

REVIVAL REMINDERS

The spirit of revival is our response to God's love for lost humanity.

Feeling this urge of rescue, Jesus said, "I must work the works of Him that sent Me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

Prayer, mighty prevailing prayer, is always a necessity in the church, but revival prayers are the prayers of the harvest.

"United we stand, divided we fall" is as true of the Church in its revival as it is true of all other organized forces.

Evangelical churches were born in revivals of religion, and however great the cost of maintaining revivals they must do this to live.

Revivals are times when the spirit of unselfishness must be in evidence. Interests and cares of a minor character must be pushed into the background that the soul may have its chance to prepare for eternity.

The paralytic of Bible times was saved and healed by the help of four loving and persevering friends who carried him to Jesus. Why not follow this lead and organize to do personal work for the revival?

Soul winning is God's work of grace carried on by the ministry of the Holy Spirit. God honors us by giving us a place in His work and all the labors and sacrifices of the revival season should be considered in that light.

Whatever difficulties may develop let us never yield to a bitter, vindictive or accusing spirit, and thus leave the work in worse condition than it was before. Close your heart and mind to the spirit of discouragement, and as a dependable follower of your Lord persevere unto the end.—Wesleyan Methodist.

THE PRAYER MEETING

In the conduct of a prayer meeting the late Dr. J. A. Gordon, of Boston, seemed an expert or adept. His weekly prayer service was a feast of fat things. From the time he rose to announce the opening hymn he seldom sat down, but stood like a captain with hand on the helm, watching every movement of his vessel. He said very little himself, but helped everybody else to feel at home and free to give utterance to the Spirit's inward moving. After the first hymn few if any hymns were announced. All that were sung were familiar, both as to words and tunes, and, when started, were at once taken up by the whole assembly. Of course, as in all open meetings, there were occasionally some moths that would fly in the flame, obscuring the light and scorching their own wings; but he never attempted to "suppress" anybody. If any word was said, in prayer or remark, that was unscriptural, fanatical, or unspiritual, with rare tact he would repeat some text which corrected what was erroneous, or start some hymn which breathed the true spirit.

When asked if, by throwing open such large meetings to universal participation, he ever had any serious trouble, his answer was, "I do not attempt to control a meeting; I consider the Holy Spirit as present and presiding, keep my hands off. If any brother speaks too long, or not to edification, I come to the Lord; and if I think anyone to be suppressed I carry the case to Him, ask Him to deal with it. The result is, I have seldom anything troublesome to worry about."—Selected.

REDEEMING THE TIME

Time is precious, but its full value is unknown to us. We shall attain this knowledge when we can no longer profit by it. Our friends require it of us as if it were nothing; and we give it to them in the same manner. It is often a burden to us. We know not what to do with it, and are embarrassed about it. But the day will come when a quarter of an hour will be of more value and more desirable than all the riches of the universe. God, who is liberal and generous in all His other gifts, teaches us by the wise economy of His providence how circumspect we ought to be in the right management of our time; for He never gives us two moments together. He only gives us the second, as He takes away the first; He keeps the third in His own hand, leaving us in an absolute uncertainty as to whether it shall be ours or not. Time is given us that we may take care of eternity, and eternity will not be too long to regret the loss of our time if we have misspent it.—Author Unknown.

A CURE FOR DOUBTS

Sorely troubled with doubts in his school days that celebrated Swiss Christian, Dr. Merle D'Aubigne, the historian of the Reformation, determined to go to his old teacher for help. The wise old man refused to discuss the doubts, saying: "Were I to rid you of these, others would come. There is a shorter way of destroying them. Let Jesus Christ be really to you a perfect Saviour, the Omnipotent Son of God; His life will dispel the darkness, and His Spirit will lead you into all truth." The veteran was right. He saw what a fatal habit young D'Aubigne was acquiring; and he knew that the glorious Sun of Righteousness alone could scatter the clouds that make so many Christian lives feeble and faint and unfruitful.—Theodore L. Cuyler, D.D.

THE EMPTY PEW

I am an empty pew. I vote for the world as against God. I deny the Bible. I mock at the preached Word of God. I rail at Christian brotherhood. I laugh at prayer. I break the Fourth Commandment. I am a witness to solemn vows broken. I advise men to eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die. I join my voice with every atheist and rebel against human and divine law. I am an empty pew. I am a grave in the midst of the congregation. Read my epitaph and be wise.—Church Bulletin, First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

The industrious bee does not stop to complain that there are so many poisonous flowers and thorny branches in his road, but buzzes on, selecting the honey where he can find it, and passing quietly by the places where it is not. There is enough in this world to complain about and find fault with, if men have the disposition. We often travel on a hard and uneven road, but with a cheerful spirit, and a heart to praise God for his mercies, we may walk therein with comforts and come to the end of our journey in peace.—Dewey.

Statistics show that 316 American cities showed an increase of crime in 1939 over the previous year.—Signs of the Times.

CORRESPONDENCE

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Dear Friends:

Our local paper carried the enclosed account of the funeral of "Grandma Reid," as we called her, mother of Thornton Reid, our deacon. She was sick for some time and suffered much but her hope for eternity was bright and clear, and she loved to talk of the things of God. We shall miss her very much indeed, but our loss is her gain.

MRS. H. C. SANDERS

No doubt the Highway readers are wondering when we are going to send in a report of our special meetings held since Beulah, on this circuit. We began at Maple Ridge, Aug. 4th, with Brother and Sister Cochrane as our evangelists and singers, and continued over Sept. 8th. Six Sundays in all. Brother Cochrane preached well and his messages were owned of God. Some souls were saved, and we feel the entire work has been strengthened there because of his ministry.

Brother and Sister Cochrane also helped us in our meetings at Nortondale. The services began there October 9th, but we had only held two services when Mrs. Cochrane received word of the death of her sister-in-law at Nova Scotia, making it necessary for us to discontinue our meetings for a time. We began again October 17th, continuing over Nov. 1st. As we hold services in the school house at Nortondale, and have no organ, Brother Cochrane's accordeon was a very great help in furnishing music for the song services, and their special singing contributed much to the services both there and at Maple Ridge.

We feel Brother and Sister Cochrane labored very faithfully and the meetings were well worth the effort put forth.

Our meetings at Lower Hainesville were held from September 15th over the 27th. Brother Percy Green, of Wood Island, was our evangelist. We enjoyed having him and his good wife with us, and feel that his ministry to the people was both faithful and beneficial, and that the people were made once more to decide what they would do with Jesus. The church also was helped and strengthened by the messages which our brother brought.

The last special meetings held on the circuit were at Millville, from November 3rd, over the 17th, with Brother Cann as evangelist. Those who remember those dates will recall that the weather conditions were decidedly unfavorable for a revival, but our brother labored faithfully, and God owned and blessed His word, giving us a profitable meeting even though weather conditions were against us.

We feel it has been a great privilege to have had these brethren and sisters labour with us in our work, and pray the Lord will continue to bless and use them to the salvation of precious souls.

F. A. ANDERSON

The demand for Bibles among German Protestants has increased fifty to seventy per cent every year since 1934, according to Die Furche, a Berlin publication, and ten times as many Biblical commentaries were printed last year as were printed five years ago.—Sel.