

Christ. My trust in Him is stronger than at any time since He so graciously forgave my sins. Because of my financial condition I have had to quit school and go to work for this year, but I have by no means forsaken my call to the sacred ministry and, God willing, I expect to return to college again next fall. I did not leave school to go to work until after I had prayed much about the matter, and seemed to receive God's approval. I did not wish to take any false steps and go against God's will; therefore I put out my fleece to prove the spirit, and the promise I received from His Word was, "Be strong and work, for I am with thee." I am working for the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Company in Boston and am doing well for a beginner.

It takes plenty of backbone and God-given grace to witness for Christ and take my stand as a Christian among the men I work with. However, by keeping a friendly intercourse with God through the channel of prayer, I have sufficient grace to enable me to withstand the fiery darts of the enemy, and I gladly take my cross daily and follow my Faithful Guide. I would feel more at home in pastoral or evangelistic work, but I feel that my present work will be the means of making me a stronger and better preacher of the gospel.

My Christ is exceedingly precious to me; I love Him dearly and am not afraid to tell the world that I am His and He is mine. It was only Wednesday of this week that I was invited to the employees' dance, and I was proud to say, "Thank you, but I don't dance." Of course a discussion was opened and I had a splendid opportunity to tell about something satisfying that the world can neither give nor take away. Beloved, the world is starving for the message of salvation; let us who have found the way of life be faithful in bearing witness of it and point others to the Lamb of God. Of course we shall meet opposition and mockery, but let us do our part to advance the Kingdom of God on earth. By upholding Christ we shall always send our opponents into obscurity. Like Paul, I am not ashamed of Christ and His gospel.

After the first of the year I shall be free to assist in special services if God leads in that field of labor. My work then will be such that I can arrange to take a few weeks off whenever necessary to do so. I shall appreciate the continued prayers of all of God's people. May He bountifully bless you all. By His grace I intend to keep the fire burning in my soul.

Faithfully yours in the Master's service.

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P. S. My surest address is 185 Oakland Ave., Methuen, Mass., although I may be at E. N. C. at least once a week.

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Dear Bro. Trafton: I am sending my renewal for The Highway. It's a grand little paper and it's well worth the money. It's been a great blessing to me, in my lonely hours.

Well, I had the privilege of going to Brother Smith's church in Cambridge, and I did enjoy three good sermons. It is so good to get away from worldly people and get among God's people, to hear them sing and praise God. What a blessing it will be when we all get to heaven! What a day that will be, when we all see Jesus. We will sing and shout the victory Glory to God for the change, for the saints on earth.

Your sister in Jesus' precious name and the blood that cleanses me from all sins. Amen.

MRS. A. HORTON.

CAN WE EXPECT A REVIVAL?

(Editorial from The Toronto Globe, Canada, Jan. 22, 1930)

There was once a man who believed a revival was needed. He stood high in the court of the greatest empire of his day, Persia. He was a Hebrew, and had learned that the walls of God's city, Jerusalem, were broken down, the gates burned with fire, and the Jews who had returned there from Babylonian captivity in great affliction and reproach. He believed in God, and he loved his people. The story of what followed is told in the book of Nehemiah. Nehemiah, cup-bearer to King Artaxerxes, was the man who dared to hope for a revival. Nothing could have seemed less likely just then. But it came, in the face of deadness, discouragement and attacks of the most determined and desperate sort.

If there was to be a spiritual revival of God's people Israel, there must be a revival of wall-building also, so that Jerusalem might be honorable instead of a public dishonor in the land. Nehemiah was both spiritual and practical—neither of these can really exist without the other. After he had secured the royal authority for his work in Jerusalem, and systematic plans for rebuilding the wall of the Holy City had begun, an enemy made an attack upon the movement. Sanballat, an influential Samaritan, prompted perhaps by political motives, ridiculed Nehemiah and his fellow-workers. "What do these feeble Jews?" he exclaimed. "Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they revive the stone out of the heaps of the rubbish which are buried? Another enemy allied with Sanballat predicted with sarcasm: "Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even break down their stone wall."

But Nehemiah's work went straight forward; the walls of Jerusalem were rebuilt; and one of the great revivals of history followed as God's people turned to the reading of His Word and the doing of His will.

Here is a lesson in revival that God's people need to take to heart today, when revival is sorely needed again. Revivals usually come to pass in the face of intense opposition, and in times of great darkness and declension. No intelligent observer can doubt that we are in such times today. Determined attacks are being made on the Word of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the true Christian faith. Immorality is on every hand. Open atheism flourishes. Materialism grips the hearts of man. All these conditions make a call to revival.

Nehemiah's first move toward revival was significant. When he learned of the dire distress of the people of Jerusalem, he said: "I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven."

His very prayer was the sure pathway to revival. It began with worship of God "that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love Him and observe His commandments"; and at once it went on to confession of sin. Then Nehemiah boldly reminded God of the divine promise to forgive and to restore if confession was made. God heard and honored the prayer.

Revival has never come in any other way; but it has come, over and over again in times of darkness and need, in just that way. There is a passage of Scripture that may well be used in prayer for revival today: "When the enemy shall

come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."

The enemy is coming in like a flood today, not only in Soviet Russia, not only in war-torn China, but also in every favored land where Christianity is a glorious reality—and where also the working of the powers of evil is a dread reality.

Not only are there plenty of dark signs that a revival is needed; there are also many bright signs of its coming. For almost a score of years many individuals and groups of Christian people have been praying persistently for revival. The Great Commission Prayer League of Chicago has been used of God to stir up people to prevailing prayer. At its world-wide call, many Watch-Night meetings of prayer for revival were held as the old year died and the new year was born. Those who are in touch with the prayer life of the church are continually receiving news of intense, persistent prayer in Europe, in Asia, in Canada and the United States, in South Africa, in Africa, that God's people are pleading for a Heaven-born, Heaven-sent revival.

In parts of the world where, humanly speaking, there is reason for the greatest discouragement, there are also brightest signs of coming revival. Russia is one of these parts. In spite of—or shall we say because of?—the devilish and official activity against all true religious life, and indeed against God Himself and His only Son, heart-hungry people are turning to God in their tragic need and are finding salvation through Christ as Saviour. Revivals have broken out in various parts of China since—and because of—the political turmoil and tragedy of that land. The Jews everywhere are showing a readiness to consider the Messianic claims of Christ such as they have never manifested since they cried out to Pilate, "Crucify Him."

The distribution of the life-giving Word of God is going on in a way known to no other literature. China was sown with a million Testaments not long ago, and now the Million Testaments Campaign for Latin-American Lands is under way. The various Bible societies in a recent twelve months circulated 36,500,000 copies of the Scriptures, which means an average of about 70 per minute night and day. The Canadian Sunday School Mission, of Winnipeg, is doing a revival work by its campaign for the children, as is the Canadian Christian Crusade, in meeting the attacks of atheism.

Yes, we can expect a revival. But our expectation must be from God; only He can send it.

FAITH

Faith is dead to doubts, dumb to discouragements, blind to impossibilities, knows nothing but success.

Faith lifts its hands up through the threatening clouds, lays hold of Him who has all power in Heaven and on earth.

Faith sees beyond the human, the devil, and circumstances, pierces the veil, and beholds Him who sits upon the great white throne.

Faith couples the heavenly Divinity to earthly humanity. Satan cannot hold to anything that is charged with Divinity. Keep coupled up, and Satan cannot handle you.

Faith makes the uplook good, the outlook bright, the inlook favorable, and the future glorious. Amen.—Sel.

"God's rewards are often greater responsibilities."