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### EDITORIAL

#### LET US KEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD

Recently we were driving in a car over a country road. The frost was coming out, which caused many soft places and mud-holes and made travelling by auto very unpleasant and difficult. In our travels we came to a place where we were told that fourteen cars had to be pulled through that day by a man with a tractor, who lived near. When we came near to the place the driver of our car got out and carefully looked the place over. He said there is room enough to get over that place without getting into the mirehole, but I will have to drive carefully for the good road is very narrow. So he got behind the wheel, started his motor and drove forward. But instead of getting through as he expected, we soon found ourselves stuck fast in the same place as others who had preceded us and also some that came after got into, and from which we could not extricate ourselves, but had to call for help. The driver explained his failure to get through in this way. He said, there was room enough to get over if I had kept the middle of the road, but while I was watching and trying to keep out of the hole on my side of the road, I kept too far away from it, and ran into a worse one on the other side.

Then we thought, how much his experience was like that of so many professing Christians who started to travel the way of life and salvation.

The writers of both the old testament and the new, compare the life of godliness to a road, or way over which men are travelling from this world to a better country. Read for yourselves, Job, The Psalms, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jesus and Paul. John Bunyan in his famous Book, "Pilgrim's Progress," describes the Christian life as a way over which Christians travelled from the City of Destruction, to the Celestial City, or Heaven. Our Lord said straight (narrow) is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life, and few there be that find it. Dr. Adam Clark says few there be that find the way of life, and fewer still there are who continue to travel in it to the end.

The experience and explanation of our friend who got off the road and got stuck in the mud with his car, suggests to us one rea-

son at least, why some folks (not all) leave the way of salvation and fail to persevere to the end. They fail to keep the centre of the road. A long time ago the prophet Isaiah when prophesying of the gospel dispensation with its attendant blessings, said: A Highway shall be there and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness. Holiness of heart, and life is God's purpose for man. It is the great objective of the sacrifice of Jesus. Paul says, Jesus gave Himself for the Church that He might sanctify it, that it should be holy and without blemish. See Eph. 5-27. Also in Eph. 1-4, God hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy. Again in His letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes, God hath called us to Holiness. And Peter says, be ye holy, for it is written, that is God hath commanded: Be ye holy for I the Lord your God am holy. Now while holiness is the great central theme of the gospel. The purpose and command of God for men, the end or object of the requirements of the law and prophets: It also has its by-products. One of these by-products or manifestations which goes with the blessing of holiness when people get it, is spiritual life, freedom of speech, liberty from bondage in the Holy Ghost. The possessors of this grace of holiness often shout, and weep for joy, and sometimes leap like the man who was healed at the beautiful gate of the temple, in trying to give expression of the joy in his heart. Isaiah said the lame man shall leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing. Now some professors who want to appear very spiritual try to imitate this holy freedom without the aid and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Hence they do all manner of antics, run about, scream, throw themselves down upon the floor, roll around, gesticulate in various ways and whereas it is all human and lacks the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, it is very disgusting, and while it furnishes amusement for the ungodly, it brings blessing to none. This is one of the religious mire holes that people often get into when they miss the way of holiness. Now, there is a very deep rut on the other side of the road, and many travellers have run their religious chariot into it, and seem to be stuck fast. It is the rut of religious formality. Many of our good so-called holiness people, in trying to keep away from spurious demonstration have shied so far to the other side that they have not only missed the highway of holiness with its spiritual freedom and joy in the Holy Ghost, but they have gotten into that other rut—formality. They say we believe in living the life. We don't have to shout to let people know we are saved. We like religious order. Well, there is perfect order in a graveyard, but it is caused by death, and a cemetery is not a very attractive place. Jesus said, I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. Where there is an abundance of life it will be manifest in various ways. This is true of both natural and spiritual life. Let us keep in the highway of holiness and look out for the holes and ruts on either side. If any who have fallen into a rut want to get out, let them call for help. The Psalmist said, I cried unto the Lord and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He took me up also out of an horrible pit and out of the miry clay, etc. Then let us go on in the highway of holiness, which leads to Heaven above, and without which, the Apostle says, no man shall see the Lord.

#### MINISTER OF CHRIST FOR THE TIMES VI.

"Called of God" Heb. v,

The minister for the times is a commissioned man. He has not assumed the solemn work and responsibility of a Christian minister without the requisite warrant. He has not uresumed to "take upon himself" this honour, as one would undertake a mere worldly profession. He enters not upon this work because earthly kindred may have thus designed, or because the partiality of friends may have judged him adapted and called to so momentous a mission. He has felt himself moved, by a voice above all that is human, to take upon himself this office and work. The Spirit of God has called him;—moved him to prepare body, mind and heart;—mightily aided his efforts for such preparation;—endued him with power from on high;—lodged the gospel word within his heart as fire shut up in his bones;—filled him with faith and the Holy Ghost, and sent him forth. Advancing thus, the Lord goes with him, and is with him always even unto the end, and works with him with signs following. Opening his mouth, he speaks with authority, and his speech and his preaching are not with enticing words of men's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. The saints are instructed—animated—sanctified. The inquirer after salvation sees Christ "set forth," and believes. The slumberer awakes, and asks what he must do to be saved. This labourer in the gospel never labours in vain, because he is doing the work to which God has called him. A dispensation of the gospel is committed to him. Nor is it optional with him whether he shall proclaim this blessed message, or be silent; for there is a woe upon him if he preaches not the gospel. "Go thou and preach," is the voice of God to him. Should he decline, it would be at the peril of his happiness; and going "willingly," his reward is before him.

#### DOWNGRADE OF THE MOVIES

The history of evil is that it gets worse the longer it exists. It has no inner power of changing into something good. Improvements in moral tone comes from forces that are brought to bear from the outside, such as the impact and power of Christianity, which is a greater agency of good than the world can know.

In an editorial discussion of the American motion picture industry a recent issue of the New Orleans Christian Advocate states that there has been a marked drop in paid admissions to the moving picture theaters, of late, from one hundred and ten millions each week to fifty-five millions. Speaking further on this subject the Advocate says:

"The movie industry centering in Hollywood is reported to have a racial and an alien cast which could easily account for much of the slush offered in the American movies. It appears that the producers, executives and directors, are largely Russian, Rumanian, Hungarian, and Polish. The list of top salaried men numbers well over a hundred, with an average yearly salary of approximately one hundred and fifty thousand dollars each. It is said that the salaries of the executives total nearly seventeen million dollars, which must be paid before production costs are considered."

Dictate no terms to Providence. At whatever cost accept the service offered you, high or low, far or near. Then burn to the socket.—R. D. Hithcock, D.D.