

THE "HIGHER LIFE" DOCTRINE OF SANCTIFICATION TRIED BY THE WORD OF GOD:
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That there is in the Church too often a "lower Christian life," is a sad fact, since the day Paul wrote to the Corinthians, that they were *car-nal*, "*babes in Christ*," who had "need of milk" rather than strong meat. That a "higher life" is attainable and desirable, is also a fact which no Christian will dispute. The difference of opinion of late has been, 1st, as to what constitutes this Higher Life, and 2nd, How is it to be attained.

The Rev. William E. Boardman, some twenty years ago, published a book on the "Higher Christian Life," which has been republished lately, and circulated, and very extensively read. There is in that book very much that is to be commended, but its teachings both as to what constitutes the "Higher Life," and "How to attain to it," are not considered sound and scriptural by a great many people. This new book by the Rev. Henry A. Boardman, is written to point out these defects. This work is accomplished in a spirit of Christian kindness, but after a decided, emphatic fashion. Many of our readers have read the Rev. Wm. E. Boardman's treatise, let them now peruse the treatise of the Rev. H. A. Boardman, and they will thus possess the two sides of a practical question, and will probably come to the conclusion, that nothing by un-inspired men can be said on this question, better than this following:— "Sanctification is a work of God's spirit, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled *more and more*, to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness." The measure, therefore of the Higher Life, is "the image of God," the way of attaining to it, "Dying by degrees to sin and living by degrees to righteousness."

The time is drawing near when "little folks" at home, will be looking for Christmas gifts and New Year's presents from their friends. So long as child nature is what it is, toys must be made, and bought, and enjoyed, and then smashed up; but a better investment, for all concerned, is, especially for children above four or five years, a child's book of pictures, of which article there is now, by the Tract Societies and private Publishers, a splendid assortment always to be had. A picture book, is "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever," to the little one. After the novelty wears