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EDITORIAL

"THAT DAY"

We said in our last editorial that "That Day," namely, the day of the coming of our Lord would be the greatest day that this world has ever seen. First, because of the greatness of the One who is coming. Paul speaks of that day as the blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ. Our King and Queen are the greatest sovereigns on earth and are ruling over a great commonwealth, the British Empire. But one of these days, not only the ruler but the Creator of this world and universe is coming to this earth of ours, and His coming will affect not only Canada and the United States, but the whole world. Ever since Jesus went away, his people have been asking the same questions that the disciples asked of him previous to his going when he told them that he was coming back again. They said, when shall these things be, and what shall be the sign of thy coming? Ever since he went away into heaven his followers in all ages have been looking for his return, and watching for signs of his coming.

And our Lord gave them some encouragement in this matter, for he said, learn a parable of the fig tree: When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh. So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors. We infer from the Apostle Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians, that the Christians there were looking for the return of our Lord in their time. Probably because of what Paul wrote to them in his first letter, where he prays that their whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. I. Thess. 5-23. So he wrote the second letter to correct that erroneous idea that they held and to set their minds at rest. See the second chapter. Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and by our gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in your mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Let no man deceive you by any means: for "That Day" shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition: Notice how these words of the Apostle, "falling away," speaking of conditions in the Church, or as he puts it, in the "Temple of God," agree with

one of the signs that Jesus gave us that would be in evidence at the time of his coming. He said, "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24-12.

It is not easy to tell all that the Apostle means by the man of sin, or mystery of iniquity and falling away. And without going beyond what is written it is not easy for some of us to understand, much less to fully describe the coming of our Lord. The fact is, friends, His second coming may prove to be as foreign to the thinking, or expectations of people generally, as his first coming was. In spite of all that Isaiah and the other prophets had said about the coming of the Great One, the virgin bringing forth a son; a child being born, a son being given, etc.: How many were there that recognized Jesus as their Messiah when he was born in Bethlehem? How many would have known him if it had not been that God gave special revelations to the shepherds and wise men?

It is true that good old Simeon, and Anna, the prophetess; recognized the child Jesus as the Saviour, by the aid of the Holy Spirit alone, when they saw him in the temple eight days old.

God still adapts his revelations to suit the needs of men.

Some tell us His second coming will be like this, and some say like that, as they try to go into details and describe it. Others say it will be this way or some other way, and so there are a great variety of opinions about the manner, and place, and time of his arrival, because, "It is not for you to know the times and reasons which God hath put in his own power," said Jesus: And many men are wise above what is written. But, one thing we know: He is coming again. And the apostle says: There will be a falling away first, and a revelation of the man of sin, or mystery of iniquity.

And many of us think that we are now seeing the falling away which he speaks of. A falling away from the Bible standards, or gospel requirements of Christian living. We have the privilege of attending preachers' meetings sometimes, and hearing some discussions on religious subjects, and we are shocked to hear how little some preachers require of those who profess to be followers of Jesus and to become church members.

Many of the preachers themselves smoke cigars or cigarettes and play cards and attend movies and shows, etc. And if they indulge in these worldly and sinful amusements, how can they preach to others the gospel standard of Christian living, which is, "Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." I. Cor. 10-31. It does not seem to matter much with many what one believes about Christ, so long as you believe that there was a good character by that name, who lived in the long ago, like we believe in William Gladstone, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, or some other good man. And by many of these ministerial gentlemen. The Precious Blood of Christ is no longer preached as the only basis of man's salvation. Neither do they emphasize the fact that He was God and "in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the God-head bodily." They will talk of the beautiful example he set for us, and eulogize his life of good works and self denial, how he went about doing good, and preach a social gospel and exhort people to follow it as a means of making them good citizens, which seems to be about all that is

required by many religious leaders today.

Our writing is too long now, so we will have to stop, and if "That Day" does not come too soon and we are spared, we will try to write more later on this subject.

HOW SPURGEON GOT HOME

One writer tells the story of how Mr. Spurgeon got home after a trip into some place to speak. He had but one companion in the compartment where he was, and this man noticing him fumbling in his pocket said: "I hope that you haven't lost anything, sir?" Mr. Spurgeon then related the story, that he had lost his ticket, and was without change, watch, or any valuables to give as a security until the fare was paid. But he proceeded to tell the man that he wasn't uneasy, as he had been on the Master's business and God would provide for him someway. At length, the conductor looked in the car, tipped his hat to them, and the travelling companion said: "It's all right, William." Mr. Spurgeon remarked that it was singular that his ticket wasn't called for, and the man revealed that he was the general manager of the lines, and was pleased to take care of God's servants thus.—Selected.

MISSIONARY SONG

Over the ocean, far from their home,
Teaching the heathen, bidding them come;
Our missionaries are working for God,
Kept by His Spirit, washed in the Blood.

Chorus:

Looking this way, yes, looking this way,
Our Missionaries are looking this way;
Shall we not help them by giving our aid?
Oh, let us help them today.

Far from their loved ones, over the sea;
Toiling and working, list to their plea;
Bringing the heathen into the light,
Brothers and sisters, rise in your might.

Oh, see the heathen groping for day,
Longing for knowledge, looking this way,
Send them the Gospel, send them the light.

Call us to help them, looking this way.
—Sel. by Mrs. I. M. Kierstead

THE SUNNY SIDE

Come over and walk on the sunny side,
The breezes are warm and the sky is clear;
Glad streamlets are flowing,
June roses are blowing,
With radiant joy that summer is here,
Come away from the gloom where shadows bide,
Come over and walk on the sunny side.

Come over and walk on the sunny side,
The day that is darkest will soon be past,
Though hearts may be breaking,
There's joy for the taking,—
Pure joy of God's making,—
A joy that gives strength while earth-burdens last,
Then faint not, nor falter, God's hand will guide,
Come over and walk on the sunny side.
—Camilla Sanderson.

It is not sufficient to eliminate slum dwellings and get people out of the slums. We are still faced with getting the slums and alleys out of the people. Garnet C. Wilkinson, assistant superintendent, Negro schools, Washington, D. C.