

child. "Except ye turn again and become as little children ye shall in no sense enter the Kingdom." Then Calvinism comes in with its cumbrous "predestination" theories. Man cannot "turn." He can be convinced of sin by the Holy Ghost though. We don't propose entering into the Predestinationist's argument. He can be convinced of righteousness. He can let his hands hang down. Then, and only then can the Spirit possess. Salvation is of grace, "by grace are ye saved," but a man must choose whom he will serve. As soon as the choice is made the Holy Ghost takes possession of the temple, and "possession is nine points of the law." Holiness has begun. Life is there. The new creation has taken place. Old things are passed away. "Inbred sin" never had any existence as distinct from the sin removed at conversion. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us, inbred sin and all. All is buried in the sea of God's forgetfulness. The ingenuity of man would bring inbred sin to the surface. But it must stay where God has put it. What sin is left in the person that has "turned" and what sin is removed? Who makes the division between what is to be removed at the turning and what has to stay for a "second work?" "Would-be" theologians imagine it. They undertake to locate sin. They try to materialize it, divide it, and subdivide it. The Lord Jesus never did. But man aims at an improvement upon God. "Look and live" was said to the serpent-bitten Israelite. Look, get part of your sin removed at conversion, then after a time get "inbred sin" removed, get "cleansed" or, "get sanctified" the modern holiness teacher teaches. It won't do. The walk in the Spirit which commences at the "turning" is never mentioned, or at least has not been emphasized till lately. "Turn ye! Turn ye! why will ye die" has to be substituted by another call from the popular holiness teacher—turn ye! why will ye not get converted and then get inbred sin removed after conversion; why will ye not become a candidate for cleansing or sanctification? This is not the simplicity of the gospel. Oh! but

Paul said this and Peter that. What of it? Peter and Paul did not usher in this dispensation. They are but a part of it. You and I belong to it. Suppose Peter or Paul did say something that the Lord Jesus Christ did not say, is the gospel "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and Peter and Paul" and you shall be saved? We had better unload our theology, or the Lord will say "One thing thou lackest." Suppose a person died immediately after turning, would that person go to heaven? Undoubtedly he would—fine-spun theories about "inbred sin," "cleansing," "heart purity," or, "holiness perfected" in the hour and article of death notwithstanding.

To those who have never been converted after the popular sort by coming to a penitent bench, by holding up your hand in a meeting and thus counted in a list of "converts" made by a popular evangelist or preacher, but have been deterred from "turning" by the "results" which orthodox popular Christianity has shown; to such we have this to say, "turn." We have no anathemas to hurl at you. You can find dotted here and there over Canada those who will hold the standard of the gospel just as high as it was planted by the Lord Jesus, and this is what you have been looking for. Judging Christianity as a cure for sin; it has not cured sin because the Holy Ghost has been left in the background. A Pentecostal revival is upon us, one that will never end, one that will not be annual or semi-annual, but perennial and continuous. Drop in at the fore-front. All around you lie the wrecks of "creed" and "theory;" the old hulks are floating down stream. Turn, launch out on the old gospel ship under our Captain Jesus Christ, with no lieutenants, mates, substitutes, or helps, no creed, dogma, or formulæ, but such as He creates for you as an individual, and you will have no cause of regret.

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### THE ANNUAL CONVENTION.

THE time of the Annual Convention has not yet been fixed upon. It is expected, however, to be held in Toronto, during the month of March.