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EDITORIAL

Preach the Word.—II. Tim. 4-2.

The foregoing words are part of a very solemn charge, given to Timothy by the great apostle Paul. His reason for delivering this charge may be found in the following verse which reads "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine," etc. "And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned to fables." Hence the wisdom of preaching the word to them while he had opportunity.

So much depends upon the preaching of the word in the work of the Lord, that true success cannot be achieved without it.

And for our encouragement, God made a promise by His prophet Isaiah a good while ago, that "My word shall not return to me void; but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where-to I sent it."

This promise has been a great means of encouragement and inspiration to many of God's preachers in times past when they were tempted to be discouraged because of lack of visible results in their work, even when they had done their best. Of course every preacher needs to remember that no man can successfully preach the word, without the aid of the Holy Spirit. Peter speaks of those who had been successful in the past, as preaching the gospel with the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven. Jesus emphasized this need when he commanded His apostles not to depart from Jerusalem but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For he said, John truly baptized with water: but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

Then after a preacher has been baptized with the Holy Spirit, and has obtained all the education he can of the right kind, and is continually after more, there are some other rules essential to successful preaching that he needs to observe. He must have the right objective. It is not enough for him to have a good subject; he must have an object as well. Perhaps some preaching is fruitless because the preacher fails at this point. His object should not be to just make a living, or to obtain money by his preaching, or to receive the praise of men; but it should be to persuade men to seek the Lord while he may be found, and to build souls up on their most holy faith, and especially to get believers to present their bodies a living sacrifice to God, that they might be sanctified wholly.

I may be wrong, brethren, but I believe that the greatest need of the holiness cause everywhere today—North, South, East and

West—is definite preaching on the subject of Scriptural holiness. Preaching so clear and positive that it will show thousands of converted people in our churches their need of heart cleansing, and will cause them to hunger and thirst after righteousness until they are filled. Let me say further, brethren, if we are to build up our work, and spread the truth of scriptural holiness, we must of necessity get people sanctified wholly. It is not enough at all to get people where they accept the doctrine and teaching of holiness; they must have the experience of holiness or our work will gradually die. I have learned from experience and observation that our objective in our preaching must be to get people into the experience of holiness, and then we must preach the doctrine faithfully, continually, lovingly and forcefully, or men will not see, or feel their need sufficiently to make their consecration, take the way of crucifixion with Christ, and be filled with the Spirit. As Dr. C. W. Butler says: "No mild exposure of this great truth takes. Nothing short of preaching it under the anointing of the Holy Spirit gets people under conviction for holiness; and begets in them sufficient hunger to take them through."

It is a great grief to my soul that so many people professing to be converted have been so long associated with our so-called holiness churches, and yet are without the grace and experience of holiness, and seem to be quite indifferent to the doctrine. I often wonder where the trouble is. Are the preachers preaching the doctrine, and experience definitely and clearly enough, so that the people know what they are teaching, and see their need? I am sure that if some souls did not get under conviction and seek holiness under my preaching, I would feel that there was something wrong with the preacher or his message. The apostle Paul said, so we preach, and so ye believed. So let us be sure that we do our part, and "Preach the Word."

IN KOREA

The dominance in the religious life of Korea by Japan appears in the following news report by L. A. Reed: "The Korean government is adopting as a part of its educational system, compulsory attendance at the shrine of the Japanese Sun Goddess, and no teacher is engaged who will not indulge in this practice. The Methodists and Catholics have conformed to the government policy but the Presbyterians have withdrawn from secular educational work, rather than submit to this pagan practice and have earned for themselves in the government ranks the title of "those stubborn Presbyterians." Most of the teachers who are opposed have either resigned or been forced out, but many are willing to conform in order to keep the government schools open."

TALENT INDICATES POWER

Talent denotes a definite kind of power. Talent is improved with exercise. Discover your definite kind of power, then put all your power behind it, and the rest is easy.

SELF-KNOWLEDGE

Self-knowledge is that acquaintance with ourselves which shows us what we are, and what we ought to be, in order to live comfortably and usefully here, and happily hereafter.—J. Mason.

A TRAINED HOLY GHOST MINISTRY FOR THE TWENTIETH CENTURY

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regard and appreciation for such a splendid standing, it is not sufficient for the Christian ministry. With state requirements concerning such a course, it is not possible to emphasize, and pursue subjects so necessary for the glorious work of the Christian ministry. Yes, an education for the Christian ministry is different. Very often a college course would leave a person with very little conception of his sacred calling, save that it is a calling among others, and it might leave him with scarcely any knowledge for his work. A student preparing for the Christian ministry, preparing to "preach the Word", is, generally speaking, better qualified for his work by a good rounded Bible School course than by a general college course that has in it but a sprinkling of Bible study. The reason is clear. He is called to "preach the Word", and how can he do it without knowing the Incarnate Word, and having a knowledge of the written Word? It is understood, of course, that by the former he is better qualified from an academic standpoint, and by the latter from a practical standpoint, a standpoint of knowledge of the Word. The equivalent of both is necessary, and more.

A general ministerial course is often lacking. While reviewing some ministerial courses recently we were deeply stirred on discovering the lack of texts bearing directly on the study of the Word of God, the Bible; even when it did bear directly on the Bible, it was a study about the Bible, and not a study of the Bible itself. What a shameful lack here.

Then, again, courses leading to a B.D. may open up a field of information to a young man and thus prepare him for his task or it may not. In some courses the major is chiefly criticism of the Bible rather than a study of the Bible, and in consequence a removal of the sacred fundamentals of the Faith. We cannot have Christian education without Christianity, and we cannot have Christianity without Christ, the Christ of the New Testament records, the Christ of God, the God-Man. The courses leading to a B.D. offered by our holiness schools are different, thank God. But even here there is often a lack, as we may presently discover.

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THE SPIRIT OF MISSIONS

"The Missionary Review of the World" calls attention to seven principles of missions which must be observed if the missionary cause is to be saved from defeat.

1. Absolute obedience to our Lord's great commission.
2. Honest acceptance of stewardship in money and other talents.
3. Consecration of children to God from birth.
4. Impressions of missionary obligation on the individual consciences.
5. Widespread information about the world field and its spiritual needs and the work of God in all lands.
6. Separation from unwholesome and weakening worldly contaminations.
7. Praying in the Holy Spirit for the whole field, the work and the workers.—Wesleyan Methodist.

A GODLY LIFE

May God grant us something of the privilege of Christ, which was to live a manly life for God's sake, and also to live a godly life for men's sake.—Phillips Brooks.