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EDITORIAL

REMOVING THE LANDMARKS

Not long ago we were asked to go with a young man to try to trace the lines of a piece of lumber land which the young man thought of buying. And we were quite disappointed to find that the lines between the above mentioned land, and the adjoining farms were no longer visible. To use the words of the caption of this article. "The Land Marks had been Removed."

Then we thought of the foregoing words spoken by the writer of the Book of Proverbs. "Remove not the ancient land-marks which thy fathers have set up."

The custom of setting up land-marks or to use more modern terms, running lines, is a very old one. When the land of Canaan was divided to the Israelites, God's people, anciently, they evidently set up land-marks, or made lines that each tribe might know their own inheritance.

These landmarks or lines were very important, and even sacred, and Moses admonished the people under penalty of the law to not remove them, for these marks serve as a protection for each man's property.

There seems to be two reasons why these land-marks or lines are removed. Men might remove them because of covetousness. That is, they might want the lumber on their neighbor's adjoining land, and thus destroy, or obliterate the lines so that their neighbors would not be able to tell when they had trespassed on his land. Or they might be removed because of neglect on the owners' part. In our country these lines or marks are made on trees where the land has not been cleared, and oftentimes after several years have passed the marks will be overgrown by new wood and bark, or the trees bearing the marks may die, or be broken down by the wind, and so the line may be obliterated. So the lines must be renewed from time to time, for if neglected they will in time become invisible.

Now why all this talk about lines and landmarks, etc.?

Because this warning given by the wise man has a spiritual application and is very suggestive.

God in His Word has drawn lines of demarcation between the church and the world. Between him that serveth God, and him that serveth Him not. God's salvation separates men in spirit from the worldly minded. So as one has said, a saved man may be in the world, but not of the world. Hence the words

of the apostle: Come out from them and be ye separate saith the Lord.

Now let us note a few of the land-marks or lines, made by writers of the New Testament: "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." If any man come after me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me." "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." "Be ye therefore perfect even as your Father in Heaven is perfect." These are the words of our Lord. Again hear John in his epistle: He that is born of God doth not commit sin. He that committeth sin is of the devil. If any man have the love of the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Also hear the apostle Paul while he draws some lines between God's people and sinners. Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial, etc. Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord. Again, God hath not called us unto uncleanness but unto holiness. And again, God hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy. Also Paul's letter to the Hebrews. Follow peace with all men, and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord. Also hear Peter: As he therefore which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation, for it is written: "Be ye holy for I am holy." Notice, beloved, the writer said ANCIENT landmarks. And that reminds us that holiness doctrine is not of modern origin. It did not begin with John Wesley or some of the so-called modern holiness movements. No, God made this law before the foundation of the world, saith Paul. And he said to Abraham: Walk before me and be thou perfect.

Then if these are the landmarks that God has set up, why do men try to remove them? Well, we might say they try to do it for the same reason that they try to remove earthly lines. First, because they are covetous. They want sin and the things which the Word of God has forbidden. Their carnal hearts long after the world, worldly pleasures, etc. Hence they as professors of religion without the grace of God in their hearts, cross over the divinely appointed line and dress, talk, and act like the world.

Again the line may be removed through neglect. Neglect on the part of the preachers, and teachers of the Word. Paul said, "So we preached and so ye believed." And someone has said, "the truth that this generation fails to preach, the next generation will not believe." John Wesley said, I found some of the Methodist societies were weak, while others were strong and thriving, and on investigation I found that where the churches were weak, the preachers had not been preaching on heart holiness or the second work of grace. And where I found them strong and thriving, I also found that the pastors there were emphasizing entire sanctification, and were preaching much on such subjects as holiness, perfect love and a clean heart. The fact is, friends, that the spiritual tide of the people will seldom rise above what is preached from the pulpit. In other words of the scriptural doc-

trines of regeneration and holiness are not faithfully preached with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven. Note, I said preached, not merely referred to, or alluded to, as something which is not necessary, but is optional with us, as something that we can take, or leave as we please. I said if they are not preached as Jesus, Paul and Peter emphasized them as essential to our fitness for this life as well as the life to come. Then the people will not see their need of regenerating or sanctifying grace, and consequently neither will they seek or obtain these experiences, hence the churches will languish, become luke warm and die.

The only way that we can sustain the cause of holiness is by getting people, our church members into the experience of heart holiness. And that will require scriptural, zealous, fervent preaching of the great doctrines of regeneration, entire sanctification, holiness, and perfect love, etc. If we preachers whom God has called as the exponents of these truths, fail to do our duty, will we not be guilty of removing the ancient land-marks at least, by our neglect, if not intentionally.

Let us pray.

MARRIED

Dunham-Cliff

A pretty wedding was solemnized on October 2nd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cliff, Temperance Vale, N. B., when their daughter, Myra, was united in marriage with Mr. Morris Dunham, only son of Mrs. Etta Dunham and the late Frank Dunham, of Campbell Settlement, N. B.

Only immediate relatives were present.

After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. L. T. Sabine, of Woodstock, the bridal couple were well received by a large crowd at a reception held at the groom's home.

The many friends of these young people wish them every good success.

VICTORY BY SURRENDER

When Charles Finney was converted, having retired to a wood to pray alone and aloud, and then finding himself so suddenly and completely relieved of the burden and gguilt of his sins that he did not know what had happened to him, he said to himself as he was returning home, "If I am converted, I shall preach the Gospel."

He was a young lawyer, just getting into successful practice, and with brilliant prospects; but, like Paul, "immediately he canferred not with flesh and blood," and when, a few days after his conversion, a man came to him and asked him to plead a case for him, Finney replied:

"I have been retained by the Lord Jesus Christ to plead His cause, and I can not plead yours."

He never entered a court of law again as a lawyer.—Sel.

The greatest number of voters ever to ballot on a constitutional amendment in a general election in Mississippi repealed by a majority of ten to one the ancient statutes prohibiting bequests to churches or church organizations.—United Presbyterian.