

The Way of Holiness

Made Plain.

BY A SADDLER'S WIFE.

The Higher Life : How Attained.

Is not the higher Christian life the great need of the Church? Is it not a conscious and confessed want of personal experience? We acknowledge that we prefer to look at this matter from a practical rather than a theological stand-point. For instance, we pass through a religious society. There are perhaps associated some hundreds of members; we converse with them in a spirit of kindness and candor. We satisfy ourself that very many have a religious experience. There are sincere desires to do the divine will; there are earnest, aye, and measurably successful efforts to do that will. These friends have occasioned joy. God blesses them in their closets, in their prayer circles, and under the preached word. They would not on any consideration relinquish their trust in Christ or their hope of Heaven. Nevertheless, as they themselves confess, their experience is not round, strong, full, abiding, and altogether satisfying. There is something that they consciously need. They want a more vivid and abiding sense of heart purity before God. They lack the ability to go steadily and successfully