

GAMALIEL GUSH.

I met him on the street to-day. He grasped my hands with both of his and cried out with characteristic effusiveness: "My dear friend, I am delighted to see you again. It seemed an age since I had the pleasure of looking upon your face, which is always radiant with intelligence and goodness." After I had been literally deluged with compliments I asked Gamaliel how they were getting along in his church, for he is a Baptist. He drew close to me, and replied in low, confidential tones: "I tell you, Old School, just between ourselves, that new preacher of ours won't do. Why he gave us yesterday two of the driest sermons that I ever heard. Half of the people were asleep before he finished his drawl."

I told him I was sorry, for I had hoped that Mr. A— would prove to be the right man in the right place. We walked on for a few minutes, and just as I was trying to get away a stranger with a white necktie came along. I had not seen Mr. —, the new Baptist preacher, but guessed in a moment that it was he. And I was not mistaken. As soon as Brother Gush saw him he disengaged one of his hands from mine, and with it he seized the new-comer and cried: "Now this is Providential! I have longed for the pleasure of making you two noble men acquainted with each other. I know that you will appreciate each other, for you are two congenial spirits."

After a fulsome dose of similar compliments he turned to Mr. A— and in a stage whisper which he pretended I was not to hear, but meant that I should, he said: "My dear Brother A—, I want to tell you how delighted we all were with those excellent sermons yesterday. Your expositions of Scripture were so able, and your illustrations so graphic, that I could have listened an hour longer without getting weary. I believe that the Lord has sent you here to a great work. I hope that He will spare you to our church for many years. But I am afraid some of the other churches in the association will try to steal you from us."

I was so disgusted that I tore myself away from the clinging grasp of Mr. Gush and left him soft-soaping the minister. The poor man seemed to enjoy the operation, and to believe that he really had a warm friend and ardent admirer in the fulsome flatterer.

A few hours after, meeting Mr. Gush again, I button-holed him and said: "See here, Gamaliel, how could you talk to Mr. A— about his sermons, when you had just told me how dull and uninteresting they were?" "Why my good friend Obadiah," he replied, without even the semblance of a blush, "you knew that I had to say something to Mr. A—. Of course, I could not tell him what I told you, so I told him what I knew would please him. I want to be on good terms with him as long as he is our minister."

"And in order to please him you told him a pack of lies. Do you think that was right? And how about what you said to me? Were you as sincere in that as in what you said to him? When you saw me coming did you tell some one else confidentially that I was a miserable old fog—that it was a great bore to meet with me, and then rush up and declare that you were delighted to meet me? Do you always say to people just what you think will please them, not caring whether it is true or false?"

Gamaliel saw that he was caught. He tried to escape in a profusion of confessions, as certain fish muddy the water in order to hid from the fisherman. But I held on to him until I had given him a faithful lecture upon the sin of lying. I assured him that in the day of judgment he would not find any distinctions of color in lies, some white, some black, and some gray, but that all liars, the polite ones included, would have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone. (See Rev. xxii, 8.)

I report this incident, which is not an imaginary one, because I fear that the Gush family is very extensive. Some of them, like my neighbor Gamaliel, may be professors of religion and readers of this paper. If so, I want to ask them to look in the gospel mirror and see themselves as God sees them.

Mrs. X—, you are always at the prayer meeting and lead the ladies' meeting. You are regarded as one of the mothers in Israel. But do you remember what you said the other day, when you heard the door bell ring? You said: "O dear me, there is some stupid caller come to interrupt me, and I am so busy." And when the door-girl brought in the card, and you read out the name of Mrs. Y—, you said again: "O dear me, what an earth-

shockingly tiresome." But you put on one of your sweetest smiles and rushed into the parlor, exclaiming: "My dear Mrs. Y—, I am delighted to see you. It is an age since you have been here. You must try to be more sociable." And when after she had talked an hour, and you listened as if you were sitting on nettles, she rose to go, you said: "O don't go yet; but if you must, be sure and call again soon." You say that you were merely polite. You could not be so rude as to tell Mrs. Y. you were not glad to see her. But does politeness justify lying? Does not God say: Wherefore, putting away all lying, speak every man the truth with his neighbor?—Eph. iv: 25. There is no exception here for what may be called the lies of society—the insincere compliment and professions which are considered necessary to keep the machinery of social intercourse well oiled. Oil is excellent in its place, but friction is necessary sometimes. Paul gives the rule in Eph. iv: 15, "speaking the truth in love." Sincerity lubricated with charity is far better than polite and effusive sincerity.

The trouble with the Gush family is that they cannot keep their own counsel. They are ever and anon exposing themselves as Gamaliel did in the case of Mr. A—. When you, Mrs. X—, tell your next caller, whom perhaps you really like, what a tiresome old dowdy Mrs. Y— is, that caller will say to herself: "She was no doubt as polite to Mrs. Y— as she is to me, and when I am gone she will talk about me to somebody else as she talks to me about her." Better far have a reputation for blunt sincerity, of saying offensive things because you believe them, than for saying what you don't believe in order to flatter those you talk with.—Obadiah Old School.

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Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, October 2, 1889. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county judge or in his absence before the county clerk of Linn county, at Albany, Oregon, on Monday, Nov. 18, 1889, viz: James T. Downing, homestead entry No. 5285, for the 1/4 of n.w. 1-4 and 1/4 of s.w. 1-4 of sec 28, tp 11 s of r 1 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: H. Nave, of Scio, Linn county; A. Fitzmaurice, C. Clark and W. Smith, of Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.

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LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON, October 29, 1889. Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the county clerk of Linn county, at Albany, Oregon, on Friday, 1889, viz: Thomas Todd, homestead entry No. 5214 of sec 20, tp 12 s of r 1 e. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: W. H. McPherson, B. M. Perchell and J. Dudley, all of Lebanon, Linn county, Oregon. J. T. APPERSON, Register.