

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Brother Dow:

Please find enclosed renewal for the King's Highway.

I do enjoy the reading of the Highway pages; it help; me to enjoy the presence of the blessed Saviour; He is feeding my soul with good things. Bless His holy name forever. I am not very well but still standing on the solid rock—Christ Jesus from whom all blessings come.. Glad I am saved from sin through Jesus' precious blood. I am looking to Him for more love and faith to keep me to the end.

Yours in His blessed service,

MRS. FREDERICK LYONS

Everett, Mass.

Dear Bro. Dow:

Enclosed you will find money order for renewal for the Highway. I look forward to its coming as I would a near friend or close relative. The letters from Africa are so helpful and interesting; also correspondence, yes from beginning to end. Am not feeling well at this writing. Am getting pretty well down the hill of time. So glad I have a hope beyond this life. My heart rejoices in the Lord. I have the glory in my soul. If we have it within, it is sure to shine out at times. It pays to go with Jesus all the way. Oh, yes, when we forsake the world we have to be misunderstood and despised by some, etc., but it will only make the crown the brighter to shine. Bless His sweet name. He (Jesus) has suffered much for us. So let's keep looking up for our redemption draweth nigh. Jesus is precious to me. Am praying for the Beulah Camp Meeting. The Lord is faithful that promised.

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. I. H. SABEAN

HOW TO SETTLE DIFFICULTIES

Dr. Moses Hoge, of Richmond, Virginia, tells of two Christian men who "fell out." One heard that the other was talking against him, and he went to him and said, "Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults to my face, that I may profit by your Christian candor and try to get rid of them?"

"Yes, sir," replied the other, "I will do it."

They went aside and the former said, "Before you commence telling what you think wrong in me, will you please bow down with me and let us pray over it, that my eyes may be opened to see my faults as you tell them? You lead in prayer."

It was done, and when the prayer was over, the man who had sought the interview said, "Now proceed to tell me what you have to complain of in me."

But the other replied, "After praying over it, it looks so little that it is not worth talking about. The truth is, I feel now that in going around and talking against you I have been serving the devil myself, and have need that you pray for me and forgive me the wrong I have done you."

The quarrel was settled from that hour. And there are several other difficulties that might be settled in the same way.—Boston Christian.

Approximately two-thirds of all fights resulting in treatment in San Francisco emergency hospital involve alcohol, according to figures just announced by Health Director Geiger, of that city.—National Voice.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF THE MOURNER'S BENCH

I think perhaps the best part of my life has been spent at the mourner's bench. I do not mean the largest part of my life, but the most important and profitable part.

I do not mean that since the time I spent at the mourner's bench I may not have contributed more to the help of my fellow beings, but it was there in deep humility and repentance before God that I learned the lesson that I first must learn if I would learn other and higher lessons. I shall never cease to be grateful for the time I spent at the mourner's bench. First, I went there for pardon; second, I went there for cleansing, and I found the Lord at the place of prayer.

We understand there is no virtue in the mourner's bench; but it is a great thing to break away from the world and its people, walk out before men and angels, and bow down at the place appointed for the unconverted to seek God, saying by the act of walking down the aisle and bowing at the mourner's bench, "I am tired of sin and Satan; I forsake my wicked ways and surrender to God. I confess that I have been a sinner and desire forgiveness." These things count large in the seeking of salvation.

There was no virtue in the waters of Jordan to heal Naaman of his leprosy, but it was a great thing for Naaman to break his stubborn will, to humble his pride, to teach him submission and obedience, to bring him to a humble acknowledgment of his utter dependence upon God. After the command was given, the Jordan was the only thing for him. Cleansing was awaiting him there; not in the water, but in the obedience. If he had only dipped six times he would not have been healed. He is commanded to dip seven times, and he must go under the seventh time before there is a sign of healing; but he is conquered now, he is humble and obedient, and will go the full length. He obeys the commandment to the last dip, and he comes up healed.

The preacher must be careful not to ask any unreasonable thing of the sinner and thus block his way, cut him off from Christ, and hinder his salvation. But it is not unreasonable to call on men to forsake their sinful associations, "to come out from among them," to bow down at the altar of the church of God, publicly to confess his sin, earnestly plead for mercy, submit himself patiently and humbly to the instruction of the Lord's people, ask for their prayers, and give himself up entirely in humility, repentance, and faith in Christ for the salvation of his soul.

We have come to times in which many ministers ask but little. The unsaved do but little and get nothing. There are many professions these times where there is no possession. We have seen instances when it seemed like trifling with God, so little was required, so little was done; no humiliation, no true repentance, no earnest prayer, no saving faith, no regenerating power, no witness of the Spirit, no happy, earnest Christian living. It would be a good thing to turn back to the mourner's bench. There is nothing more comely and proper than that those who have sinned against God should come and mourn before God because of their sins. Our Lord Jesus Himself has said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." I thank God that in early life I found my way to the

mourner's bench.—Rev. H. C. Morrison, in The Pentecostal Herald.

A PECULIAR PEOPLE

Christ died that He might make us a "peculiar people."

A great many Christians are afraid that they will be peculiar. A few weeks before Enoch was translated his acquaintances would probably have said that he was a little peculiar they would have told you that when they had a progressive-euchre party and the whole country-side was invited, you wouldn't find Enoch or one of his family there. He was very peculiar, very. We are not told that he was a warrior or a great scientist or a great scholar. In fact, we are not told he was anything that the world calls great, but he walked with God three hundred and sixty-five years, and he is the brightest star that shone in that dispensation. If he could walk with God, cannot you and I? As Dr. Bonar has said, "He took a long walk and has not come back yet. The Lord liked his company so well that He said, "Enoch, come up higher." We shall find him up there some day. Be willing to be one of Christ's peculiar people, no matter what men might say of you.—D. L. Moody.

SANCTIFIED BY FAITH

Rev. John Wesley

By justification we are saved from the guilt of sin, and restored to the favor of God; by sanctification we are saved from the power and root of sin, and restored to the image of God. All experience, as well as Scripture, shows this salvation to be both instantaneous and gradual. It begins the moment we are justified, in the holy, humble, gentle, patient love of God and man. It gradually increases from that moment, as "a grain of mustard seed, which, at first, is the least of all seeds," but afterwards puts forth large branches, and becomes a great tree till, in another instant the heart is cleansed from all sin, and filled with pure love of God and man. I have continually testified in private and public, that we are sanctified as well as justified by faith. And, indeed, the one of those great truths does exceedingly illustrate the other. Exactly as we are justified by faith, so are we sanctified by faith.—Selected.

DO YOU KNOW THAT IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR:

1. There was a murder every forty-one minutes, a robbery every two minutes, a felony every twenty-four seconds?
2. That three-fourths of the criminals today are young people?
3. That in the old days there were 177,800 saloons; now there are over 500,000 places where liquor is sold openly?
4. That today in the United States 440,000 girls are attending our colleges, while 1,350,000 girls are selling liquor?
5. That there is an ever-increasing ratio of divorces to marriage: In 1870, 1 in 33; in 1900, 1 in 12; in 1928, 1 in 6; in 1938, 1 in 5; in 1940—???
6. That there was a suicide every twenty-one minutes last year?
7. That last year 60,000 churches did not report a single convert; 30,000 churches closed their doors?
8. Only eight per cent of the population of the United States attend morning church services?—J. E. Joller.