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## SPIRITUAL LIFE AND GROWTH.

Much as is said and written about the spiritual life, there is a constant call for more to be said. It is one of the things that require "line upon line," a frequent stirring up of our minds by way of remembrance, and also from time to time fresh views from the changed points of our personal religious experience. There ought to be no occasion for controversy about the supernaturalness of the beginning of all spiritual life, for where even in nature does life spontaneously begin? A grain of corn may be in the ground for a thousand years with capacities for germination and growth, but they are dormant until it is brought into connection with agencies from beyond itself. Change its conditions by burying it in the soil, let earth and moisture wake up its sleeping faculties, and in a few days the germ puts forth and the stalk appears, then the leaf, and by and by the full corn is in the ear. So with the human soul, asleep in sin and worldly severity. It possesses all the faculties that will have in its hours of purest saintship, but a paralysis is upon them from which they will awake only at the touch of the Holy Spirit. Change its conditions, bring it into connection with those agencies external to itself which God's law has appointed, and let it yield itself to them in an unreserved repentance, and the renewed Spirit speedily quickens those sleeping faculties into an active life, and brings forth the appropriate fruit. It is God's law in nature that water, earth and air are requisite to the life and growth of a plant; it is his law in the realm of spiritual things that the Divine word and Spirit is requisite to the life and growth of a human soul. The development of the new birth strengthens, expands, increases, and brings the whole being more and more into subjection to Christ's law and likeness to his mind. It is doubtless within the power of God to produce this matured manhood in the day, and even in the moment, of the new birth, just as it is to bring out in the evening the ripened ear of corn from the grain which is planted in the morning. Nor are the steps of the spiritual life that begin in the new birth, and through which the soul grows in grace, to be considered by itself, and not to be generalized into a rule, any more than the method of the awakening and conversion of Saul of Tarsus is to be taken as a precedent of what we may expect in the conversion of sinners and sleepers in our own day. Nor are the steps of the soul's progress so limited that our growth is a question of time, but rather of the conditions indispensable to it.

Let us analyze the matter and learn what we mean when we speak of this kind of growth. The highest attainments in grace vary nothing in their nature from what is found in the beginning of the spiritual life. Growing in grace is only acquiring more and more of the same sort of thing. Now this growth is not to be confounded with the formation of a religious habit. Undoubtedly the habit is essential to it, and it must be formed by all who would maintain a Christian position, though it is done in thousands of cases painfully, and through the severest struggles. But there is a danger, of which we fear there are too numerous evidences, that the habit may be formed which alone it can thrive. We are the steps through which the truth is to be brought, and the revealed Gospel is an instrument which the Spirit of God employs, but it alone never sanctifies, however necessary it is in the hand of the divine Spirit. Clear conceptions of it and enlarged knowledge of its doctrines may elevate the intellect, yet fall far from bringing the heart any nearer to God. Indeed, it is possible for one to become professed in theological lore whose heart has lost its love to Christ. And while we avoid this mistake, let us go further and note that pleasant and happy emotions are no true measure of personal holiness. The salvation of God does, indeed, produce happiness. Love, joy, and peace are the fruit of the Holy Spirit in the believer; so, too, are long-suffering, gentleness, and fidelity, and they all exist together, an undivided fruit. It is possible for one to misdirect his soul-care to give a special attention to his emotions, while he is exceedingly negligent of the duties of religion, or that charity which suffers long and is kind, and of religion that does not curb the temper, bridle the tongue, teach fidelity, and cultivate charity, however much of emotion may attend it, it lacking in the first elements of the religion of the Gospel, and must be stamped as counterfeit. Feeling is not the proper test or measure of spiritual life, and so not of spiritual growth.

While the genuine work of grace is accompanied by the formation and strengthening of habits of religious life, increasing knowledge of divine things, and rich, joyous emotions, we must look to character in order to find its true results. The new birth transforms the man and lays its fashioning hand upon the soul itself. In the renewed character is laid the foundation for the superstructure of a godly life. This is the meaning of that holiness of heart and life which no one will see God. It grows and matures, as does all character, through knowledge, experience, and discipline, with the additional element of the promised aid of the Holy Spirit. And it is here, in the increase of holiness inward and outward, in deepening conformity both to the image and will of Christ, that we find the real spiritual growth.

It is easy, then, to discover what will

aid in this progress. While faith is most assuredly one condition of all saving grace, it can never reach beyond the truth which it receives. Fundamental to all growth is a knowledge of the truth of God's holy word. But unbelief demands careful reading and patient study, and without them high attainments in religion can hardly be hoped for. Nor can one well be a devout student of the sacred word without being led to earnest prayer for bestowment of the things therein promised, and also for help to do things enjoined. Moreover, he who, under the teaching of the written word with the illumination of the blessed Spirit, is led to pray for divine interposition in his behalf, cannot have overlooked the wide disparity between himself and that high and pure character which the law of God demands. He learns his tendencies and bentments, and is awakened to watch against them as well as to pray, to fight as well as to watch.

