

### MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

Rev. B. C. Cochrane and Rev. Mr. Blinn are engaged in tent meeting work at Barker's Point, N. B.

Rev. N. E. Trafton and Rev. R. H. Nicholson are at Oldtown, Me., in special meetings.

Rev. H. M. Kimball is in tent meetings at Glassville, N. B., and Bristol.

We are sorry to hear that Brother Charles MacCallum and family of Moncton met with a big loss recently in losing their house with all its contents, by fire.

Rev. F. A. Dunlop supplied for Rev. E. W. Tokley at Moncton Sunday, July 22nd. Rev. H. S. Dow supplied for Rev. A. Stairs at Head of Millstream Sunday, July 22nd, and also at Mercer on the same date.

### SUPPLEMENTARY FUND

Mrs. A. E. McMann.....	\$1.00
Mrs. J. Saunders.....	.50
Mrs. J. E. Mitchell.....	.50

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Dear Editor:

I am enclosing \$5.00 for Foreign Missions. It is given in memory of Mrs. I. M. Keirstead (instead of flowers) from her sister-in-law Laura French and nephew Whitfield.

### HOLINESS NOT A FINALITY

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To suppose that sanctification is graduation is to confuse the foundation of character with the formation of character. It is to confuse moral purity with Christian maturity. Purity is an obtainment. Maturity is an attainment. Purity is the work of destruction, maturity is the work of construction. Purity is moral cleanness, maturity is moral stature. Purity is a crisis, maturity is a process. The Christian life begins with a crisis and continues as a process.

"That your love may abound more and more." "More and more" is an emphatic assertion and forever cuts off the possibility of us reaching the summit of Christian Experience. There is always more beyond. You need never preface your prayers "If the Lord has any more for me, I want it." He has plenty more for you.

Sanctification does not graduate the believer in Perfect Love. Perfect Love is not the Christian's goal. It is the Christian's gate which will let him into fertile fields that need to be brought into cultivation. Perfect Love is not the terminal, it is only the junction.

Holiness is not a finality. It puts a finality to nothing except sin. There is no such a thing as a finality in the realm of attainment.

Sanctification is not graduation. It is only the entrance upon a deeper, higher and more victorious life. God did not exhaust Himself when He sanctified you. He wants us to be filled with all the fullness of God and that is much more than being sanctified.

We do get in the land when we are sanctified, but we do not possess the land. Many have crossed the Jordan and shouted down the walls of Jericho and then stopped right on the border of the land. They never have done any exploring; they never have gone inland.

Yes, there is much land ahead of every spirit-filled person to be explored, to be occupied, to be possessed. There is much ahead in four realms: in the realm of the Word of

God; in the realm of Christian service; in the realm of Christian living; and in the realm of Christian experience. All of us can go faster and much farther!

### WAIT

"Wait patiently for Him" (Psalm 37:7).

"Blessed is he that waiteth" (Daniel 12:12).

"An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning; but the end thereof shall not be blessed" (Proverbs 20:21).

Haste in thinking, speaking and doing shows lack of balance and judgment on the natural plane, and a lack of faith and perception which belongs to spiritual infancy, on the spiritual plane; for "He that believeth shall not make haste" (Isa. 28:16).

"In Him we move" and His movements are characterized by majesty, dignity, perfect poise and accuracy. He is never late, and never too soon, never slow (excepting to anger) and never hurried; for He knows the end from the beginning, and every step towards it.

If we only moved in God, and kept pace with Him, how much quieter our lives would be! We would be calm amid all circumstances, sweet-spirited under great provocations, no rash words would we utter, no harsh judgments would we form. Our decisions also would be made only in God, and our natural impetuosity would give place to deep, steady, quiet flow of the Holy Spirit through our hearts. No mistakes would have to be rectified with bitter tears, and no false steps would have to be retraced.

How many times during the past have we made a bargain, written a letter, expressed an opinion, uttered a rebuke a little too soon! If only we had "waited patiently" for Him in deep, quiet union with our God, He would have been able to accomplish so much more. If only we had not pushed that matter through, and had taken our hands off that soul, and left God to work in His time, how much better it would have been all around!

How eager we were, too, to get to work—His work, but the preparation time seemed so long and we shirked the waiting for Him!

The greater the work to which God calls, the longer the preparation He will give, and the more minutely He will train for it.

He needs for His work people with patient endurance, breadth of apprehension, quickness and sweep of mental vision, a well-balanced judgment, power to decide without partiality, a divine gentleness and tenderness of spiritual touch. They need sometimes years of loneliness, sorrow, and suffering for their developing.

Eighty years of training were needed for forty years of service in the case of Moses. John the Baptist had thirty years of preparation for only two years of service. The Son of God Himself was being prepared thirty years for His three years of ministry. A short life work with the training of God behind it will accomplish more for eternity than a long life man-trained, however cultured and clever.

Many things may make me suffer, but nothing can make me sin but my own will. And if I can fill that with His strength, I can be conqueror of everything through Him."

—Brooks.

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps" (Prov. 16:9). Will you follow His steps, and wait patiently for Him?

### GOD MADE THIS DAY

God made this day—this day of grief and pain! He saw the weakness you could not discern. And knew in this way only could you learn; God purposed it and made it for your gain.

God made this day—this day of toil and care! 'Tis oftenest weary hearts who seek His face, Claiming His power in overcoming grace And finding strength and rest and comfort there.

God made this day—this day of broken plans! You were too blind and willful, then, to heed; But God in mercy understood your need, And changed your blue-print with His own dear hands.

God made this day: though bitter be the smart, He planned it, fully knows its weight and length, And tempered it to His, not your frail strength; Then cast on Him your tested, burdened heart.

God made this day—tried heart, cast anchor here! Rely on God, who faithful is and just; And with each doubt and question lost in trust, Face each succeeding day without a fear.

—Wesleyan Methodist.

### TAKE YOUR PLACE!

Somewhere the world has a place for you

That is all your own;

Somewhere is work that your hand can do, And yours alone.

Whether afar over land and sea, Or close at your door may the duty be, It calls for your service full and free—

Take your place!

Somewhere the world has bitter tears

Your smile might dry;

Somewhere the burden of doubts and fears, The hopeless sigh.

There are steps that falter, weary, weak, For the strong, brave arm they vainly seek; Will you pass them by on the journey bleak? Take your place!

Somewhere the world has a desert spot

Your toil might till;

Somewhere a life whose loveless lot

Your love might fill.

If the place that waits be high or low, Question not, cry not—onward go! The world's great battle needs every blow— Take your place!

### GOD HEARS!

"Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit faileth" (Psalm 143:7).

God will "hear speedily," but His speedily is not our speedily. We measure time by the duration of "three-score years and ten." God measures time by the duration of His own eternity. He knows when it is the best time to give the answer—the right time. He has both the love and delight to bestow the request, and the wisdom to know when it should be withheld. He does hear, and speedily; and an answer comes when the right moment to grant it has come.—Burns.