

which this young lawyer came, and from which conclusion we were only saved by an early experience of the blessing ourselves. True, the possession of this experience was but temporary; nevertheless it lasted long enough to make skepticism, on our part, concerning the great doctrine of holiness an impossibility.

Now it may be, and we suppose it is, a fact that there are very few so outspoken in their testimony concerning the effect of such inconsequential seeking after holiness on the part of multitudes of God's people, but we have every reason to fear that many are influenced in a very decided way concerning this subject who are not outspoken about it, whilst still more are acted upon to their permanent disadvantage unconsciously both to themselves and those from whom that influence comes.

We have at different times helped at special services where the simple fact that the minister in charge had taken the position of a seeker of holiness for a long time had such a disheartening effect that success in helping others into the experience seemed simply hopeless. When such instances of failure were before their very eyes it seemed useless to urge the membership to attempt what their pastors confessedly could not accomplish.

Well, say many, would you advise, as the least of two evils, giving up the public quest of entire sanctification and confining our efforts at its attainment to the privacy of the closet? We fear this would be but courting necessary failure. For it is generally admitted that hole-and-corner work in religion never succeeds. To make any advancement in religious experience publicity, whilst it need not be courted, must not be studiously avoided, or it places an impassable barrier in the way of progress. What, then, is to be done, seeing that standing still is damaging to others, and going back is fraught with disaster: For if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him, saith Scripture. The answer is plain: If you are really in earnest, go forward with might and main. Act as if you meant business. Give the subject the time it demands. Don't grudge the time and money necessary to go where special effort is made to spread the experience of holiness. Rev. T. Harrison, when seeking this experience, arranged for an all-night meeting—waiting on God with special reference to its obtainment. A minister at the Dundas Convention said that he had arranged matters to go to that Convention for the express purpose of seeking the blessing of holiness. We have known many persons who have taken time to call on others, who