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Sermon.

By W. S. McKnight, Minister of the Lincaster St. Baptist Church, St. John, N. B.

And published at the request of the Western Association. Text.—MAY KNOW OF HOW HE IS ALL THINGS.—Psalm 138.

Growth in the sphere of the soul's religious life is a doctrine of the Bible, frequently enunciated and variously illustrated on its sacred pages, while it is also presented as a duty, plainly and positively enjoined upon those who have been made the children of God by the regenerating energy of the Holy Spirit.

This doctrine of a vital union between Christ and the Christian is a profound and insoluble mystery. Some regard it as a mysticism, but it is a mysticism taught in the Bible. The vital and organic union of the vine and its branches is the illustration employed by the Great Teacher to set it forth.

Others there are who impute some extravagant and noxious views of what the renewed man should aim for and attain in the divine life. Suddenly they boldly, if not boastfully, declare that they, by a single bound, reached the appointed and attainable goal of christian excellence, a sort of sinless perfection, a state at least in which they are no longer conscious of sin, and have no further occasion to supplicate forgiveness, while they furnish only a distorted and in many cases a repulsive specimen of christian character.

But let us at once endeavor to trace in the teachings of the text before us—

THE GROWTH OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

I. My first point is, that this growth proceeds from Christ, that is to say, it has its beginning and continuance in Him.

1. It has its BEGINNING in Christ. The great truth that underlies the whole subject and all the facts pertaining to it, is the new birth of the soul. First and most important of all, lying at the basis of all, we must be in the Divine life if we would grow in it. We must pass from nature to grace, come into and under Christ, ere we can grow or begin to grow up into Him.

2. It has its END in Christ. The great truth that underlies the whole subject and all the facts pertaining to it, is the new birth of the soul. First and most important of all, lying at the basis of all, we must be in the Divine life if we would grow in it.

3. It has its POWER in Christ. The great truth that underlies the whole subject and all the facts pertaining to it, is the new birth of the soul. First and most important of all, lying at the basis of all, we must be in the Divine life if we would grow in it.

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This is the second vital condition of christian growth. And just here many fall into a mischievous mistake. The Divine life once originated in the human soul it is thought that it can and must be sustained and increased henceforth by the self-sprung moral energies, and by the practical religious duties of the renewed man.

It is surprising to find so many walking in darkness, bewildered with doubt as to what and how much is to be accepted as essential truth on this subject. For the Palpit and the Press put forth conflicting opinions on this, as indeed on every other theme within the compass of the christian religion, while, what is nearly as unprofitable, from both the Palpit and the Press is almost constantly issuing a string of unprepared, disjoint and hortatory appeals, urging with vague and reiterated platitude of expression the doctrine and the duty of Progress in the christian life, without defining or even attempting to define, the NATURE and LIMITS of the truth inculcated.

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bodies and spirits which are his by all the sacred rights of redemption.

This single and high view was entertained, taught, enforced and practiced by the Apostle Paul. One of the distinct and grand purposes in the sublime scheme of human redemption is, "That we should be to the praise of his glory." Read over the epistles addressed by the inspired Apostle of the Gentiles "to the Saints in Christ Jesus," and mark the frequency of this idea of making the glory of God the aim of the christian life, and the end of its advancement towards perfection.

III. We should aim for a complete and symmetrical christian growth. "May grow up into him in all things"—i. e., in all things that pertain to fullness and symmetry of christian character. The perfection and beauty of the religious growth are found in the unity and symmetry of all the cardinal virtues and graces of a gospel discipleship, and not in the sufficiency, vigor and brilliancy of some one or two.

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If I had the names of the B. Ridge subscribers I would publish them.

Total, from King's County, \$171.62. From King's and Queen's, \$434.04.

The terms of the subscription have been complied with. No money is to be paid back to the donors.

On the 5th of October I borrowed money to represent subscriptions made to me and not yet paid in, and became personally responsible for its payment. One hundred and five dollars of the sums credited above have been received since the 5th inst. It is to be hoped that all that is subscribed will come in immediately, for I am pledged to pay the money borrowed inside of one month.

Yours truly, E. C. GADY.

