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Methodist church in Woodstock, N. B. In that church was a man named Jimmy Tommy Smith who was sanctified wholly. He was indeed full of shouts and praise. I remember H. Stanley Young who is still a member of the Conference and I think preaches in Carleton Co., saying to me "Smith we don't praise the Lord enough; We ought to say Amen more". I assented to the proposition and resolved to say amen and praise the Lord more. I watched for an opportunity that I thought would be appropriate and feebly said Amen! Well it was like a chug of that old pump we had to prime. I am now turned the 64th milestone and have been preaching the gospel for nearly forty-two years without a single sick Sunday in all that time. I can say to the glory of God the old pump has been taken out and I have the inner flow. I wake in the night or in the early morning with praise and victory in my soul. This thing does not run dry if we keep the channel free, keep all on the altar and are dead to reputation, self-interest and sin, faith will then function to giving you the inner flow. "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." Amen and amen.

THE MANIA FOR UNCLOTHING

There is a kind of mania sweeping over the country that is inducing the young people to take pleasure in wearing as little clothing as possible. They seem to take pleasure in doing something to shock the older people, much as girls take up cigarette smoking—not that they get any pleasure at it in the beginning, but just to shock the conventionalities of people and to show them they are independent. They seem to take delight in breaking down the old standards of propriety. Now the spirit back of this is not of God, but is plainly of the devil. The longer it goes on, the less the public conscience rebels against it, and moral restraints are rapidly being broken down. There is a terrible harvest coming from this spirit of yielding to such an influence.

In the main, the church is indifferent to this condition, and if not actually encouraging it, is at least condoning it. Some church people criticize those who warn against these things, insinuating that they are of unclean minds, because they notice this increasing nakedness. Such better begin first with Paul and Peter, and when they have criticized them, condemn George Fox, John Wesley, Adoniram Judson, Charles G. Finney, and other worthies who saw souls saved under their ministry beyond anything these critics of their attitude ever saw.—The Gospel Minister.

THE PECULIARITY OF METHODISM

I trust the day is near when our church will bear a clearer testimony on this subject. It was the peculiarity of early Methodism. . . I do not for a moment allow myself to doubt that the great plan of redemption provides for a perfect work here below. I can take no view of the gospel which tolerates lower views. I can not preach the gospel in any other light.—Dr. Stephen Olin.

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Night comes on, and I will close with saying, "Preach sanctification, directly and indirectly, in every sermon.", , , O purity! O Christian perfection! O sanctification! It is heaven below to feel all sin removed. Preach it, whether they will hear or forbear. Preach it.—In letters of Bishop Asbury to Rev. Henry Smith, and another.—Free Methodist.

THE SECRET OF DIVINE GUIDANCE

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"I will guide thee with mine eye."
"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

May we always be sure of Divine guidance? The following rules may be helpful:

1. Be absolutely sincere.
2. Let one and only one thought actuate you—the glory of God.
3. Be as willing (if God wills) to have your request denied as granted.
"While place we seek, or place we shun,
The soul finds happiness in none;
But with my God to guide my way
'Tis equal joy to go or stay."—M. Guyon.
4. Do not become agitated. If you have honestly missed God's first plan, He is considerate and glad to give you another opportunity. Believe Him!
5. Remember, God and His providences lead in only ONE direction at a time; therefore, never adopt a new course until you feel equally clear to abandon a former one.

6. Always remember that you and your plans are His property. If so, you can afford to be set aside and unused if He can afford it, since your eye is single. The longer the delay, the larger the pay.

7. Be willing to submit your plans to your superiors. Yea, to those who are likely to oppose you. If your leadings are wholly of the Lord they will survive all opposition. The more you are abused, the more you will be used.

8. Rest! If you are wholly His, everything that comes to you is either sent or permitted by Him. If sent, then it is the very best thing that could come. If permitted, He stands ready, if you only believe, to rule and overrule for your good and His glory.

9. Wait! When you do not know what to do, simply do nothing. Wait till the fog clears away. Do not force a half-open door. A closed door may be providential. Ability to hold still while under pressure gives God and providence unlimited sway. A hurry spirit is always from beneath. "He that believeth shall not make haste."

10. Above everything, see to it that all self-interest and self-seeking are gone. Few are wholly free from unsanctified ambition. They believe they are, but the fact that they are uneasy when opposed is proof of a lack of perfect resignation. Being dead to all things but God will enable one to keep calm, and make Him responsible as to the outcome.—The Church Herald.

IS HOLINESS PRACTICAL?

An old lady who is wholly consecrated to the Lord's service is rather poor in worldly goods, but rich in spiritual things. She is only a washerwoman, but she gets up early and works late at night in order to be able to devote time in the Lord's service through visitation and winning souls for her Master. Sometimes she is engaged by a wealthy family in the neighborhood to look after the house during their holidays. One day the lady made the remark, "Mrs. J— I don't believe much in this doctrine of holiness that you profess and are so fond of talking about." "Well," said the old Christian, "you know, madam, that before I came into your service you used to send everything of value that could be removed to a place of safety, but since I have been in charge you have left even your most valuable property under my care. Oh, yes, madam, you believe in my holiness." — From the Christian Herald.

THE HIGH COST OF GOVERNMENT

The Universal Press announces in a news item that the nation's leaders in business and industry are preparing to launch a non-partisan attack on the high cost of government, with the slogan "Cut taxes" as the keynote. Some of the "tax facts" they have discovered, and to which they will direct the attention of the nation are alarming. They will show:

1. There are 51 taxes involved in the final cost of every loaf of bread. Half the loaf is eaten by taxes.

2. There are 113 kinds of taxes levied on food trades which housewives must reckon with in their food budgets. Of these 37 are federal, 51 are state, and 25 are local taxes.

3. Consumers pay double taxes on 800 items used in their daily life.

4. It costs as much in taxes to drive a car as it does for all expenses of operation, including the original purchase price.

The estimate that one-fourth of the earnings of the nation is taken by taxes is conceded to be conservative. This means that directly and indirectly three months earning out of twelve, every fourth dollar of income must be handed over to support government spending.

The cure of all this frenzied finance is economy in government, old fashioned honesty, thrift and economic common sense. Uncle Sam will not be right until he has turned to the right. "Yankee Doodle" is not a success as a national anthem. "Faith of Our Fathers" is more to our liking.—Wesleyan Methodist.

WESLEY ON HORSEBACK

A statue of John Wesley on horseback has been erected in front of his first chapel in Bristol, England, and within sight of the actual stable (still standing) in which he so often made his horse comfortable after a strenuous tour. The first hymn sung in the chapel at its opening in June 3, 1793, was:

Arm of the Lord, awake, awake,
But on thy strength, the nations shake;
And let the world adoring see
Triumphs of mercy wrought by Thee.

It was a prophetic hymn, sung once more after the unveiling of the statue in the old chapel. . . Wesley's activities covered England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. He faced storms and mud and made his way over trackless roads. His saddle was his study. He read every book that was worth reading and tested each by the standard of the Bible. An open book appears in his hands in the new statue.—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

There are three things that come not back: the spent arrow, the spoken word, the neglected opportunity.—Persian Proverb.

Goodness is the only investment that never fails.—Thoreau.

A NOTICE

Joe is really a better letter writer than is Tom, for he always writes his letters in turn, which Tom has not always done. But Joe's letter is crowded clear off the page this time; there just isn't any room for it. He has it written, but that is as far as he has been able to get with it. If Tom is too busy to write next time, perhaps we can have Joe's letter to read.