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GROWTH IN GRACE DO WE GROW BETTER?

Sermon by the Rev. J. W. Aikens of Halifax, in First Methodist Church, Charlottetown.

All are Growing—Some Shaping the Right Way, Some the Wrong Way—Growth in Grace the Highest kind of Growth We Know Anything About.

(Reported by The Guardian Stenographer.)
Text:—But grow in grace. 2 Peter 3: part of the 18th verse.

We all grow, we do not all grow better, but all grow. There is nobody in this church this morning, and nobody in this city that is not growing. Abraham grew, so did Lot; Elijah grew, so did Ahah; John grew, so did Judas. You are growing, but you may not be growing better. If you are not growing better, you are growing worse. There is no such thing in this world of ours as a person being stationary in character. Some people are converted to God, grow on to perfection, growing, not perfect yet, but growing. Some people are not converted yet, but shaping that way, and will be converted. Some people are shaping the wrong way. They do things this morning that they would not do last year. What a sad sight to see a person growing bad, growing away from God and heaven and growing worse every day, and I don't know of any more magnificent sight on the earth than a person growing up into Him, and living His life in all things.

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man that he was at once the brightest and meanest of mankind. He grew in intellect, but he did not grow in heart. Persons make an awful mistake when they grow in intellect and leave the heart uncultured. It is an awful mistake, though you deserve more credit than the man of wealth. No person can grow in grace and not grow in knowledge, but he may grow in knowledge and not in grace. If we say that growing in grace is higher than physical, or financial, or intellectual growth, then we ought to put it in the proper place. You should put it in the first place, for everything will be out of relation if you don't put it in the first. There was a lad went to the Princeton University. He went there with this determination: first he said "I will care for my soul; I will guard carefully its growth and development in the sight of God. Secondly, I will care for my body, and thirdly I will care for the development of my intellect and powers of mind." And thus he spent many years in Princeton. They said there never was a man who left the mark for good in

college life that he did. He put the first things in the first place. Physical man takes twenty years or more to come to maturity. How long will it take spiritual men to grow up into their possibilities, and the Bible never answers that question. "It doth not yet appear what we shall be." Spiritually we start farthest from maturity, growth in grace is the slowest kind of growth we know anything about, and my friend, don't get discouraged because God has not rushed things in your soul, but think this I have to live forever and God cannot afford to rush a building that is never to be taken down. The buildings that were rushed in San Francisco collapsed in a moment, but those that took time stood the test, and my friend, there will be a test on the building that you are erecting this morning, and it will strike you much worse than the earthquake in San Francisco. If you build carelessly it will be an awful fall. God cannot afford to rush things spiritually. Thank God that you are getting better. This is the most satisfactory growth. I have a greater joy, said John, than to hear that my children walk in truth. What are your children doing? What is your greatest joy this morning? I remember hearing a father and mother years ago, in Ontario, say this "we have no greater joy than seeing our children get on in the world." That is the thing "get on in the world." That is the thing from Monday morning to Sunday night. Get on in the world. The father and mother got on in the world, and then after they got on in the world, they left some property for the children. The children had not grown in grace enough to get on together and they started to quarrel about the property, and they had lawsuits, and separations, and fearful things in that home. When they got the little pile of the law, they look nearly all. It is a good thing to have grace enough to live decently after you have "got on in the world." I have no greater joy, said John, than to know that my children are walking in the truth. What about your children? Are they putting first things first, or are they getting on in the world? Are they getting on to God?

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better, until you develop into a Christian you are out of harmony with God's plan altogether, for regeneration does not mean struggling up to God, but God coming down to poor sinners and making them right in heart and life. Plant a seed in the earth and it can grow for a hundred years, but it has not changed its nature. If you are going to grow in grace the seed of grace must be in your heart, and it grows and develops, first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. Don't try to run counter to God's purpose. It is God's purpose to make you a Christian, and God never made a greater thing on earth than a Christian. How wonderful to be a Christian, a Son of God, a child of heaven, and after that what is next? Now Job asks a very pertinent question. He says "Can the rush grow up without mire? A sensible person would say no, it cannot grow without mire. Can a Christian grow without being planted? No, where? Those that are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. Now I am not going to say that if you plant a seed of grain in a ten acre field it will not grow, but I will say that it has ninety-nine chances out of one hundred of growing better in a field with a thousand more. A grain of wheat may grow out in a field by itself, but it looks kind of selfish, and when it is planted with a thousand more the others help to keep the soil moist, and it seems to be in its proper place. I am not going to say that you cannot be a Christian without being a member of the church, because that is not so; but you will not be the best. It is a good thing to get to heaven, but it is also a good thing to have a good time on the way, and God intended the church to be a place where people would be planted and have a good time on the way to glory. "The whole building fitly framed together growth an holy temple in the Lord." Some man

wants to stay outside because he thinks he is the whole temple himself. God never said that you were to be the temple yourself. He said that you were to be a part of the temple. "Thy soul shall be as a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." What strange ways God takes to water people. You think, well my soul will be watered in the house of God, or my soul will be watered by prayer, or my soul will be watered when I contemplate nature and all its beauty; and we say that water always comes from a spring, a river, but God said unto Moses, "Speak unto the rock and it shall bring forth water for your refreshing." There is nobody in this house that has not had a draw-back, or a big disappointment, and I suppose there are very few of us who have not had some sort of a heart break, and out of that rock comes water, and out of the disappointment comes refreshing. Plants breathe as truly as we breathe, and they must have a good atmosphere. Noxious gases will kill plants. Certain elements make up the Christian atmosphere. Here is the first one. Love edified. People will not grow in the church where there is no love. The Lord deliver us from the church where the people gush, but the Lord plant us in the church where they deny themselves for the sake of others. You see there might be a difficulty over a little and a man might stand up in this church and say "I insist on my rights in this connection." He spoils the atmosphere. Miserable man to be in the church and spoil the atmosphere. If it is a thing worth while, stand up for it, and fight for it; but if it is a little thing let it go. Love edified. Then had the churches rest throughout Jerusalem and Judea, and walking in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost were edified. Keep peace in the church. People won't grow in a church where there is no peace. I do not know whether they have any of them here, but I have been in some places where one man was trying to run a hobby. From all fads, and cranks, and hobbyists God, Lord, deliver us. Let us live in peace and grow in grace, for there is nothing better on God's earth than living in peace and growing in grace. Don't bring in your small hobbies and break up the peace of the church. Love, peace, and truth, these "make up the Christian atmosphere. No service can be strong that has not much truth in it, taken out of God's word, and put before the people in the strength of the Holy Ghost. Love, peace, and truth, keep in contact with these and grow. Does everything depend upon us? I think of that wonderful word that Jesus said "I am the true vine and my Father is the husbandman." The true vine. You have seen a great oak grow up, and you have seen a poor little vine that could not stand up alone winding itself around the oak, and Almighty God helping to wind it; and here is the great Christ in our midst, strong and mighty, and God is linking us to Him, and under His grace establishing us in Christ. "My Father is the husbandman."

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