A profound conviction is to prevail, the soul that is exceedingly sinful, hateful, and defiling, and that God must be obeyed in all things, both great and small in public and in private, in feeling and in action. Religious enjoyment without an endeavored universal obedience is seen to be a mere delusion. And, then, beyond knowledge, prayer, watchfulness, and obedience, which are but so many aids to a purer faith, we are to look to Christ, first, last, and always, without whom there is neither life to the soul nor its increase. Rooted and grounded in him, we are likewise to put him on, and grow up into him. All experience teaches us his sufficiency. All discipline is to inspire the renunciation of self an absolute reliance upon him. And so in him we find a rest and a life, in proportion as we are united to him in the bonds of a living faith.—*Christian Advocate.*

**WHITE AS SNOW.**  
"White as snow!" O what a promise  
For the heavy-laden breast!  
When thy faith the soul receives,  
Whiteness is changed to rest.  
"White as snow!" O have you watched it  
Sitting carping the ground,  
Wreathing with a wreath of silver  
Every common thing around?  
"White as snow!" Can my transgressions  
Thus be wholly washed away,  
Leaving not a trace behind them,  
Like a cloudless summer day?  
Yes, at once, and that completely,  
Through the blood of Christ I know,  
All my sins, though red like crimson,  
May become as white as snow.  
I believe the glorious record  
God has given of his Son;  
I accept his free salvation  
His atoning death has won.  
Be forever free from condemnation  
I am not in heaven yet;  
What it cost—this free salvation—  
Never let my soul forget!  
Much forgiven! Quite forgiven!  
Once for all, thy daily life,  
Let me live near Him who saves me,  
Let me keep the cross in view.  
Much forgiven! Then let boasting  
Be forever cast aside;  
Shall a newly-pardoned sinner  
Dare to lift his head in pride?  
Much forgiven! O my Saviour,  
If my present state be such,  
May the further words describe me,  
This poor sinner loveth much!  
\*Isaiah 1, 18.  
*Sunday at Home.*

**OBLIGATION OF THE GOSPEL MINISTRY.**  
Those not called of God to the gospel ministry will not feel the weight of responsibility attaching to the sacred office of the true preacher of God's word. Their ideas of the nature and importance of the work may be intelligently and comprehensively, but its obligations they will see in the light of the ideal rather than of the real. Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, and the Apostle Paul were not more emphatically obligated to do the work assigned them than are all chosen ambassadors of Christ to do theirs. A life of ease or happiness, a world-wide fame, or millions of wealth, ought to be no temptation to the duties of his holy calling. There would be but mockery to him in a dying hour if purchased at the price of failure to perform such solemn duties. Man's trial of faithfulness is in time; and eternity cannot make amends if he fails here. He deals with souls, and these constitute the treasures of the skies. His reward, then, is in gems that which labeled wealth is unspeakably poor. The success of the work in which he is instrumental, of angels and the redeemed and Christ and God with inexpressible joy. He is commissioned to conduct a wreck-impaired vessel of inconceivable value into the port of peace. All the holy beings in the universe have set their hearts on the triumph of the cause in which he labors. The eyes of angels gaze upon him who is commissioned for this work. It is no wonder that he should exclaim, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!" It is not strange that he should say, "Who is sufficient for these things?" but it is astonishing that care, or pleasure, or riches or the blandishments of friends, or any worldly consideration, should be so magnified in his eyes to eclipse the path of duty and obedience. There must be something painful or appallingly ungodly in his standing in the sight of God if he can lightly set aside the claims of the ministry, or trifle with its awful responsibilities. Still more awful will be the voice of the Judge of quick and dead when his unsatisfied messengers shall meet his face in the judgment. How awful will be the account that the fallen or unfaithful minister shall render for the neglected souls over which the Holy Spirit had given him charge. What if some of them had perished in sin despite the

