

## DIVINE LEADING.

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The following incident was related by a sister, last Tuesday afternoon, in the holiness meeting that is held every week in the First M. E. church in Cleveland, Ohio:

"I had promised the Lord that I would do whatever He required of me. Soon after this I was riding on the train, and the Spirit said, 'Speak to that man on the next seat about his soul.' 'But, Lord, he is a stranger, and it would be very improper.' 'Never mind, speak to him.' I hesitated, when these thoughts went coursing through my mind: 'Suppose it appears on the Judgment day that that man is lost, but that he would have been saved if you had done your duty, and his soul is required at your hand?' I hesitated no longer, but kindly asked him if he was a Christian. 'No, madam, I don't believe anything at all in religion. Nearly all the Christians are hypocrites.' I spoke a few more words and asked him to give his heart to God. When I arose to leave the train he followed me to the door, asked me where I lived, and thanked me for speaking to him. About a year after this, I entered a store in our town, and to my surprise I met this gentleman. He said the words I spoke to him had followed him day after day, until at last he had decided to yield to the Spirit and give his heart to God. He had come to A—— on purpose to find me, if he could, and tell me how wonderfully he had been converted, and to thank me for speaking to him about his soul."—*Free Methodist.*

NUMBERS amount to nothing when opposed to God and good people. We need never fear our foes, though they be "even as the sand upon the sea-shore," because it is "the Lord" that is to deliver them into our hands. (Josh. xi. 4, 6, 8.) Who can fight against God? But mark well! obedience must follow when God gives us the victory. (Vs 9, 11, 15.) We may think His commands needlessly cruel. We may think we can spare some of our enemies and compromise with others. If we do, it will be our one grand mistake. Nor need we be alarmed at unusual opposition, for it is of the Lord to harden the hearts of some, that they should come against us in battle that He may destroy them utterly, and that they may have no favor. (V. 20.) This Holy War is one of extermination.—*Standard.*

## "I AM THE LIGHT."

The world is in moral darkness. Men grope about thinking that they see, but spiritually are stone blind. To them the darkness is so dense that the brightest sun makes no impression. They have no organs of spiritual sight. Christ the Sun of Righteousness comes, but they have no eyes to see Him. They are like a man with both eyes taken out. The night and the day are alike to him. When Christ gives us eyes to see, then only do we realize that He is the light of the world. Said the blind man, "I went and washed, and I received sight." This is a picture of the thousands who now have spiritual sight. They simply obeyed Christ, went and washed and came seeing. No matter how great their blindness had been, no matter how impossible it seemed to others that they should be given spiritual life, obeying Christ's command they see. The change may be so great that, like the blind man, their most intimate neighbors would scarcely recognize in the Christian that now is, the old blind sinner that was.—*Sel.*

## TESTIMONY.

A Band worker writes: I feel such a burning love for souls that I am loth to lose even one day from work. Still the days which I spend in constant communion with God and in meditation and prayer are not lost. How elastic and buoyant my soul feels! How blessedly is my mind stayed upon my God! How sweet, deep, rich and full is the peace which fills my soul! I now realize as I never did before that every faculty of mind and body, every ransomed power, is the Lord's, and His alone. I have longed, O so ardently, to realize Christ's appropriation of the gift which has been so long kept upon the altar. And now I not only believe, but actually feel that I am His, all His, and He is mine. Blessed be His name. I am now close up to His very heart, and feel nought but the great throbs and pulsations of love, pure love.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,  
All my being's ransomed powers,  
All my thoughts and words and doings,  
All my days and all my hours.  
—*Glad Tiding.*

RIGHT intention is to the actions of a man what the soul is to the body, or the root to the tree.