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HOW THEY ENTERED CANAAN  
(A Collection of Holiness Experience Accounts)  
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### **W. W. HOPPER**

It was a long story which started way back with little Miss MacAfee down in Kentucky, a tollgate keeper full of the Spirit of God. People would fuss and quarrel at her as she collected the toll, but never a bitter word escaped her lips. She kept as sweet as though they had smiled at her and given her friendly words. The news of her heavenly spirit spread. People talked about it, marvelled at it. Finally a reporter from the Louisville Courier heard of the sanctified tollgate keeper and went out to interview her.

"Yes," she told him, "I gave my heart to God, and He's kept me converted ever since. After He converted me, I gave myself to Him, just abandoned everything to Him, and He cleansed my heart and sanctified me wholly!"

The reporter went back to his office, chuckling to himself. He would have a good time writing this up to make people laugh. He wrote it in burlesque, and the paper gave it front-page prominence with glaring headlines. Folk did laugh, some of them, but there was more to the story. A copy of the paper drifted down into Mississippi and into the hands of a Mr. Hopper, hungry for something he did not know how to obtain. He read about Miss MacAfee and was convinced she had what he wanted.

"Wife," he exclaimed, "I'm going up to see her!"

The next train found him on his way. It was not long until the little tollgate keeper was praying with Mr. Hopper, exhorting him, quoting the promises to him. God met the hunger of his heart and sanctified him wholly.

When he returned to Mississippi, he started preaching holiness, and, as he did so, Dr. Carradine, pastor of the largest church in southern Methodism, but dissatisfied with his own spiritual condition, came under Mr. Hopper's influence. Soon he too rejoiced in sanctification of heart.

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