

Heaven help the people if their isn't, and so far as my reading from that source has gone, I would infer that it is practically confined to that handfull of enthusiasts. I never opposed that grandest of all themes to me—Holiness, nor have I given any uncertain sound as to where I stood in regard to it. But, if you supposed that I accepted along with it, your peculiar and wild views of divine guidance, you were mistaken. Where are several of your ministerial brethren who were some time ago, associated with you in this movement? Where is the International Holiness Association, who fraternized with you for some time, and a host of the laity of the great Methodist church? Just now, where I always was and where I am to-day. They saw, and I saw, whither this movement was drifting, and that you were anything but a safe leader, and refused to follow.

You say further that "the work represented by Mr. Petch will have no such deadly opponent as Mr. A. Boomer." Now, this is simply an impertinent prediction, and must go for what it is worth. Mr. Boomer has offered no opposition whatever, to the spread of Holiness, God forbid, that I should, but I do oppose fanaticism as set out in the 37th. sermon of the founder of our beloved Methodism; the reading of which, had probably more to do with shaping the course I have taken, than any other factor. Mr. Petch, assisted by Mr. Dickenson and others, including the Galt heretics, have been laboring most assiduously for some years, altogether unopposed at his appointment, but at our last quarterly meeting, we and the other representatives from that place, took the position of asking the Board to close the appointment there, whilst the society where this persecutor of the sect. Alfred Boomer, a veritable coppersmith, Alexander, of apostolic times, is credited with being the strongest personality etc., still flourishes, all the means in connection with the church well

sustained, and the finances never better. I speak not this boastingly. but facts are strong things, and should be a complete answer to the heavy indictment you made against me.

Your Brother,
A. BOOMER.

DEAR BRO. H.:—

You feel sad at the fact that advocates of holiness should disagree in the columns of a religious paper. So it is, but the blame in God's sight is with those who are in error whoever they may be. I am one of those who believe that *truth* is the most valuable of all treasures and I will have it at all hazards. Christ says of himself when before Pilate, "To this end was I born that I should bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice." And previous to that utterance, he said: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He calls the third person of the Godhead the Spirit of Truth, in three instances. In nearly seventy passages in the New Testament is the truth put before us as the ultimate thing for man; the one thing above all else needful. And, accordingly, we are to be valiant for the truth, we are to be *of* the truth, and *in* the truth, sanctified in the truth or through it, and so forth; for truth came by Jesus Christ. The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable; not, as some would have it, just peaceable; and let the purity take care of itself. So, I have been contending for the faith once "delivered to the saints" by Jesus at Mt. Olivet, and realized by more than three thousand on the day of Pentecost, by many at Samaria and Cesarea, and by Saul of Tarsus at Damascus for himself, and instrumentally administered by him to the twelve disciples at Ephesus, as I showed in my letter to the *Christian Guardian*. As to its taking me "a long time to reach my present views," I may tell you that for several years before I saw what I