FORMATION OF CHARACTER.—If you ever watched an icicle as it formed, you would have noticed how it froze one drop at a time until it was a foot long or more. If the water was clean the icicle remained clear, and it sparkled brightly in the sun; but if the water was slightly muddy the icicle looked foul, and its beauty was spoiled. Just so our characters are formed. One little thought or feeling at a time adds its influence. If every thought be pure and right, the soul will be bright and lovely, and will sparkle with happiness; but if there be thoughts and feelings impure and wrong, the mind will be soiled, the character depraved and darkened, and there will be final deformity and wretchedness. How important then that we should be on our guard against every evil impulse and desire!

For the Christian Visitor: I have received the following sums from the individuals whose names are here given, for the Seminary Debt, and paid the same into the hands of F. G. Gabel, President of the Education Society: PER QUEEN'S COUNTY: Dea. Henry Todd, \$5.00; Martha Wilson, \$0.50; Mrs. W. H. White, 1.00; Josias Brown, 40; G. H. Macdonald, M. D., 5.00; Mrs. Justus Brown, 25; J. H. Wilson, 1.00; Hulda Cox, 50; W. H. Beak, 1.00; C. Flower, M. D., 1.00; \$38.15.

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ST. JOHN, OCTOBER, 1869. WENTWORTH.

Spiritual Refreshings.

The gracious visits of the Spirit have often been so much beyond the faint expectations of churches and their pastors, that I record two or three illustrations of the divine presence for the encouragement of all.

In one case, a beloved pastor had labored in a church thirteen years almost without fruits that he could discover. So little interest was manifested, and so little progress made, that he had determined to ask a dismission, and had begun to pack his goods. But his attention and that of his church were attracted to a series of meetings in another church a mile off, where God was pouring out his Spirit. At the close of those meetings the first named church opened their house, and for successive days and evenings met for prayer and mutual encouragement. The result was, the good pastor unpacked his goods, fifty were added to the church, and his days among that people were filled with comfort and blessing.

Another instance. An aged pastor attended a meeting in a neighboring church, but was so disheartened that he said to the minister, "I should be glad to invite you to attend meetings among my people, but I do not dare to, we are in so low a state. The bell wheel is broke, and they have not energy enough to mend it; and the singers have flared up and left the seats, and we have no singing. I don't think it will do to attempt it." But as the fire continued to burn in surrounding churches, he gathered courage, and decided to hold a series of meetings. They were commenced, and it was evident that God was present. The second and third evening of the meetings nearly the whole congregation rose for prayer, and soon a large number were hoping in the Saviour, and among them the chief men of the village. It was a striking fact that a good deacon, living four miles from church, was sick, and for weeks had been expecting to die; but in his confinement at home he remembered Zion, looked at her desolations, and his heart bled as he contemplated her condition. It looked almost as if the church must become extinct; and he began to cry to God out of the depths. Fervent prayer availed with God, and salvation came down.

Another little church, away in the backwoods, dwindled to sixteen members. They were without a shepherd, and determined to hold a series of special meetings. A preacher was invited, and the meetings commenced on the Sabbath. But the snow was blowing, roads blocked, in the dead of winter, thermometer at zero; only a little handful could get out, and the prospect looked dark indeed. "Hadden't you better give up the meetings?" said the minister, shivering; "you may be all shut up, and it is impossible to keep comfortable if the people get here. It will cost you time and some suffering and some money." A brother rose by the wall. "No," said he, "I hope we shall not give it up. I think we can stand it, and I trust the meetings will go on." And they did go on. Through drifts and storms and cold, with muff and tippet and double mittens, the people assembled; the Sun of righteousness came out and raised the spiritual thermometer, till double the number of the church members were hopefully led to Jesus; and one of the brethren, with streaming eyes, rose and said; "I bless God for what he has done for us. I thought we were gone; that this church must die out; but now He has given us a lease of life for another generation." It is blessed to lay foundations in the wilderness; and it is blessed to build up the old waste places, and restore the desolations of former generations.

LORD ERSKINE'S RULE.—Lord Erskine, distinguished for independence and truth, once said, "It was a first command and council of my earliest youth always to do what my conscience told me was my duty, and to leave the consequence to God. I shall carry with me the memory, and I trust the practice, of this paternal lesson to the grave. I have hitherto followed it, and have no reason to complain that my obedience to it has been a temporal sacrifice. I have found it, on the contrary, the road to prosperity and wealth, and I shall point out the same path to my children for their pursuit."