

terpretation has not brought satisfaction and victory. I want them to know that the secret of spiritual triumph is the old Evangel of Sanctification through Faith in the Power of the Indwelling Christ; and that the prevailing prejudice against the Evangel is merely academic, not practical. It is not that it was tested in the hard school of life and discredited; it just proved intractable to the new thought and was dismissed. But it is still the word of power and triumph to those who allow their need to prevail over prejudice.

A doctrine is not invalid because the pundits dismiss it. Heart-need, after all, is the criterion of Divine truth. "As to Wesley on Perfection," said Whyte to his students, "when you wish to master that subject, besides Wesley's Sermons, read Wesley's once oracle, William Law. . .but, above all, read your own evil heart." That is the way to truth. That alone is true which answers the primal needs of the soul; and a genuine theology follows experience. To him who comes with his need uppermost, to be satisfied, cleansed, empowered, the doctrine of Sanctification presents no difficulties. What is a problem in speculative theology becomes a song of praise to him. Wherefore, I say, let go your prejudice and be led by your need. The process may work havoc with your credal logic, but it is better to rebuild one's faith on the basis of a triumphant experience than to conserve a creed which is divorced from the root-problems of life.

But, you say, what is the specific need which this experience answers? Take for answer one or two extracts from the devotional literature of yesterday. Here is F. B. Meyer's testimony:—"My Christian life was spasmodic and fitful; now flaming up with enthusiasm, and then pacing wearily over leagues of grey ashes and cold cinders. . . There were things in my heart and life which I felt were questionable, if not worse, but I was not willing to give them up." Here is the testimony of Thomas Cook:—"My Christian life was very unsatisfactory. There was much of vacillation about it, sinning and repenting, advancing and retreating. . . I was conscious also of a mighty want, a strange sense of need, which I cannot describe, but which all who love the Lord with less than perfect love will understand." Then there is Oswald Chambers. He was a teacher of philosophy at Dunoon. God was using him in a measure, but, he says, "I had no conscious communion with Him. . . The sense of depravity and of the bad-motivedness of my nature was terrific. . . I knew that if what I had was all the Christianity there was, the thing was a fraud."

There is the need—the same today as yesterday—inconstancy, want, futility, enslavement, and, perhaps, the elements of treachery against Christ. The question is: Whether that need must for ever be unanswered and the promise of redemption unfulfilled? Our fathers answered: No! for God hath provided and commanded some better thing—radiant spiritual health, fixed purpose, effective service, unhindered progress in the things of the Spirit, a pageant of triumph in Christ; and the practical idea of redemption can be realised here and now. "It comes to this," they said to enquirers, "you sadly need the blessing, and God urgently desires you to receive it. Then, why not now?" They urged their people to receive the blessing while they preached. The people did; and Methodism arose in power on the promise of Sanctification through Faith in the Power of the Indwelling Christ. It is as certain that the

promise still holds and the power is still available, as it is that the need abides. Their secret may be ours.

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"Please tell me the way into Sanctification," wrote a young Christian to me the other day.

Such a one needs to be quite clear that the secret of holiness is the Indwelling Christ. The sanctified life is a life entirely indwelt by Christ. Accordingly, the first condition is the surrender of everything for His possession and control and use. It is our willingness to part with the old self-life which is the sovereign test. He yearns to possess.

'But thou art all replete with very thou,
And hast such shrewd activity,
That when He comes, He says—

This is enow
Unto itself—"Twere better let it be:
It is so small and full, there is no room for
Me'"

It is all for All. There are no easy terms. One must be willing "with all things to part." But the importunate heart will find no difficulty there.

The only other condition is the faith which means a heart-grasp of Jesus. There is no drudgery of self-effort about it. The testimony of our fathers was—

"Long my anxious heart was striving
To possess the promised rest,
But when all my struggles ended,
Simply trusting, I was blest."

For the rest, the surrendered soul must rely upon the covenant grace of God, and live before Him in moment-by-moment obedience and trust.—Selected by A. I. J. Ward.

REPORTS FROM MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

Mr. President, Brothers and Sisters:

As we meet together again at our annual Alliance and enjoy the beauties of Beulah Camp, this spot we have all learned to love, we are reminded continually of the goodness and love of God for His people.

For nearly half a century now this has been the annual meeting place of our leaders and laity, and God has never once failed to meet with us, but rather, it would seem He seeks to come especially near to His children at this time, to give to each that special blessing and reward for service rendered during the past year and to give to each individual faith and courage and inspiration for the coming year.

Eternity alone will reveal the number of souls who have been redeemed because they profited by the messages of full salvation that have been proclaimed from behind this sacred desk.

Again, we are reminded of God's love and consideration for us and a lost world, by His call for workers from among our young people. Every year we learn of those here and there who are responding to the call and are going out to labor and preach the unsearchable riches of God. We are confident that God will continue to direct their paths, and abundantly bless them as they labor in His vineyard.

While the majority of our people are greatly effected by world-wide conditions we note they are not waiting for days of prosperity before giving to the Lord's cause, for after caring for their local church needs they have contributed generously of their funds to the work of missions. We feel our young people should be commended for the active interest they have

taken in this department of the work. We know God has long since repaid all who have sacrificed to give to His cause. Let us continue to do all we can to support this worthwhile work and claim His promise that He will give us the heaven for our inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for our possession.

And finally, brothers and sisters, let us each one feel while we are supporting the work abroad that God is expecting us to be a home missionary. The very spirit of the age is paralyzing to deep spirituality. Professed Christians all around us are victims of the modernistic teachings that is so prevalent in the world today and have become like those spoken of by New Testament writers, they profess that they know God but in works they deny Him! They have a form of Godliness but deny the power thereof. Let us keep so close to God that His very presence will be felt in our midst and hungry, sin-sick souls will seek His pardon, and prove His grace can keep.

Following are the reports from our missionary societies:

MONCTON

Membership 26. It is encouraging to know our society is increasing in number, and we possess a real missionary spirit. Contribution \$56.50.

MILLVILLE

Membership 12. We have our meetings once a month in the interest of missions and are doing what we can to further this part of the work. Contribution \$40.00.

CALAIS

This year we have had no organized society. We have held a missionary prayer meeting each month, and trust a society may be organized for the coming year. Contribution \$32.20.

BEALS

Membership 30. We feel our missionary society is growing both in number and financially. Our president is faithful and we have had one meeting each month during the past year. Contribution \$55.00.

VICTORIA

Membership 9. The condition of our society is good and we can say that the Lord is with us as we try to carry on the work. We hold our meetings once a month which include readings, recitations, and special singing along missionary lines. We also enjoy the wonderful talks which Brother Owens gives us on missions. We feel encouraged as this year draws to a close, as we have raised more than we did last year. Contribution Home Missions \$6.00. Contribution Foreign Missions \$6.00. Total \$12.00.

FREDERICTON

Membership 40. Our monthly missionary meetings are quite well attended. We have an interesting program by the children and members of society which is encouraging and uplifting to all present. We praise the Lord for the missionary spirit each member has to support our missionaries in the foreign land. During the year five new members have been added to our society. May God help each one of us not to be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Raised for Home Missions \$31.69, For Foreign \$226.21. Total contributions \$257.90.

WESTCHESTER

Membership 13. We meet the last Thursday in each month. Our numbers are small but interest is good and we always keep in mind the needy in our district. Raised for Foreign Missions \$12.39. For Home Missions \$8.94. Total \$21.33.

HARTLAND

Membership 24. On account of sickness we
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