

to behold iniquity." Well, if on going home today the one you loved most in your home would not look at you, you would want to know why, and get that right at once! It is far sadder and more serious to have the cloud between you and God. But if there is permitted sin in your heart and life, you can depend upon it, there is such a cloud between you and Him. I am not writing of what I do not know. Oh, cultivate a tender conscience for sin. And if there be such a cloud between your soul and God, get down on your face before Him, make humble confession, seek His forgiveness and cleansing and once more you will find the light of His face.

(2) Sin silences the song of the Lord in the heart. We find in God's word it is only the redeemed that sing God's praises on earth. It was not until Israel had been redeemed from Egypt's bondage that they sang the song of the Lord. And if we could look into Heaven we should find that all the singers there are those who have been washed in the Blood of the Lamb. So as long as we are walking in the light, and the precious Blood is cleansing us from sin, praise and thanksgiving and melody rise spontaneously from the heart. But the moment sin is committed that song dies away and the heart becomes sad and heavy. We have a touching picture of this in Psalm 137:4, where we find Israel captive in Babylon, a picture of the soul in a backslidden condition—and in answer to the request "Sing us one of the songs of Zion," they sadly but truthfully answered "How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land." So with sin permitted in heart or life the song of the Lord is impossible.

(3) Sin hinders answers to our prayers. God loves to answer prayer and if we never get answers to our prayers there must be something wrong. In St. John 9:31, we read, "We know that God heareth not sinners," and in the margin of my Bible there are no less than fourteen references to other parts of the Word to show that sin prevents God hearing and answering prayer. Do you get answers to prayer? You cannot, if you trifle with sin!

(4) Sin hinders the work of God in the Church to which you belong. We read in Ephesians 4:16, that every limb must be in joint and every part of the body must be working in harmony, if the body is to increase in life and stature. Well, if there are members of the Church out of joint with the Lord and out of harmony with one another because of sin, open or secret, the life and progress and witness of the whole Church are hindered. We have instances of this hindering power of sin in the history of Israel. Because of Miriam's sin (Numbers 12) the whole camp was kept waiting seven days. Because of Achan's sin (Joshua 7) the Israelites were defeated at Ai and God told them He would not be with them in victorious power until "the accursed thing" was put away. If Christians permit sin in their lives, the blessing of the Church is retarded.

(5) Sin may lead to the loss of our Crown. There is a glorious crown for every successful fighter and runner in the Christian race. St. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 9:27, how very anxious he was to win that crown and how he kept under his body and brought it into subjection "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away."

Beloved! All this is very solemn and very serious. No wonder our gracious Father

makes to us through His Apostles this tender warning and appeal: "These things write I unto you that ye sin not."

The Note of Encouragement

"And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins." Oh, thank God, if as we have looked into the Word of God we have been convicted of harbouring in our heart or life "that abominable thing which God hates," there is a blessed and a Divinely provided remedy. Our case is not hopeless. We can have not only pardon and restoration, but deliverance. But for this we need

"The Double Cure"

i.e. we need not only forgiveness for our sins but cleansing from our sin.

So we read in the gracious promise, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." There we have this "double cure." Pardon for our sins and cleansing of the heart from sin, which is the cause of the sins. Pardon and cleansing! The Lord says we need both in order that we may not sin. Blessed be God. He promises and provides both and therefore both may be found and enjoyed.

This beautiful passage of His Word mentions first two or three simple and yet most important and necessary steps we must take to receive and experience "the double cure."

(1) Come to the Right Place. That is "the Mercy Seat." "He is the propitiation" (and therefore His Throne is the propitiatory or Mercy Seat) "for our sins" (I John 2:2). There is mercy there for "the whole world" and there is mercy for everyone, for you and for me. You will find nowhere else such kind and gracious treatment as at the Mercy Seat. Come to the right place!

(2) Come to the Right Person. The Lord Jesus Christ is on the Mercy Seat. "We have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous" (1 John 2:1)—even the One Who went to the Cross for us, and Who "bore our sins in His own body on the tree" that God might freely and justly forgive us. Come to Him.

(3) Come in the Right Attitude. Concealing nothing, hiding nothing, excusing nothing, whitewashing nothing. Lay everything bare before Him. He may and will cause you to feel that it is an evil and bitter thing to sin, but He will not cast you out.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Not will be faithful but is faithful to forgive us our sins. That is the first cure. And then "cleanse us from all unrighteousness!" That is the perfecting of the cure! Is that not a blessed gospel!

So come to the Lord Jesus! Come to the Mercy Seat. Tell Him all! Confess all! Acknowledge all and He will forgive and cleanse you and put you in the light again to walk with Him. Anything He wants you to put right, ask Him to show you and enable you to put it right. "He will do it." You may not immediately become inwardly conscious of His pardoning, cleansing grace and mercy but wait patiently for Him, and you certainly will become conscious of it for "He is faithful that promised." "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—Pilgrim Holiness Advocate.

"I like the silent church before the service begins. If you must whisper — whisper a prayer."

RIVERSIDE CAMP MEETING

Riverside Camp Meeting closed on Sunday night, Aug. 12, according to schedule. Judging from the number of souls seeking spiritual help, we would say it was the best camp meeting that we have had in several years. The attendance on Sundays and at the evening services was very good. Rev. Bona Fleming, our evangelist, seemed to be at his best. He preached the gospel of Christ in his characteristic way with unwearying zeal, which held the interest of all who heard him. He is indeed a unique preacher. There seemed to be much conviction on needy souls at times, and a goodly number came to the altar seeking spiritual help, and seemed to find their heart's desire in being converted, or reclaimed, or sanctified wholly. The response to appeals for finances was very good indeed. The last Sunday afternoon an offering was taken which amounted to over fifteen hundred dollars in cash and pledges. To God be all the glory!

—H. S. DOW.

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT WOMAN

Rev. Ida M. Keirstead recently departed this life, and went to be with Jesus, whom she loved and served. We call her a great woman because she was greatly devoted to the cause for which Jesus died. While young, Sister Keirstead studied and became a graduate nurse, and practised her profession for a few years, then married Rev. I. F. Keirstead, one of the preachers of our Church. Soon they felt called to Africa to engage in missionary work, where they laboured several years and were a great help and blessing to many souls. Then Sister Keirstead's health failed and they came home. Our sister was so ill that they thought for a time that she would not reach home alive, but God was merciful and permitted her to see her many friends and loved ones in the homeland again. Brother and Sister Keirstead served several of our churches very faithfully until Brother Keirstead's passing. Notwithstanding our sister's poor health she never lost interest in the Lord's work, but prayed much and did all she could to assist in the good work. Now she has gone from us to receive the reward of the faithful, and may it be said of her as it was said of Mary, whom Jesus commended, "She hath done what she could."

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The blessing of blessings is the God of love dwelling in your soul. The wrath of an enemy, the treachery of a friend, and every other evil, only helps the Spirit of Love to be more triumphant, to live its own life and find all its own blessings in a higher degree.—William Law.

"Give me Thy strength, O God of power,
Then let winds blow, or thunders roar,
Thy faithful witness I will be!
'Tis fixed; I can do all through Thee!"

OBITUARY

Mrs. J. Harvey Wheeler passed away peacefully at her home in Knoxville, N. B., on July 8th at 8 p.m., at the age of 84 years. She leaves to mourn, her husband; one son, Hermon, of N. J.; one daughter, Mrs. Burpee White, of Knoxville; several grandchildren and one brother. Interment was at Knoxville cemetery.