faithful warnings which he has never given? What if some are saved by other instrumentalities despite his unfaithfulness? How shall he either meet them, or Christ, who assigned him duties toward them, but which he has left unperformed? What shall be the doom of the sleepy, dumb watchman, whom God has set to watch for souls?  
We cannot unchristianize all ministers who act as if their obligations had been cancelled or their commissions nullified. The plea of a shocking ignorance of the import of their calling, though a hard excuse for a minister, is the best we can present in palliation of such unfaithfulness. What other plea could we interpose in behalf of those who profess to be called of God to preach and yet rarely preach, and then perhaps with little preparation? We are sure that no plea can justify them in the neglect of duty. The lack of a classical or theological training, the opposition of friends, the want of adequate temporal means, lack of self-confidence, the fear of adversaries, are all poor excuses for the suppression of the voice of conscience and for disobedience to the voice of God.  
Preachers of the gospel would fully consider the obligations of their calling, the Church of Christ would soon be stirred as it has not been for years. Those not now in the regular work would preach almost as frequently as those having regular charges, and with more power than such are generally doing. Those in charge of congregations would visit and preach and pray, with a warmth and solicitude too little known. There would be reading and preparation such as men in earnest know how to make effectual. Minds would be grasping and memories retentive. Intellects would come out, as it were, from the tomb, teeming in their resurrection with thoughts and holy thoughts. Preaching would be in demonstration of the Spirit and with power. The unoccupied places of the land would be investigated. The terrible reproach of an unfaithful ministry would be removed, and the crown of God would cease to rest on many a soul and household and congregation. Why will not those called of God ardently pursue the path of duty? for such alone is the path of truth and safety.—*Religious Telescope.*

**PAUL'S THORN.**  
"There was given to me a thorn in the flesh." The pulpit and the pew have been alike curious to know what this thorn was. Men of purring fancies have indulged in all sorts of theories and conjectures about it, and even the grave fathers were set to guessing. Chrysostom and Jerome thought it was the headache; Tertullian, the earache; Rosenmuller, the gout in the head—*split!*—and that it was periodical. Some think it was a distortion of the face, others, defective vision, and yet others, lameness, or some chronic neuritis. If we felt it necessary to have some theory about this thorn, we should adopt as the most plausible—that of Dr. John Brown, in his "Spare hours." According to Brown, it was impaired vision, some painful disease of the eyes. He refers to the blindness of Paul compared with the vision of the other apostles, Damascus, but rests his theory mainly on the passage in Galatians: "Ye would have plucked out your own eyes and have given them to me." He insists that these words cannot be understood in a hyperbolic or proverbial sense, as simply wrong, that the Galatians would be willing to make any sacrifice to relieve him. But they would be willing literally to pluck out their own eyes and to transfer them to the apostle. Now, on the hypothesis that Paul actually labored under entire deprivation of vision, or under some severely painful and vexatious disease of the eyes, the meaning of the passage is plain: "That so keenly did the Galatians sympathize with the apostle in his affliction, that they would willingly have become his substitutes by taking all his suffering upon themselves, it only it were possible by doing so to relieve him."  
But we do not care to have any theory on the subject. It cannot be of much use for us to know what this thorn was, or Paul would have told us. All we need know is that it was some infirmity of the flesh, some bodily affliction, which was the sting of a thorn, and which made his vision of the things of God so painful and humbling, so much Paul tells us; and moreover, that he could not get rid of it, that he could not pray it out or get the Lord to take it out.  
We are glad Paul did not tell us what it was, for then we should be confined to that particular experience, and lose the practical lessons which the vision of the things of God, in whom all God's people in all generations. But we are thankful that whilst Paul does not tell us what this thorn was, he does tell us why it was given him. It was to keep him humble and trusting. It was in the heart of a most blessed vision and ecstasy, that lingered as a sweet dream of heaven, that he got this thorn. He was in danger of becoming dizzy and losing his balance on those spiritual heights—of being carried away by his visions, and so losing his sympathy and fellow feeling with tried and suffering men; and so then was given him a thorn in the flesh. And though he could not get rid of it, it was in every spiritual way good for him. It was with Paul as with a sick child weeping in the arms of his mother, unable to rid itself of pain, yet wonderfully supported and comforted out of her love. Paul kept the thorn, but humbly resting in the arms of his heavenly Father, felt the warm pulse of his life in the promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee," and with that sweet assurance he could say:  
"What if I should offend,  
O woe is me if I should offend,  
Still let me know a Father reigns  
Above me, and I shall not be ashamed."  
All men, in some form or other, have their thorn in the flesh. It may be a mean thing like Byron's club-foot, or that the man goes limping all his days; or it may be as great and strange a thing as Dante's worship of Beatrice, as he appears in the picture with that sad face, looking up to the beautiful saint whose soul was like a star and dwelt apart. It may be only like the dyspepsia, that now darkens the whole vision of Carlyle, turning his beautiful afternoon into a grim and lurid sunset. In Luther, said one, it was a deep

