simons and two great-grandchildren, Helen Malone and Ruth Hiltz were also present. Mrs. Smith has 21 grand children and 36 great grandchildren.

Hats and coats were donned and all departed looking forward to the great home coming "Beyond the Blue," with the question on their lips, "Will the Circle Be Unbroken in the Sky?" All join in wishing God's blessing upon these three through their pilgrimage this year.