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EDITORIAL

OUR GREATEST NEED

For more than thirty years I have been a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for nearly all that time I have been trying to preach His gospel. I have been a careful student of religious life, and conditions, as well as of the Word of God. The fact is in all those years I have not given much attention so to speak, to anything else. I knew by positive, God-given evidence that he had called me to the ministry of His word, which was a call to service for life. And in all these years I have never once been tempted to doubt that call; whatever other people might have thought to the contrary, God settled that question for me.

By careful observation and prayerful study of the religious life of our country, and especially of the societies called holiness churches, I received a conviction several years ago that I had discovered our greatest need, and for many years I have been trying by precept and example to emphasize that need, and the remedy for it. I realize that we need many things in order to carry on the Lord's work. Of course we need money, and could use a good deal more of it than we are receiving to build and repair churches; to send out and pay workers, both in the home and foreign fields. We need men who are saved, consecrated to God—men with trained minds, and who are full of the Holy Ghost, and faith, who feel the call of God upon them. The "woe is me if I preach not the gospel."

We need a good, well equipped school for our young people who are preparing for religious work—one that is near to our work, that they can attend, and yet be near home. One that is fundamental in its teaching, where the student's faith in the Bible will be strengthened instead of weakened. A school where spirituality is emphasized, instead of social life, sports or athletics. A school where young people will learn the value of the prayer life, a life of intercession for the lost world. We have a conviction that such a school is indeed one of our outstanding needs at the present time, and we shall say more about it later. But I am fully convinced that I have not yet mentioned our greatest need. I say our greatest need because it comprehends all our other needs, for when the need which I shall speak of is met, all our other needs will be supplied also. Some which I have mentioned in the foregoing and many others. The need that I am referring to, to say it in a few words is the deepening of the Spiritual life in all churches in Christendom. Now that may sound rather vague to my

readers, or because you have heard it so often without any apparent results, it may not mean anything to you. But read on and we will try to tell you what we mean. Jesus said: A man's foes shall be they of his own household, and we are convinced that the lack of Spirituality in our churches is the greatest hindrance to the progress of our work. We must be frank, beloved, while we also would be very kind. So first of all we would say, in order to have this need supplied it would seem necessary that some so-called holiness preachers in our churches who have accepted the doctrine, and have the theory of holiness, and a multitude of other preachers who have never received the mighty, fiery, sin-killing, soul purging baptism with the Holy Ghost, should humble themselves before God, and confess their need to him, and the people, and obey God, consecrate their all to him, die to everything but His will, and pray in the words of the hymn:

"Refining fire go through my heart,
Illuminate my soul,
Scatter thy light through every part,
And sanctify the whole."

And hold steady, and never cease seeking, until God answered their prayer. Then having received the sanctifying experience themselves, these preachers would preach the doctrine and experience of full salvation, as they never have in the past. They would preach with fervor, and unction as only they can who are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Then because God has said: "My Word shall not return to me void," we make bold to prophesy what the results would be. The people in our congregations would be mightily stirred. Many of the members of our so-called holiness churches, who like some of the preachers have the doctrine and theory of holiness, but who never have been "Crucified with Christ," and obtained the experience, and many others who have been converted and never have heard much definite preaching on the subject of holiness, would we believe, see their need, hunger and thirst after righteousness, begin to seek, and eventually obtain the experience, and under the ministry of those fire baptized (many of whom are educated) preachers, multitudes of church members, and nominal Christians, would be converted, mighty revivals would break out over the land, young men and women would be saved and called of God to special gospel work in foreign fields and home lands. Hundreds of thousands of dollars that today are being spent for strong drink, tobacco, cigarettes, movies, shows, beauty parlors, pleasure seeking, etc., etc., would be turned over to finance gospel work. Reader, you may charge me with being visionary, but results such as I have described here followed the preaching of the Wesleys, Whitfield, and many others who humbled themselves before God, went the crucifixion route with Jesus, were baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire according to God's promise by His servant John, and then mightily preached it to others. Beloved, would you like to see a great revival in this land of ours? I am sure you would if you love God. Then I appeal to you in Jesus' name, begin at once a deepening of the spiritual life in our churches by letting God work in your own heart. And in conclusion, let me say a word to the preachers who have the experience of holiness. Paul said: "So we preach and so ye believed." We ought to see some results from our preaching in

the lives and experiences of those to whom we minister. God help us. Amen.

THE DAY OF SMALL THINGS

A study of the lives of the great preachers reveals the fact that they reached their success through many hardships and much labor. Their uniform testimony also seems to be that the hard days were nevertheless good days. Only too often men are inclined to look upon their own fields of labor as filled with hardships while those in places of great influence and responsibility find life easy and enjoyable. Only when places are exchanged do they come to realize that their own was after all the enviable position. Henry Ward Beecher has this to say: "When I first became a minister, in a poor settlement out West, I was very poor. My parents were also poor; they were rich in only one thing—plenty of children. I had no money. The very suit I wore was a second-hand one which had belonged to Judge Barton of Cincinnati. For years I had no library but my Bible, and had to gnaw at that. I was so poor that I could not take a letter out of the post-office for weeks because I had not the twenty-five cents to pay the postage. I had sickness in my family; I was sick myself. Since then I have seen what the world calls better days, but I have never seen such good days. There was nothing between my soul and Christ. I was happy. I had bargained for hardships when I went into the ministry I rather desired them. I have been in the ministry nearly forty years, and have seen all phases of it, and yet have never repented for one hour my choice. If I had to begin life over again, and was offered my choice of any occupation, with the assurance of success in any, I would invest again in the ministry. It is the highest business—the top of all professions. You will see your companions going ahead of you in many ways. Let them go; your wealth is in your heart. I hope you will see some hard times. It is not good for us that all things should go well with us. We are apt to grow cold and careless. Hardships soften us and draw out our affections. After all, what is money? Its only object is to bring happiness; and we can often be the happiest without it. May God speed you all!"

MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS

Does my life please God?
Am I studying my Bible daily?
Am I enjoying my Christian life?
Have I ever won a soul to Christ?
How much time do I spend in prayer?
Do I practice daily Matt. 6:6?
Am I in fellowship with the Holy Spirit?
Am I trying to bring my friends to Christ?
Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
How many things do I put before my religious duties?
Do I care whether the Mid-week Prayer Meeting is a dead or a live service?
Have I ever tried giving one-tenth of my income to the Lord?
Am I doing anything I would condemn in others?
Is my lamp well trimmed and burning?—
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Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—Goethe.