

many hours in prayer and fasting for more love and more power—strange!

According to the fourth answer, the justified soul keeps the moral law and the whole range of New Testament precepts as perfectly as the sanctified. The only difference between them is increased brilliancy and intensity given to the features of the sanctified. In the latter clause of this last answer, if the simile used is of any practical value, it must imply a necessary length of time in which the infantile quality of first love grows into sanctified love, and so of all the other graces of the Spirit; and yet teachers of this creed, to a man, insist on provision having been made for this infant Christian becoming entirely sanctified almost immediately after justifying grace has been received.

Now, according to Bible teaching, the newly regenerated soul loves God perfectly and possesses all the graces of the Spirit without any alloy. And if he will but walk in the Spirit from that time on he will exhibit the Christ-life in all respects, for the Holy Spirit stands ready, after having witnessed to his forgiveness and adoption, to impart Himself in the Pentecostal sense at once and continue to abide with him always as teacher, guide, empowerer and witnesser.

But if this new convert turns away from His proffered help and leans to his or another's understanding, and, as a consequence, undertakes to live the Christian life after the spirit of Old Testament obedience to Scripture precepts, then does he fail to walk in the Spirit, and so, of necessity, fulfils more or less the lusts of the flesh. Certainly, then he is but a babe in Christ, and he speedily becomes conscious of the fact; and, moreover, he never succeeds really in emerging from this babyhood till he accepts the walk in the Spirit in the absolute, that is, in the New Testament sense.

This simple statement of creed defies honest criticism. It may be caricatured, and often is. It may be denounced, and frequently men had in reputation for piety indulge in this pastime; but he who undertakes to scrutinize it with Bible in hand and in the spirit of the truth lover, becomes its convert.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS.

Extracts from letters written to J. K. CRANSTON, of Galt, by the late REV. DAVID BICKELL, Presbyterian minister, Mount Forest, Ontario.

My first acquaintance with Mr. Bickell was in February, 1888, when he came to Galt, to preach in Knox Church, during the absence of Rev. Jas. K. Smith, who was then in California. His sermons were full of Gospel truth, and are remembered by many in Galt yet. On the Monday following the Sabbath he preached in Knox Church, he came to see me in the store to find out what the holiness revival meant, in Galt, and what was taught at the meetings held by us—he had heard conflicting reports on every side. After a lengthened conversation with me, Mr. D. Caldwell came into the store, and the conversation continued till train time, and when Mr. Bickell put out his hand to say good-bye, he, with tears in his eyes, asked us to pray for him that he, too, might enjoy the rest of Canaan, and said he had not the experience we testified to, as his own. A few of us met together frequently, and our prayers ascended for our brother minister, and then I wrote him a short letter that the Lord put into my heart to write, to which I got the following reply, a few days afterwards:

MOUNT FOREST, March 28, 1891.

MY DEAR BROTHER,—I was extremely pleased to receive and read your kind Christian letter to-day. Several times I have thought of writing you, and just this very day it occurred to me that you would still be asking the good Lord for my transference into Canaan, and that I should write and tell you that the God of Joshua has brought me over Jordan. Yes, it is a land flowing with milk and honey. It is easy to read about such a land, and to sing, "I have reached the land of corn and wine," etc., but to taste it, isn't that the joy and peace? Well, after coming home from Galt, I was laid up for a week, during which time I read "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," with my appetite sharpened from the conversation we had together, and within a week after seeing you, the blessed Lord enabled me to say, "Here Saviour, take my will in everything and make me wholly Thine, to cleanse, keep and guide me," and