

## WHAT DOES THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT NEED?

What are the dangers in the holiness work today? The danger of neglecting the sin question by any indefinite propaganda of power for service by the removal of sin. The dangers of neglecting the negative side of holiness and of feeding only the positive side, of urging men to seek a great blessing instead of getting rid of the great obstacle to the blessing—inbred sin. I have never known any one who got sanctified wholly just by looking for some great blessing—the fullness of ecstasy. Multitudes go to the altar to get something when they need to get rid of something. The people who really get sanctified are the people who have been convicted of inbred sin and have seen their helplessness to serve God as they should. The word "Pentecostal" has been used to cover a multitude of fads and fanaticisms. It has neglected the sin question and has come to mean all sorts of excuses, visions, tongues, rhapsodes, bodily excesses and we know not what. Such organizations and propaganda neglect the sin question and have dragged the cause of holiness into the dust in the estimation of the average church member. The true cause of God has to suffer.

Another danger kindred to this is indefiniteness. There are holiness camp meetings to our certain knowledge where the subject is hardly mentioned in the preaching, where there is no sharp issue made with sin. Any preaching that does not bring on the battle and make sharp issues is no blessing to the people. Preachers have to be dead themselves if they would wage successful warfare with sin. It takes nerve and deadness to do it.

Holiness is invincible. It can never die out, no matter how fierce the opposition. The carnal mind is against it, and never more so than today. It stands in the midst of the sneers of Modernism. A worldly church has dismissed it with the stigma of fanaticism, but it is the only hope of the church. The carnal mind was never more arrayed against it. God is for it. We may all say as Elisha said when the Syrian had encompassed the city and the young prophet was disturbed, that God is on its side and they that are for it are more than those who are against it. Holiness gets the same treatment as did its Master. He was holy, harmless and undefiled and separate from sinners. Holiness like Him is sometimes popular. The people cry, "Hosannah in the highest!" until they hear that it leads to the cross.

Then they crucify it but can not be buried long. It will rise the third day. It will live because the Holy Spirit has put conviction on mankind generally for the experience of holiness. That is the standard He has set up in every bosom. Go to India today and you will see men washing in the sacred river. Why? They will tell you they feel the need of a pure heart. Who told them that? The Holy Spirit. Go into the country today and preach holiness and you will find that the unsaved in the community will acknowledge that what a Christian ought to be. Why? Because the Holy Spirit tells them so. The preacher may not hold up this standard but the Holy Spirit will and does in spite of unbelief.—The Christian Witness.

The gospel is the fulfillment of all hopes, the perfection of all philosophy, the interpreter of all revelations, and a key to all the seeming contradictions of truth in the physical and moral world.—Hugh Miller.

## A REVIVAL ON GOD'S TERMS

Had it ever occurred to you that a church can be carried on without God, or more exactly, without the blessing and favor of God? The Jewish church in the days of Christ was getting along after that manner, and it was a religious system with a great deal of truth in its ritual and beauty in its ceremonies. But Jesus said to His nation, "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (Matt. 23:38). It would not be difficult to increase the historical and scriptural references to a large number. In fact, many of the churches in Christendom today represent a movement of protest against deadness and compromise and the forming of a new religious body as a channel for the expression of life and religious conviction. But these original bodies, such as the Roman Catholic Church and the older bodies of the Protestant faith are still in existence and in many cases with ever increasing wealth and numbers. Mankind is so constituted in the matter of religion that credulity comes readily when time had wrapped its shroud of mystery about religious history.

Yes, religious movements both old and new, can be carried on without special dependence on God. More than that, the more faithful and spiritual the church is the harder is the task of keeping the church centered in the will of God. The more spiritual a church is, the longer the battle line upon which it must stand and contend against the world.

One of the most vital questions that a church must meet is the standard of membership. A church that calls for no separation from the world may have revival meetings, but its converts are likely to be of the same kind as its membership. If the standards are such as permit the members to drink and serve liquor, to use tobacco, play cards, make the Sabbath day a time of recreation, attend movies and lodges and dances; the revivals may bring people into the church but when they are there it will be simply increasing the number of people whose religion is formal and without spiritual life or value. Let us by all means have revivals but let us see to it that our church majors on true holiness of heart and life, then we shall have revivals on God's terms.

## 200,000 JEWS TO GO TO PALESTINE

A proposal before the World Zionist Congress provides for settling 200,000 Jews in Palestine within the next three years. This plan involves an expenditure of some \$175,000,000. Elieser Kaplal, treasurer of the Zionist executive committee, made the proposal and said that American Jewry would contribute about \$2,000,000 to the Zionist movement and Palestine fund in the current fiscal year.

Mr. Kaplal said a similar development took place from 1932 to 1935, when 150,000 Jews went to Palestine, providing their own capital of \$150,000,000. He made this statement to show that his plan was not fanciful nor "far-fetched."

Mr. Kaplal's financial report showed an estimated income of \$10,000,000, of which \$7,750,000 had already been received and expended.

—Christian Beacon.

True friendship cannot be among many. For since our faculties are of a finite energy, 'tis impossible our love can be very intense when divided among many. No, the rays must be contracted to make them burn.—John Norris.

## Temperance Column

Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging. Whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.—Prov. 1:20.

Ques.—Do you think it right for Christian people to vote for governments that have liquor stores?

Ans.—As things are now, with our government engaged in the liquor business, and with no prospects of closing these stores, perhaps for many years to come, no matter which party is in power, it looks as if it will be quite impossible to vote at all in the next election without voting for a party or government which sells liquor. This is certainly a very serious condition that our governments have gotten us all into, where if we vote at all we are compelled to vote for a government which is in the most degrading, destructive business that can be carried on under a cloak of respectability—the business of turning the bright, noble youth of our land into drunkards, blighting their prospects of ever becoming respectable, useful citizens in this world, and also damning their souls eternally. I say again what I have often said in the past: If the church members and all those who profess to be sober, temperance-loving people, would stand together we could vote men into office who would enact laws that would put an end to all this accursed business, if we had to put a new party into power. But they will not stand together. They seem to be bound to their parties by ties stronger than death. However, I would advise, if you can find a man running for office in the next election whom you know to be a sincere temperance man, one who will fight for the total prohibition of the whole liquor traffic, vote for that man, if you are going to vote at all, regardless of what party his name is listed with. And may our God take pity on us and rise up as soon as possible and save us and our precious boys and girls, and men and women from this awful curse. Let us all pray.—H. S. D.

## QUESTION BOX

Ques.—What is meant by many that are first shall be last and the last shall be first—Mat. 19-30.

Ans.—Bible commentators such as Rev. Joseph Benson and Dr. Adam Clark, think that our Lord in these scriptures is referring to the Jewish people who were first in privilege and advantage in hearing the gospel and in knowing what their prophets taught concerning Jesus, would be last to accept Him and be saved, whereas the gentile peoples of whom there was not so much expected because of their lack of privileges, would be first to accept Him and be saved. It also might refer to many who are first in social and financial circles in the opinions of the people of this world, shall be last in the esteem of God. Or shall be found wanting and condemned at the day of Judgment.

The one distributing Spirit divides to each man severally as He will; and whether He endows him with starlike gifts, which soar above, and blaze over half the world with lustre that lives through the centuries, or whether He sets him in some cottage window to send out a tiny ray of light that pierces a little way into the night for an hour or two, and then is quenched—it is all one. The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man for the same purpose—to do good with.—Alexander Maclaren.