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HIGHER.

Higher in our mode of living,
Higher in intelligence,
Higher in the daily practice
Of the use of common sense;
In using judgment for ourselves
Of what is really good and wise,
In seeking daily light from heaven,
That we may higher rise.

Higher in our ministrations
To all who are in need,
Higher in our constant efforts
To sow the gospel seed,
Showing how we sympathize
With grief in every form,
Leading those to trust in Jesus
Who are the most forlorn.

Higher in our social pleasures,
In the means that we employ
To secure for fleeting moments
Little gleams of passing joy;
Higher in acts of self-denial,
That we can practice every day,
Helping some poor struggling soldier
In the blessed narrow way.

Higher in the sweet communion
We enjoy with Him we love,
Striving always to be ready
For our happy home above;
Seeking for the Holy Spirit
To baptize our hearts with fire,
Waiting for the welcome summons,
Come, beloved, come up higher.

E. A. I.

Kincardine, Feb. 11th, 1887.

"I hope Brother C. is not ashamed to preach full salvation, receivable now by faith. This is the word which God will always bless, and which the devil peculiarly hates; therefore he is constantly stirring up both his own children and the weak children of God against it."—*J. Wesley.*

SCRIPTURALNESS IN TEACHING HOLINESS.

There is really more in this expression than is generally meant. Many presume that a doctrine is scriptural because there is one passage in the Bible which clearly teaches it. Now, suppose we grant this, although it should be so granted with much hesitation, nevertheless it would not be scriptural to place such a doctrine side by side with one which is founded on a hundred passages.

Hence, we argue that the relative importance of scriptural teaching should, amongst other things, be judged by the importance given to it in the Scriptures themselves. And yet this reasonable, self-evident truth is constantly set at naught by writers and teachers of holiness.

We have noticed many instances of this in our exchanges, as also in the public teaching and preaching of leaders in the modern revival of holiness, and we propose to offer a few friendly suggestions for general consideration concerning this matter.

It will be noticed by readers of the EXPOSITOR, that more and more we have felt called upon to bring the subject of the "Promise of the Father," the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, to the front, in our writings.

This was not our design when we commenced, but has grown gradually upon us, until now we recognize the special need of constantly emphasizing this all-important doctrine.

Fearful lest in stepping out of the ordinary current of thought in so doing we should be unscriptural, we have been driven to still closer examination of the Scriptures concerning the whole matter,