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*“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without
which no man shall see the Lord” Heb 12:14*

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[Beverly Carradine was born in 1848 and died in 1931. In this autobiographical sketch, Carradine states first, facts about some of his publications, and second, a few facts concerning his life.]

My first pen production was a pamphlet on

"CHURCH ENTERTAINMENTS."

I had been so grieved at the contemplation of this wrong financial method, together with the misuse and abuse of the house of God in these affairs, that first private protests, then sermons, and finally a small treatise called "Twenty Objections to Church Entertainments," came in quick succession from me in warning and condemnation of the evil.

"THE LOTTERY."

My second work was an illustrated pamphlet of 100 pages against the Lottery, which sin was ruling and cursing both the city of New Orleans and State of Louisiana. At this distance of time, it would be impossible for people to realize the dreadful power of this institution, which not only had the city in its grasp, but owned the Legislature, Governor and courts. I delivered an address against this monstrous gambling iniquity when no one had a hope it could be swept away. The two addresses were illustrated by a gifted artist and published in pamphlet form under the name, "The Louisiana State Lottery Examined and Exposed."

"SANCTIFICATION."

My third book was on the subject of, and called "Sanctification." This volume was the result of having renewed the experience which I had promised the Bishop years before that I expected to obtain in this life and was then "groaning after." My soul was in a perfect flame when I wrote the book. The volume would have been larger, but the publisher was afraid it would not sell, and cautioned me against writing too much. I had actually to plead for every chapter when the book was only half finished. I remember until today how my fingers trembled and body shook as I flung on these pages the burning experience of my soul. This volume, in spite of the publisher's alarm, has reached the thirteenth or fourteenth edition.

"A JOURNEY TO PALESTINE."

My fourth book is a narration of a trip taken a few years ago to the Holy Land, and named as above. Much of the volume was written at the places described. I spent ten days in Jerusalem alone, and rode on horseback with a guide over a large part of the country, tenting at night in such sacred places as Bethel, the banks of Lake Galilee, plain of Sharon, and other Scriptural localities.

"THE BOTTLE."

This small work of an hundred pages, with illustrations, was the off-shoot of an address on Temperance, delivered at Oxford, Miss., before the State Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"THE SECOND BLESSING IN SYMBOL."

This book of 300 pages was written as a result of the discovery that the Gospel was embodied, and its deep and precious truths typified, in the Old Testament; that the second work of grace was clearly and unmistakably taught in the sprinklings, cleansings, rooms, services, and ceremonies of the Tabernacle and Temple.

"THE BETTER WAY."

This volume is a proof of the second work of grace, and is founded on what I call the argument of expressions. All through the Bible I found striking words and phrases, which taken together formed, according to my mind, a chain of unanswerable proof of sanctification being a work subsequent to regeneration.

"THE OLD MAN."

As the necessity of a second work of grace depends upon the fact as to whether there is anything left in the regenerated heart to work on; whether there is a sinful bias, principle or notion remaining after conversion, the reader will see the importance of such an investigation and discovery.

The book called "The Old Man" is the result of a long and faithful study, made of the human heart, the writings of the different churches, and the statements on this line of the Word of God. This book is now in the sixth edition.

"PASTORAL SKETCHES."

When I was a pastor of large city churches, a number of incidents occurred of a humorous and pathetic nature. Some of these events I recalled and embodied in a volume of over 300 pages under the title as above. It is now in the third edition.

"THE SANCTIFIED LIFE."

This book was written through a suggestion of Rev. M. W. Knapp. He wrote requesting me to send him for the Quarterly a communication telling "How to Keep the Blessing of Sanctification."

In complying with his request the idea so grew upon me as I wrote, that I soon had a book of over 300 pages on my hands with the title, "The Sanctified Life." Next to my first work on sanctification, there is no book which I have written that will be more helpful to the spiritual reader.

"REVIVAL SERMONS."

Part of this volume first appeared in the Pentecostal Herald. Adding other sermons to the number, this volume of over 300 pages was published.

FACTS OF MY LIFE.

Born in Yazoo County, Miss., April 4, 1848; went to University of Mississippi 1865-7; converted July 12, 1874; entered the ministry October, 1874; joined the Mississippi Annual Conference December, 1874; stationed in Vicksburg 1882; stationed in New Orleans, 1883; Centenary College Conference, degree "D.D.," 1887; sanctified, June 1, 1889; visited the Holy Land, 1890; stationed in St. Louis, 1890; became an evangelist, October, 1893. Have had "calls" from every State in the Union but two, and held meetings in thirty-one, besides the District of Columbia and Canada. Have written the following books: Church Entertainments, The Lottery, The Bottle, A Journey to Palestine, Sanctification, The Second Blessing in Symbol, The Better Way, The Old Man, Pastoral Sketches, The Sanctified Life, and Revival Sermons. Have several books nearly completed.