and dark melancholy, that would come over him at times, beating down the soaring soul as a great hail storm beats down a bird. In Wesley it was a home without love, and a wife insane with jealousy—with an old love hidden away in his heart that was never permitted to bloom in his life.  
Sometimes a man may be found, cold and hard, who seems thorough-proof, in whom it would be hard for even Providence to find the nerve. But such are exceptional men. A minister tells the story of a man whom he once heard giving his experience in a Methodist meeting in England. The man said that he had lost his wife and all his children by the fever and cholera which swept all over the island had happened, that he was so helped by grace that he never felt a pang or a grief in his heart. When he sat down, the old preacher who was leading the meeting got up and said, "Now, brother, you go home and into your closet, and never come out again if you can help it, until you are a new man. What you want you never to tell such a story as that in a love feast again."  
This thorn may be in some the inheritance of a born appetite fatally strong. A man once said, that for twenty-eight years the soul within him had to stand like an unsleeping sentinel guarding his appetite for strong drink. It may be in a bad temper. A preacher once said to a man, "Why don't you make an effort and put your passion down, once for all?" "Doctor," he answered, "I have overcome more temper than ever you had, and I am nothing but an old snapper still." Dr. Mason used to say, that as much grace as would make John a saint, would hardly keep Peter from knocking a man down.  
Sometimes it may be the memory of some great wrong committed, which haunts the soul as a ghost, and cannot be laid; or some pain in the citadel of life that cannot be removed; or a lingering sickness, not fatal, but lasting, with wasting strength and weariness on and on through the sluggish years. Sometimes this thorn may be planted in our affections. It may be something wrong in the home life—some great wrong committed, which haunts the soul as a ghost, and cannot be laid; or some pain in the citadel of life that cannot be removed; or a lingering sickness, not fatal, but lasting, with wasting strength and weariness on and on through the sluggish years. Sometimes this thorn may be planted in our affections. 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1. THE WRECK OF THE ATLANTIC.—We have given elsewhere the Captain's narrative of this terrible disaster; the naked statement of the fact that, as it were in a moment, and at our very doors, between five and six hundred of our fellow beings, of all ages, were precipitated into eternity, speaks to us all most impressively of the uncertainty of human expectations and human life.

2. NEW SUBSCRIBERS.—Since the Book Steward made his special appeal a fortnight since—we have received the names of ten new subscribers; we hope the yet lacking ninety will be hastened forward, together with all the money which can be secured for either the Book Room or the PROVINCIAL WAREHOUSE Office.

3. STEAM WASHERS.—We would direct special attention to the Advertisements of "Tilton's Women's Friend and Steam Washer," which appears on our fourth page, and of "The People's Steam Washer" on the third page. These Washers, are calculated, we believe, to effect a very great revolution in regard to the most laborious operation in every household into which they are introduced, and no one of these machines should, we are satisfied, soon gain an introduction into every respectable home in these Provinces.

As soon as information of the disaster was received at Toronto, the first train was despatched to the scene, accompanied by several surgeons. By their advice the wounded were put into a car, and sent on to Toronto. Just before arriving at that place poor Cameron was found to be dying, and the train was stopped for a few moments until all was over with him, when it proceeded to the scene of the dead and wounded were taken to the Victoria House where Coroner W. E. McRoberts held an inquest yesterday afternoon, at which the above facts were fully stated.

THE DOMINION BUDGET.—The Hon. Mr. Tilly, Finance Minister, introduced his Budget in the House of Commons on the afternoon of Tuesday last week and in course of his speech reviewed the progress of the country since the introduction of the Budget of 1873, and the progress of the country since the introduction of the Budget of 1873, and the progress of the country since the introduction of the Budget of 1873.

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The Family

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Yes, I know there are stains on my carpet... And I see your tapestry glowing... And I know that my walls are disfigured...

Yes, I know my "black walnut" is battered... And denied by my small heels... While your own polished stairway, all perfect...

And I know that my parlor is littered... With many odd treasures and toys... While your own is in daintiest order...

Yes, I know I have jackets that wear out... And buttons that never will stay... While you can embroider, at leisure...

And I know there are lessons of spelling... Which I must be patient to hear... While you may sit down to your novel...

Yes, I know there are four little bedchambers... Where I must stand watchful each night... While you may go out in your carriage...

Now, I think I'm a neat little woman... I like my home orderly, too... And I find of old dainties belongings...

No!—Keep your fair home with its ladder... Its freedom from trouble and noise... And keep my own fanciful leisure?

But give me four splendid boys! — N. Y. Stever.

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AND HOW THE MISSION WAS BEGUN BY MRS. HUNT-MORGAN.

with the remembrance of the Saviour's words... He that is faithful in that which is least... And Elsie felt that in learning the lesson of patience...

One Sunday afternoon she entered one of the crowded courts which the city abounded... a number of squalid children crowded around her asking her for books.

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Elsie then began to question them on their knowledge of Bible truths... thinking they had picked up a few facts at some Sunday school...

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After much hesitation among several to whom she applied on the subject, Elsie had the satisfaction of seeing a number of Christians of various sects collected together at a sort of conference...

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WHAT HE IS ABLE TO DO. Able even to subdue all things unto himself... Able to make all grace abound toward you...

ABLE TO MAKE AS STAND. Able to save them that are tempted... What He had promised, able also to perform...

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