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EDITORIAL

A CALL TO PRAYER

We are thinking now about the work during the summer months, in our tent meetings and camp meetings; will these undertakings be successful in the saving and sanctifying of precious souls? This is the purpose of these special services, if any other motive than this is in our minds, we have missed the real objective.

These meetings to be successful must have a large place in the prayer life of our people. The weeks previous to the beginning of these meetings, should see the professed holiness people of these Eastern sections, making intercession, with strong crying and groaning, to our heavenly Father, for a special visitation of the spirit of God, so that those who are not right with God will feel their need, and those who have not been sanctified will feel the hunger in their soul, and see the privilege of consecrating themselves to God, that they might receive the Holy Spirit in all his fullness. Why not every church form a prayer circle, that will meet sometime separate from the regular services in the church, to pray for the tent meetings and camp meetings. We feel such a move would be honoring to the Holy Spirit and would result in much good, for in unity there is strength. We believe each unit thus formed would be of great benefit to the local church, for as we become exercised for others, there is the reflex influence. Many folk have not broadened in their scope because their vision is so limited, they never see beyond themselves and their home interests. We must reach out in our prayer life to the regions beyond, and in doing so our souls will be refreshed. The unity of petition seemed necessary, on the part of one hundred and twenty disciples, before the day of Pentecost; and it took unity of petition to the same God after the day of Pentecost, to give them courage and boldness to preach the word, and that signs and wonders might be done in the name of thy holy child Jesus.

This same mighty power is necessary today, if men are to be convinced of the reality of salvation.

It is impossible to do the praying at camp meeting, that we should have done weeks previous. We expect the special workers to come prayed up; why not every saint come prayed up? This year should see an advance on every

line, and there will be, if every man and woman will prepare for the battle.

"Pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly." Let us begin at once. Amen.

PENTECOST: ITS MEANING AND SIGNIFICANCE

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high priest of Christianity. All would have gone smoothly, but Christianity would have been the same compromising, lifeless thing it is today in the mouths of proud and polished rhetoricians, who praise all forms of religions and preach another gospel, and another Christ.

The Christians endured ten terrible persecutions in the first three centuries, but these were the means of keeping doctrine and life pure. The most fatal time came when Constantine gave toleration to Christianity and made it the religion of the State.

But what is the explanation of the achievements of those early Christians? It is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. They lost all fear of men; they were dead to selfish interests; they had confidence in the power of God, as revealed in Christ; they filled up that which was behind in the sufferings of Christ; they counted all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of God in him.

And we contend that this is what the Holy Ghost does for God's children today. He makes them invincible in their battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. He takes the humblest and makes him a wonder to men. Some of these have been the greatest inspiration to my life and ministry.

I have in mind as I speak a man who lives in a little New Brunswick town. He was stricken with blindness early in life, but in spite of that handicap acquired a good business, married a beautiful woman and the home was blessed with two lovely daughters. Long before he had known the blessing of Pentecost, and was a great blessing to his church and community. But a fire came and swept that little town and our brother's business went with little or no insurance. For a good many years we have seen that brother struggle on against most adverse circumstances. Sickness in his home, called for a number of surgical operations. God has allowed him to go through the fire. But in it all he has maintained a most triumphant faith. He has been a shining light to that community and many hearts and hands have been opened to him. He is a great spiritual asset to that town, and even those who do not agree with his theology, see that he has a wonderful faith and experience. That man has been a splendid inspiration to my faith. I hope he may be listening to these poor words of appreciation at this time.

This is what I mean by a will energized by the Holy Ghost. We cannot stand without this strength. God will never hitch us up to a load too heavy for us to draw, He gets under the heavy end of the burden. The Comforter does not exempt us from trials, tribulation and temptations, but He does give more grace. He does enable us to see the superior value of spiritual things, and brings us into fellowship with those who through faith, "subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, escaped the edge of the sword, waxed valiant in fight and turned to flight the armies of the aliens." He does enable us to say "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me". He purifies our

hearts and enables us to be; He clarifies our spiritual vision and enables us to see; He energizes our wills and enables us to do. Have you received your Pentecost note on radio preaching.

To speak into a microphone, without a note, in a room eighty degrees above, as a first experience is quite testing. Our greatest embarrassment was our limited time. We have given the readers of the Highway the substance of what we spoke in addresses of thirteen minutes. For one who likes from forty-five to sixty minutes to preach this was hard. We received many letters from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Mass., all of which expressed appreciation of the messages. Our own souls were blessed in the ministry and we pray the messages both spoken and printed, may have brought some inspiration to God's children.

W. EDMUND SMITH.

CAN WE LEARN A LESSON FROM BIG BUSINESS

The fundamental message of the Word of God is *Holiness*. Our first parents were created in the divine image. The types in the ordinances, sacrifices, and precepts pointed to holiness. The Lamb of God was a sacrifice for sin. The call of the church is to holiness. One great need in Canada today is an effective Holiness church. We have about a dozen Holiness churches in Canada. There is but little co-operation and some unfortunate overlapping. These churches are all small, yet they are struggling to maintain their separate administrations, schools, papers, etc.

The leading Protestant churches of Canada are strongly saturated with Modernism and the youth are engulfed in a social atmosphere decidedly worldly. On the other extreme we have multitudes of missions with a more or less spiritual atmosphere, strongly emphasizing the emotional faculties, gifts, real and otherwise fanatical acts and teaching, and a chaotic muddle of doctrine—a substitute for holiness.

Poor seeking humanity, with longing heart, turns from cold formalism. There is nothing there but pride and worldliness. The fanatical and emotional elements are not the panacea he seeks. But the holiness elements are making such slow progress and emphasize their little minor differences to the extent that they fail too often to attract men to the glorious truths they hold.

In these days of keen commercial competition, big business men reconstruct and reorganize and amalgamate their interests to increase capital, cut down overhead and eliminate waste. "The children of this generation are wiser in their generation than the children of light." Our fathers built well in their day, but we are in a changing age. Have we been watching the times and are we as faithful as were our fathers to meet the need of the age? Our country, at this time, needs a strong holiness church, walking with God, dwelling in unity, filled with His Spirit and with an up-to-date vision of the spiritual need about us. Good, sound, wholesome, sane, gospel truth will appeal to the intelligent seeking soul in these days when the props of material and ecclesiastical refuges are failing.—*The Can. F. M. Herald*.

The God of Israel, the Saviour, is sometimes a God that hideth Himself, but never a God that absenteth Himself; sometimes in the dark, but never at a distance.—*Matthew Henry*.