

EDITORIAL

We intend during the coming Winter to have one column of our page devoted to "Thoughts On Holiness." We are sure that this will be the means of help, instruction and inspiration to all that care to read the same.

"THOUGHTS ON HOLINESS"

Math. 5:48. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."

At the outset, here is "perfection." Perfection taught, encouraged, and commanded. The Son of God comes down from heaven to teach us what we should be; and He bids us be perfect.

Look at this full in the face. For while on the part of some there is an earnest seeking after the light, others get rid of the whole subject with a flippant or a fierce contempt: "Oh, I don't believe in "perfection."

May this not be an awful and even a blasphemous thing to say? You may not believe in this or that man's way of explaining it. You may differ from everybody's view of the subject. But perfection as it stands here is not part of any human creed—it is the command of God. Our opinion about it cannot get rid of the word. Here in its majestic authority it abideth for ever. But we may bring upon ourselves the penalty of those who neglect the commandment: perhaps even the greater penalty of those that reject it; or, possibly, the penalty of those who "despise" the word of God.

But beside these are others, very different—earnest people who have a conscious shrinking from anything that hints at the possibility of perfection. It is to them inseparable from a perilous tendency to spiritual pride, that most miserable and loathsome of all pride. Certainly none of us like to hear a man say of himself, "I am perfect". With such a man our terms should be strictly cash; he is not the man to have credit.

Yet here is the word of the Lord, and we cannot afford to hold any view which rejects or weakens any utterance of His. Let us try, honestly and earnestly, to get at the meaning of this Scripture, praying for light to see, and grace to be, that which the Master commands.

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KEEP AT IT . . .

A man was at work—mallet and chisel were engaged busily as he plied them.

"Still chiseling?" asked a passer-by.

"Yes, still chiseling," was the reply.

"To what part of the building does this stone belong?"

"I don't know—I haven't seen the blueprint," replied the workman as he continued his labor, as chip after chip flew from the block of stone.

Do we wonder at times what use our little life may be

We have only to fill the niche assigned to us. God is the great Architect. He may give to us a place important, or unimportant in the eyes of men. Let us chisel our block and leave to Him the fitting in with His plans for the glory of His Son. But keep chiseling at your block, whatever it may be.—Scattered Seed.

DISTRICT RALLY REPORT

A very interesting and helpful Young People's Rally was held at Port Maitland, Nov. 9-11, when the young people of Wood's Harbour, Sandford, Havelock and Bethany Bible College met with young people of the said church.

Rev. N. E. Trafton, President of Bethany Bible College was the guest speaker. His messages were heart stirring and challenging, a spiritual blessing to all. The faculty and students of the college added much to the spiritual tone of the meeting. Special numbers in song were given by various groups from the visiting young people.

Officers elected for the coming year were as follows:—

President—Burton Landers, Sandford.

Vice-President—Melvin Perry, Port Maitland.

Sec.-Treas.—Betty Lewis, Danvers.

Ad-Comm.—Clara Smith, Port Maitland, and Floris Landers, Sandford.

Ways and means were discussed to enable us to reach other young folk for God through our young people's groups.

We extend our thanks for the fine manner in which the Port Maitland people entertained the visitors. Most of all we thank God for His abiding presence, for real Christian fellowship made possible through the Grace of Him who gave Himself for us, that He might Redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people zealous of good works.

SEC. BETTY LEWIS.

KEEP THE REFLECTORS CLEAR

A man visited a great lighthouse once, and he asked the keeper, "Are you not afraid to live here? It is a dreadful place in which to be, constantly."

"No," replied the keeper, "we are not afraid. We never think of ourselves here."

"Never think of yourselves! How is that?" The reply was a good one.

"We know that we are perfectly safe, and think only of having our lamps burning brightly, and keeping the reflectors clear, so that those in danger may be saved."

That is what Christians ought to do. They are safe in a house built on a Rock, which cannot be moved by the wildest storm. In a spirit of holy unselfishness, they should let their light gleam across the dark waves of sin, that those who are imperiled may be guided into the harbor of eternal safety in Christ Jesus.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."—Young People's Witness.

PONDER THIS

Thomas Guthrie used to say: "If you find yourself loving any pleasure better than your prayers, any book better than the Bible, any house better than the house of God, any table better than the Lord's table, any persons better than Christ, or any indulgence better than the hope of heaven take alarm."—Alliance Weekly.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

1. I am the Lord that redeemeth thee; thou shalt not give all the credit to the evangelist, or thy pastor, or anyone else, for thou shalt have no other gods before me.

2. Thou shalt not worship thy church, nor any other denomination on earth; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and have a few people in 'most all denominations who have not defiled their garments.

3. Take not the name of the Lord thy God in vain; neither shalt thou refer to the minister as "Brown" or "Smith," but at least esteem him enough to refer to him as Brother Brown or Brother Smith.

4. Remember God's sanctuary to keep it clean and holy; thou shalt not make it a house of merchandise, a moving picture theatre, or a playhouse for the children. Six days shalt thou do all thy work, and on the Lord's day thou shalt rise early and bring thy children to Sunday school and preaching service, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

5. Honor the church that teaches God's Word, that has a Spirit-filled ministry and a saved membership, and is getting folks saved and sanctified. Honor it with thy presence and thy means, and God will bless thee.

6. Thou shalt not kill thy brother's or sister's influence by the circulation of evil reports; neither shalt thou kill the pastor's influence by unkind criticism of him. Neither shalt thou kill thine own influence by failing to bridle thy tongue.

7. Thou shalt not have unlawful fellowship with the world, for it is opposed to God and a friend of the evil one.

8. Thou shalt not steal anything from thy neighbor, thy tithe from God, nor thy support from the church. Let him that stole steal no more.

9. Thou shalt not speak evil of thy neighboring church, neither shalt thou testify to something thou dost not have, for in so doing thou shalt bring reproach to the church and damnation to thine own soul.

10. Thou shalt not covet a place on the church board, neither shalt thou envy the pastor or Sunday-school superintendent, neither shalt thou covet thy brother's experience—get one of thine own; God has it for thee.—Author Unknown (submitted by Rev. Eugene W. Moore).

MY PILOT KNOWS

My frail ship tosses on the storm-swept sea;
The breakers roar and high the north wind
blows;

The threatening rocks and shoals I cannot
see—

But all of these and more my Pilot knows.

The storms may blow and all the lights go
out;

Still surely to the port my frail ship goes.
There is a path of safety through the storm;

And every mile, I'm sure my Pilot knows.

I leave the journey in His skillful hand

And, whether glassy calm or stormy blows,
I rest secure as in His grace I stand.

I trust the journey to the One who knows.