

into our Christianity. This insures the "opening of the windows of heaven." This sets other laws of nature into motion and changes some things and causes others, and prevents a lot. Real Revivals always result in advances in both the Praise Life and the Prayer Life of God's people.

Now, there is a further word: The need of your town is a REVIVAL HABIT. More probably have been carried to your cemetery the past year than have been led to your altars. The movement of Salvation in the community should be as steady as the march of mortality. Living and dying men should constantly have pressed upon their attention their need of "fleeing from the wrath to come," and the opportunity of "laying up treasures in heaven." Not only so, they should have opportunities, facilities, helps and powerful incentives to repent of their sins, and to enter into that "rest that remaineth for the people of God." At the beginning of our era: "The Lord added daily such as were being saved." This doubtless was intended as precedent for the church in all time. The writer was converted in a church where besides frequent protracted meetings, there was an unbroken revival in the regular services for fifteen consecutive years. When in Japan we found one (Holiness) Mission work in which some souls had been saved every day for fifteen years.

It would seem that the experience and work of Holiness is the best surety of all-round Revivals, and of the Revival habit in pulpit and pew.

And one thing is certain that the Revival needed in your own town is such as comes directly from the presence of the Lord in answer to fervent, united, importunate and believing prayer.

The Day of Revivals is not past. No, it will not end until "that great and notable day of the Lord shall come."—Heart and Life Magazine.

SOME MISSIONARY MOTTOES

"It is the mission of the Church to give the whole Gospel to the whole world."

"Jesus Christ alone can save the world, but Jesus Christ cannot save the world alone."

"No interest in missions? The only explanation is either inexcusable ignorance or pitiful disobedience."

"This is a lost world to be saved, and not simply an ignorant world to be educated."

"The day of formal praying and petty giving is over, and the day of big things has come."

"We have no apology for being in earnest about this thing of Missions, and will make none until Jesus Christ tells us that He made a mistake in coming to the world as a Missionary."

"That life is most worth living whose work is most worth while."

"The best remedy for a sick church is to put it on a missionary diet."

"Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do?"

—Wesleyan Methodist

The most remarkable event in modern history was when George Fox made to himself a suit of leather, leaving his awls, and his hides, and his rosin, going out, a sort of world prophet clad in his perennial suit and eating wild berries, to meditation and prayer, a living protest against worldliness and religious formalism.—Carlyle.

CHRIST OUR PHYSICIAN

Over seventy different qualifying words are used in the Bible in designating the character and office work of Jesus Christ. They are full of meaning and in no sense do they contradict each other. To illustrate: They are like the different words used in reference to the different relations sustained by the President of the United States. He is known among creatures as a man. He is also called a brother, a father, a husband, the president and commander-in-chief of the United States army, but in the use of all of these appellations there is no contradiction of terms. One of the figurative forms of speech used to represent Christ is "Physician," and this title, like all the rest, is not without its meaning. The figure is very suggestive of the relation that He sustains to man. It implies that man is afflicted with a disease which he can not cure of himself, for "They that are whole have no need of a physician." Christ said of himself, "I am the life," and this is the relation that He sustains to the sinner who is dead in trespasses and sins, and as such the sinner has no need of a Physician but rather the Giver of Life. The disease of sin is one of long standing, for it is a family complaint which has afflicted the human family from the beginning, and is therefore an inherited disease of a very malignant type and terminates in the horrors of the second death, unless a remedy is found. In fact it is a very bad case of organic heart trouble, and it gets worse and worse unless healed by the Great Physician. His service is peculiar in that His diagnose of every case is absolutely correct, and He has never failed to heal all who apply to Him for relief. As a Physician He has only one remedy and that is His own precious blood, and the effect is always instantaneous. And yet millions have died the second death just because they failed to apply to Him for the unfailing remedy.

It occurs to us that the work of a physician is not with the dead, for they are given over to the undertaker, but his work is always with the living and the sick. This being the case, the office of Christ as the giver of life, and a physician for the sick, vastly differs, even as widely as death differs from life. It is the observation and experience of those who have been recently made alive in Christ that while they possess life in an overcoming sense, they are frequently troubled with roots of bitterness springing up within, in the form of jerks of anger and twitches of impatience, or motions of sin in the flesh. And for them to declare that they were all extracted from the soul at the time of their conversion would be to repudiate their regeneration which would be entirely wrong. These carnal roots are by no means dead roots, for the fact that they spring up within us implies that they are living and grow downward and spring upward, and if not restrained by grace will soon break out into the outer life and into carnal fruition. The poet did not aggravate the case when he sang:

The worst of all diseases
Is light compared with sin;
On every part it seizes
But rages most within.

'Tis palsy, plague and fever,
And madness all combined;
And none but a believer
The least relief can find.

But Wesley sounds a note of victory:

The seed of sin's disease,
Spirit of health remove,
Spirit of finished holiness,
Spirit of perfect love.

Another work of a physician is to prevent disease. Christ as our physician is not only able to heal us but He is able to keep us from relapsing back into the old complaint. The roots of bitterness are so completely taken from the subsoil of our moral nature that every carnal fiber is gone, and there will have to be the introduction of a new principle of evil before a relapse can take place, and this can only be done by an outside enemy. But by faith we may find that "Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world."

Brother Godby was a great Greek scholar and he puts the matter of keeping power in substance as follows: "For years I believed in the doctrine of the suppression of the sin of the heart, and that I was the farmer and all that I could do was to keep chopping off the obnoxious growth of the sin of my heart as it appeared in my life. One day while reading my Greek Testament I read in the original, 'Ye are God's farm,' in the place of 'Ye are God's husbandry.' I said to myself, 'I thought I was the farmer, and lo I see that I am the farm.' And I began to wonder who the farmer was, and it occurred to me that the Holy Ghost was the great executive of the Godhead and that He must be the one to take control of the farm. Well, I said if that is the case I am done trying to farm the farm, and I threw my mattock over the fence and said, Lord, take the farm.' I suddenly heard a moral roaring in my soul and, casting my eyes inward, I saw all of the moral black jacks, Spanish needles and Canada thistles were being consumed in one great Holy Ghost bonfire. They were consumed root and branch, and God left the consuming fire burning all over the farm. The enemy came and saw that all of his works were destroyed, and he proceeded to reseed the farm, but the holy flame of my soul consumed the seed and the ashes was turned into moral fertilizer and enriched the soil of the soul."

This is a correct idea of the preventing power of the great Physician. He is calling to every believer offering them free service and saying, "Wilt thou be made whole?"

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PEOPLE WILL TALK

You may get through the world, but 'twill be very slow
If you listen to all that is said as you go;
You'll be worried and fretted and kept in a stew,
For meddlesome tongues must have something to do—
And People will talk.

If quiet and modest, you'll have it presumed
That your humble position is only assumed.
You're a wolf in sheep's clothing, or else you're a fool;
But don't get excited, keep perfectly cool—
For People will talk.

And then if you show the least boldness of heart,
Or slight inclination to take your own part,
They will call you an upstart, conceited and vain;
But keep straight ahead—don't stop to explain—
For People will talk.

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