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EDITORIAL

HAVING GOD'S BEST BY APPROVING THINGS THAT ARE EXCELLENT

Phil 1:10.

(Continued from Last Issue)

Obtaining God's Best, and retaining God's Best, is a man's job, and a full-time job. Effeminate, carnal Christians, mediocre professors, will scarcely reach the goal and obtain the prize. Paul writes, "Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run that ye may obtain." Note. SO RUN.

And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we, an incorruptible. I therefore SO RUN, not as uncertainly; SO FIGHT I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. I Cor. 9:24-27.

The foregoing is the great Apostle's recipe given for those who would obtain God's best. Notice his language. I run, strive. I fight, I keep under my body: all these terms suggest activity, energy, earnestness, zeal, self denial, etc. All of which were manifest in Paul's life, and are necessary for those who would be at their best for God. Some one has said, most of us are just as lazy as we dare to be. The tendency is to do as little hard work as we can, and hold our job.

We spend quite a bit of our time in recreation, relaxation. This body of ours needs so much attention, that it often becomes our master, instead of the servant of our soul. Paul said "I keep it under, bring it into subjection." Subjection to what? to God, and my soul, and my better judgment

We think we need so much food, and such good food, I fear that we don't pay much attention to fasting these days: Jesus, and Paul recommended fasting, as a means of obtaining victory, and the old pioneers of the faith practised fasting in their battles for the cause of truth. We might be much stronger, and more alert, both spiritually and physically if we denied the claims of this body more, and kept it under, and fasted.

Paul said I fight, what did he fight? He said we wrestle not against flesh and blood, we don't fight men, you say he fought sin and satan, that is true, but we have found that if we have God's best, we will need to fight some things which perhaps we don't call sins.

The apostle spoke of some things which he called weights, and exhorted the Hebrews to lay them aside with the sin which so easily beset them. These weights impede our progress in the Christian race for the prize.

We all will have to fight temptations, for the best sanctified people are tempted—in some way; but we need to remember that temptation is not sin, for our Lord was tempted of the devil, but did not yield, so did not sin. Jesus fought against, resisted him, so we must do likewise. Some good people are tempted to worry, fight worry, refuse to worry. "Leave the unknown future in the Master's hand," etc. You cannot trust God, and be at your best, and worry. Some other people are far too easy going, and care-free, if they had a little more of what those burden-bearers have too much of, it would be better for both parties. We are commanded to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Again there is a tendency on the part of some people to be light, and frivolous; and too much levity breeds shallowness in Christian experience. Paul commanded the Ephesians to abstain from foolish talking, and jesting which are not convenient. Oft times when a company of good Christian people get together, they are so pleased to see each other and to enjoy their association, that they sometimes indulge in too much talking, joking and laughing until the Spirit is grieved which causes leanness of soul. The Apostle said instead of foolish talking and jesting, let there be giving of thanks.

Yes, we do well to remember that when Christians meet together to enjoy social life, if we would get the most out of our association, and enjoy God's best, we must give some time to waiting on God in prayer and intercession for the lost, and for the success of God's work, and for the sick and poor, and suffering humans of which there are so many. What ever in thought, word or deed that brings leanness to our souls is wrong in God's sight, and we must resist all such temptations.

We are living in an age that is so fraught with THINGS that are not conducive to spirituality, that it is a man's job to keep spiritual. Yes these THINGS are moving at such a rapid rate, that if we try to keep pace with them we won't have time to be spiritual, and serve God. Perhaps we understand now what the hymn writer meant who wrote, "Take time to be holy." Yes, if we have time to be holy we will have to TAKE it away from things. In every phase of life, business, social, religious, all are on the move, and in trying to keep up, we have left the home life far behind. We will have to fight THINGS to retain our home life where the family can assemble daily about the altar to worship God. No; people are too busy chasing after THINGS which will all perish with the using, to take time to seek God, and His blessings, and approve THINGS that are excellent, God's Best things, which are eternal, and fade not away.

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." Amen.

—H. S. D.

LETTER

Amherst, N. S.

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings, one and all, in His wonderful name, and who has done so much for me.

On the 28th of August I was admitted into the Victoria General Hospital of Halifax. At 9.30 on the 30th I was being questioned, "If I

was feeling drowsy?" Yes, after a while I did and that was the last I remember till 11.15 a. m. There was no outstanding pain in the foot, that had just received "forced movement." First by hand, then by a wrench, in which case it sounded like "tearing cloth," so my doctor told his doctor friend.

Then, next day I was allowed to walk around for a long two hours.

Yes, out in five days, instead of the long two weeks I was given to understand it might take.

No wonder I have a lot to praise the Lord for, and to thank you, my praying friends. I feel the benefit already when walking.

Speaking about walking, just come and see for yourself and also enjoy a visit to our South African Mission Work among the war-like Zulus. See how they live, what their homes look like, the native workers and their fields of labour and the white worker, your missionary, and what he or she is up against. All this and much more will be shown at the following places, and on the prospective dates, the Lord willing.

Join in with us in boosting by prayer, supplication and thanksgiving. If we do our part, He will not fail us in giving us a blessed time in co-operation, and I hope to see as many out as possible.

Get in touch with the ministers to verify the dates and the set time, when these slides and talks will be.

Your returned missionary, happy in His love,
GEORGE W. L. SANDERS

Hartland—19th and 26th of September.

Royalton—27 and 28th.

Crystal—29th, Oct. 2nd.

Meductic—13th to 18th inclusive.

AN URGENT APPEAL

Blackville, N. B.,

Sept. 7, 1950.

The treasury of the Home Mission Board is depleted of funds to carry on its program of extension work. Little more than half of the home mission budget was received last year. There are heavy demands upon our resources for assistance in many directions. This has created a serious situation as there are not sufficient funds on hand to finance projects in new fields. This is the purpose for which the Board was created, to undertake and develop new work.

We as a denomination, have the responsibility upon us of reaching these needy and neglected fields with the Gospel of full salvation.

In many of them not one Christian can be found; the churches are almost completely given over to form and worldliness with little or no saving message. There are many hungry hearts in these communities who will accept our message.

The board has purchased another tent and now has two large tents and two smaller ones. Plans are being made to use these tents next summer.

Our Superintendent has suggested that each church take a special offering on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8, to be applied on the home mission budget and if possible to exceed it. Some churches may give more than their budget. Therefore we ask our people to take a Thanksgiving offering October 8, for home missions, that the work of church extension may go on without interruption.

H. M. KIMBALL,

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