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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)
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Vol. I -- Named Accounts

S. A. KEAN
(Methodist)

Dr. S. A. Kean was a brilliant Methodist preacher who delivered cultured addresses but was without the vital touch of the Holy Spirit. In the course of his ministry he announced an evangelistic campaign which was well attended for several meetings, but during this time, none sought the Lord. After the seventh night, Dr. Kean went home and said to his wife: "There is something wrong with me. If I were right with God I could not preach without results."

Thereupon ensued a conversation back and forth between his wife and the minister himself, wherein she affirmed he was merely discouraged and blue, but he felt otherwise, saying: "It is not so. If I were baptized with the Holy Ghost, I would see people turning to God."

To which Mrs. Kean replied, "If you need this, I need it to. Let us together seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit."

For the following seven nights Dr. Kean continued his revival, but at the close of each service, he and his wife knelt alone at the altar and asked God to sanctify them wholly with the baptism of the Holy Spirit. On the seventh day God poured out His Spirit upon S. A. Kean. That night while he was preaching as usual in the church, the glory of the Lord melted the people and numbers of them fell at the altar. Henceforth for the next thirty years he was noted as a brilliant, soul-winning, second-blessing preacher upon whose ministry thousands entered into the second blessing.

[Dr. S. A. Kean and Dr. S. A. Keen differentiated]

The separate pictures of Dr. S. A. Keen and Dr. S. A. Kean appear in Echoes of the General Holiness Assembly of 1901. Dr. S. A. Keen whose picture appears opposite page 89, died early in life. He passed away before the book was published. Dr. S. A. Kean, whose picture next to that of his wife appears opposite page 56, lived out the normal expectancy of life. S. A. Kean was the author of many holiness writings, including Faith Papers and Pentecostal Papers.

The separate accounts as to how they were sanctified appear in Holiness in Doctrine and Experience, pages 66-68 and 172-173. Dr. S. A. Kean's name in Holiness in Doctrine and Experience, pp. 172-173, is spelled wrong. This book has both names spelled alike, which according to the pictures in the "Echoes" book is incorrect.

Source: "Scriptural Death-Route Holiness"
by L. S. Boardman

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