

some of them. First, there is a very general conviction among ministers and members that our church life is altogether too low : consequently the God-honored means of evangelism used by our fathers with wonderful efficiency, have either fallen into disuse or have become merely perfunctory and mechanical. Compromises between the church and the world have become so numerous that in many places it would be difficult to draw a definite line of demarkation between them. We are liable to the woes pronounced upon those "who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter." And just in proportion to the worldliness that has crept into the church has been the amount of infidelity outside ; and some have remarked, and not without much show of reason, that subtle forms of unbelief may be found within the pale of churches. Worldliness is blindness, and blindness is unbelief.

Those who take most to heart the true welfare of the church are crying, "For Zion's sake will I not hold my place, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth." We must not daub with untempered mortar nor heal the hurt of the daughter of our people slightly. The only sovereign remedy is, *holiness unto the Lord, first in the ministry and then in the membership*. "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD, and the pots in the Lord's house (membership) shall be like the bowls (ministry) before the altar. Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the Lord of Hosts, and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein ; and in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the House of the Lord of Hosts." "Holiness becometh thy house, O Lord, forever." Second. The returning tide of prosperity, after several years of financial stress and distress, is likely to overwhelm multitudes of weak ones in spiritual bankruptcy. Even ministers in large numbers, we are told, are already engaging in the great railroad schemes and gigantic land speculations of the west. This word is not intended as a criticism upon their action, but as a brotherly call to greater devotion to God. Revivals in business demand revivals in holiness. While we must not be "slothful in business," we must be "fervent in spirit serving the Lord." This periodical, it is devoutly to be hoped, will be a timely herald to many, and an efficient auxiliary in the promotion of the desired revival. Its cry will be, "O, Lord, revive thy work." Third. Nothing but true holiness can consummate in one grand and blessed whole the various branches