



Our Seal Cove Church, due to increased attendance in the various departments of the work, has embarked upon an extension program.

The building, originally built in 1892, is undergoing renovations. Additions on both sides, front and back will double the seating capacity to around 300. Four permanent rooms will be made. They will be used for Sunday School purposes, but one will be the pastor's study and another will be the choir room. There will be outside entrances on opposite sides of the building to these rooms. The lobby on the front will fill a great need. The choir will seat twenty-eight.

A new heating plant is to be installed, additional excavations having been made for that purpose.

In the plans are provisions for the installing of a baptismal fount. An altar rail also is to be included.

By using the original building as the starting point the cost of the building has been held down. The estimated cost of the project is \$15,000.

EVADING THE CROSS

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to get out of its narrow house, the opening in the end of the cocoon was so small that it could not get through, although it did try very hard, so he said he tried to help the poor moth a little by making the opening a little larger, and the little fellow crawled out quite easily, but to his surprise and disappointment the moth seemed very weak and could not fly, but only crawled about for a little while and died.

He said he learned then that in trying to help the poor moth he had hindered it, for he had interfered with God's way of making the little fellow strong, as it needed to struggle and thus develop strength according to nature's way to be a normal flying insect.

Then he made the application: He said, I wonder if in our desire to help young people to get saved and to find their place in the work of God, do we not, often hinder instead of help them by trying to make the way easy? Many of our readers know that we have seen souls seeking to get saved, or sanctified, and they seem to be having a hard time to get victory, they seem to be struggling but making no progress.

Perhaps we forget that when seeking souls find Jesus, they find Him at the Cross. The poet sang, "At the Cross, At the Cross where I first saw the light." Again, "I must needs go on by the way of the Cross, there's no other way but this, I shall ne'er get sight of the gates of light, if the way of the Cross I miss." In our zeal to make salvation easy for seekers, we advise them to just accept Jesus by faith, and when they do they miss the Cross and the narrow way of salvation, and the result is great numbers of church joiners without the change of heart, still unsaved.

The unsundered will of the seeker coming in contact with God's will, makes the Cross for the seeker, and in his struggles he is trying to bring God to his terms or get the witness without wholly surrendering his will to God. And that is the Cross upon which self, or as Paul calls it, Our old man is crucified with Him (Jesus) that the body of sin might be destroyed. It is not at all pleasant to be crucified, it means suffering and death, but the spiritual resurrection is glorious. So the great Apostle wrote God forbid that I should glory save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I am crucified unto the world, that sounds as if he had no more to do with worldly sports or pleasures. And he wrote to the church at Corinth, I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Me thinks we will have a stronger, more devoted, sturdy, self sacrificing generation of Christians in the days to come if we encourage them to take the way of the Cross, settle all their spiritual questions on their knees before God, and on His terms. Wrestle with Him like Jacob of old until God speaks, and then we will be willing to suffer with Him.

"Must Jesus bear the Cross alone,  
And all the world go free?  
No there's a Cross for everyone,  
And there's a Cross for me."

"A perfect Christian grows far more than a feeble believer, whose growth is still obstructed by the thorns of inbred sin and by the suckers of carnal iniquity."—Sel.

CONQUER BY PRAYER

David Brainerd did his greatest work by prayer. He was in the depths of the forests alone, unable to speak the language of the Indians, but he spent whole days in prayer.

What was he praying for? He knew that he could not reach those savages: he did not understand their language. If he wanted to speak at all he must find somebody that could vaguely interpret his thought. Therefore he knew that anything he might do must be absolutely dependent upon the power of God.

So he spent whole days praying simply that the power of the Holy Ghost might come upon him so unmistakably that these people should not be able to stand before him.

What was his answer? Once he preached through a drunken interpreter, a man so intoxicated that he could hardly stand up. That was the best he could do; yet scores were converted through that sermon.

We cannot account for it, only that it was the tremendous power of God behind him.

After he was dead, William Carey read his life and went to India; Robert McCheyne read his diary and went to the Jews; Henry Martyn read his journal and went to India.

The hidden life, in communion with God in trying to reach the source of power, is the life that moves the world.—A. J. Gordon.

Don't think that it is any consolation to man to know that it is only the female mosquito that bites.

SECRET OF STRENGTH

An exchange says: "It is noted that George Muller, though a man always of delicate constitution physically, began evangelistic tours at the age of seventy, involving a period of seventeen years, and of travel aggregating eight times, around the world, and he continued to carry much of the responsibilities of the orphanages besides, until beyond the age of ninety. As a young man his frequent and serious illness and general debility had apparently disqualified him from all military duty and many prophesied early death, or hopeless succumbing to disease; yet at the age of ninety-two he is quoted as saying, "I have been able, every day and all the day, to work and with that ease as seventy years ago." He ascribed his marvelous preservation to three causes: (1) The exercising himself to have always a conscience void of offense, both toward God and toward men. (2) To the love he felt for the Scriptures, and the constant recuperative power they exercised upon his whole being (Proverbs 4:20); and (3) To the happiness he felt in God and His work, which relieved him of all anxiety and needless wear and tear in his labors.—Selected.

"My chains are snapped,  
The bonds of sin are broken—  
And I am free!  
Oh, let the glories  
Of His Name be spoken,  
Who died for me!"