

THE

Expositor of Holiness

AND

BAND WORKER.

Vol. IV.

FEBRUARY, 1886.

No. 8.

SHALL NOT MAKE HASTE.

Isaiah xxvii. 16.

BY M. F. ROWE.

Shall not make haste! in this busy life,
With its cares and turmoil, its din and strife;
When the ebbing tide and the current strong,
Would recklessly hurry our barks along,
Onward, onward, toward the sea,
The ocean vast of eternity.

Shall not make haste! in the eddying swirl,
The rush of business, and pleasure's whirl,
The worry o'er trifles that will annoy;
The heavy trial that robs of joy;
The precious moments we fear to waste;
Yet, "He that believeth shall not make haste."

Shall not make haste; though the jostling
throng
Are rushing with eager steps along.
With anxious haste they strive to grasp
Earth's gilded toys, but they only clasp
A phantom form that fades in air,
And leaves them alone in their dark despair.

"Shall not make haste," the Lord hath said;
Say, have we rightly the message read?
Are not our lives too full of care?
Ever hurrying here and there,
Striving and seeking for something great,
When God's word to us is simply "wait."

Wait, and His great salvation see,
Then, in quiet assurance our strength shall be.
Wait, and at Jesus' feet sit still,
There, to listen and learn our Father's will;
From the world to "come apart" and rest,
And recline on the gentle Saviour's breast.

Idle! ah, no; there are sheep to feed,
And the lambs our tender watch-care need;
And many are treading the paths of sin,
That we are commissioned for Christ to win.
Oh! time is too precious to idly waste,
Yet, "He that believeth shall not make haste."

Shall not make haste, for He knoweth best,
And under His wings we securely rest;
Learning of Him from day to day,
Just the work to do, just the word to say,
No heedless haste, no anxious care,
Just knowing His love, and abiding there.

Shall not make haste: Oh, message sweet!
And we often sadly the words repeat,
How our happy hearts with gladness thrill!
Yes, He leads His flock by waters still,
And they quietly rest in pastures green,
Where nought of evil can intervene.

Shall not make haste: we praise Thee, Lord,
We may rest on Thy sure, abiding word:
And, quietly resting, day by day,
May walk with Thee in the narrow way,
In raiment white, with converse chaste
Communing with Thee, we shall not make
haste.

—*Pacific Herald of Holiness.*

THE UNITY OF THE SPIRIT IN THE BOND OF PEACE.

There is considerable misunderstanding amongst professors of holiness concerning unity. Failures to understand the subject are connected with knowing what is the human and what is the Divine part in securing unity amongst Christ's followers. Many write and talk about it as if it were not a grace of the Spirit, but the result of human effort. True, the word unity is not mentioned as one of the distinct graces of the Holy Ghost, yet it is evidently the immediate result of them, and in the passage from which the heading of this article is taken, it is spoken of as directly associated with the Blessed Spirit.

Now, the gospel method of promoting unity is one thing, and the legalistic or