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EDITORIAL

GOD'S PRICE FOR A REVIVAL

If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land. 11 Chron. 7:14.

As truly as men have a price on things of value, so that if others get them they must pay the price for them, so it seems that our God has set a price on spiritual blessings, and has made this fact very clear in His word, that if mankind will enjoy these blessings, he must pay God's price. For example, He says, if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

So, God's price which we must pay for forgiveness and cleansing of sins is confession of the same on our part. Again, if we would prove, or know, what is God's good, acceptable, and perfect will, the inspired apostle writes, I beseech you brethren to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God. Rom. 12:1, or in other words God's price to us for knowing or experiencing His perfect will, which is holiness, or sanctification, is a presentation of our bodies, ourselves, in entire consecration to Him. Furthermore let us remember that it will be vain or futile for any soul to try to get saved or to get to Heaven on any other condition, or for any other price than that which God has put on salvation, for inasmuch as salvation is possible to all so God's price for it, is within the reach of all, which is repentance, followed by confession and forsaking of sin, consecration, of our all to Him and faith in God's mercy, goodness, and ability to save us; These things everyone can do and must do as individuals to be saved.

In the words of our text as the heading of this article; God seems to put a price on revivals. When we say revivals we mean more than ten days, or two or three weeks of special meetings with preaching by a special evangelist, which very often result in getting a few more people coming to church while the special effort is on, and getting a few souls forward for prayer, and perhaps having two or three baptized and unite with the church and call it a revival, and say "eternity alone will reveal the good that was done." In saying these things we are not "despising the day of small things", for we realize, as is often said that "one soul saved is worth more than this world". So it is better to continue our special evangelistic effort if we do get only a

few saved. But the danger that this writer sees with much of our special effort is, we are becoming too easily satisfied with our effort and results.

It is very obvious to all who read religious literature, that we are not having revivals like this country experienced in the 18th and 19th centuries, like we had in the days of the Wesleys, Finney, Moody, Roberts, Whitefield, Edwards and others in the past years; And many are saying that the days of such revivals are past, and many churches make no effort at all to have revivals or get souls saved from their sins.

Many modern churches do have decision days, and passion week meetings, and a baptism and church joining time at Easter, when they get all the young people of their congregations to unite with the so-called church; but that is only a way they have of increasing their membership and mighty few if any are born again or come to know anything about the power of God's grace to save them. Because they give no evidence of a changed heart and life. They continue on in the same sins, and worldly amusements which they practised before they were baptized, which is the proof that these deceived souls were not converted, for the scriptures plainly declare that "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away, behold all things are become new." 11 Cor. 5:17. The revivals that the Baptist and Methodist, and some other churches had half a century, and more ago, were held at any time of the year, and whole communities for many miles around were stirred; many people both old and young came out confessed publicly their desire to be saved, asked the people to pray for them, while they confessed their sins to God, and to their fellowmen, made restitution for wrong doing, wept and prayed through to victory, and peace came to their hearts. And the whole community for many miles around knew that a revival was in progress because of the changes that came to many hearts and homes. Family altars were erected, and worship established in the homes, people attended the old-fashioned prayer meetings and told how God had saved them. Many prayed through in the old Methodist churches especially, where the Wesleyan and scriptural doctrine of entire sanctification was preached, and found the experience of heart holiness, and shouted, laughed, cried and praised God for full salvation. Just like folk do today when they get blessed. Some were called shouting Methodists. Strong men wept over their sins, and went from house to house confessing their faults one to another; Old neighborhood quarrels of long standing were peaceably settled and people became friends again, and there was great joy in that city, as there was in Samaria following that revival under Philip. After these revivals, bar-rooms, brothels and many dance halls were closed, because those who kept them were converted or there were not enough unsaved people left in the community to patronize them.

Well if the days of such revivals are past, as some say, and they seem to be right, that does not prove that they cannot, or will not come again, for this reason; God has not lost interest in lost souls. It was not his will that revivals should cease. The Holy Spirit is still here doing his utmost to convict men of sin, and of their need of Jesus. "God willeth not the death of any but that all should come to repentance." We are fully persuaded that revivals are still possible, and will come when we are ready to pay the price that we may have them. We will discuss this subject further in next issue.—D. V.

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QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of District No. 1 convened with the Perth Church Nov. 12-15. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. P. J. Trafton on Thursday night. On Friday evening Rev. H. S. Dow was the speaker. On Saturday morning a special service was held at which Rev. S. G. Hilyard was the speaker.

At 2.30 p. m. the regular business meeting was held. Rev. S. G. Hilyard was chairman. Meeting opened in usual way. Roll call found present S. G. Hilyard, P. J. Trafton, H. C. Mullen. Rev. H. S. Dow came in later.

Delegates present were: Perth, Mrs. A. A. Ingraham and Mrs. Oline Hillman, Hartland: Ziba Orser, Mrs. Judson Hillman, Fredericton, Mrs. Wm. Mitchell and Mrs. Wm. Fleming.

Election of Officers resulted as follows: President, S. G. Hilyard; vice president, P. J. Trafton. Secretary, H. C. Mullen. Treasurer, Olin Hillman. Highway Agent, P. J. Trafton. The Devotional Committee was Mrs. Wm. Fleming, Mrs. J. Hillman and Mrs. Ingraham.

Church reports were read. Nearly all the churches having sent a written report. Verbal reports were given by Brothers Orser, Hilyard and H. S. Dow. These reports were encouraging and showed interest and work accomplished.

A vote of thanks was given to the Perth Church for entertaining the Quarterly.

On motion it was carried that at the next meeting a change be made in our by-laws in connection with the attendance of ministers at our Quarterly Meetings on their district.

On motion it was voted that the March Quarterly Meeting would be held in Woodstock, provided that satisfactory arrangements could be made. Meeting adjourned.

Saturday evening H. C. Mullen preached.

On Sunday, Rev. P. J. Trafton led the Love Feast, reading and commenting on Psalm 116. At 11.45 S. G. Hilyard spoke from Eph. 1:13-14 on the theme, "The earnest of our inheritance."

At the afternoon service H. S. Dow preached from James 1:27. Theme, "Pure Religion."

In the evening P. J. Trafton preached from Ezekiel 33:7, stressing the responsibility of the preacher. At this service a number raised the hand for prayer, and the meeting closed with prayer around the altar, followed by testimony and praise.

Though small in point of attendance this was a very blessed quarterly meeting. It was easy to preach and the spirit moved upon the people. God was present at every service.

H. C. MULLEN,
Secretary

Seventy-seven Chinese universities have been moved from 1,000 to 2,000 miles beyond the range of Japanese guns. Notwithstanding this long, perilous trek, China has now the largest university enrolment in its history. While the army is fighting for the life of the nation, 40,000 students are in training for leadership, and 50,000,000 Chinese have been taught to read and write in anticipation of the new day which is dawning upon China.—Selected.

Three Free Methodists were candidates for United States senators on the Prohibition ticket at the last election—Prof. E. A. Holtwick of Illinois, President L. M. Lowell of Michigan, and Oliver W. Lawton of Oklahoma. None were elected. We are sorry.