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REVIVE US AGAIN

By the Editor of the Pentecostal Herald The world stands in great need of a revival. The widespread confusion and chaos are tragic testimony to this need. There can be no enduring peace until men find the peace of God. There is no brotherhood of man outside of the brotherhood of Christ. The wisdom of the world has no spiritual understanding. It leads men down a dead-end road. The world needs deliverance from the power of darkness. Darkness settles as a thickening night over vast areas of the earth; the only possible release from this darkness is through the glorious gospel of Christ.

It is appalling to contemplate the vast destruction of human lives and material wealth that is now going on in the world. All of this destruction might have been averted through a great revival of religion. The world turned a deaf ear to God's call for a revival. Men were too busy; they could not spare the money for evangelization. Now men by the hundreds of thousands are forced to abandon the pursuits of business for the pursuits of destruc-

If men had devoted themselves to the task of bringing a revival with the same energy and spirit of sacrifice that they are giving to the war, there would be a reign of peace over the earth, instead of a reign of terror. Men "professing themselves to be wise, they became fools." (Rom. 1:22). The only sure remedy for the follies of this age is a revival; under such an impetus the war would stop and peace would again come to the

The need of a revival is told in the headlines of the daily press, reporting the rapid increase of crime, drunkenness and profligate living. The increase of juvenile delinquency, broken homes, and the arrests for drunkenness and misdemeanors speak a message of warning of the danger that confronts the nation. Every century in American history has had a number of national revivals with the exception of the present century. We are now moving well on toward the half-way mark of the present century and the needed revival has not come.

The Church needs a revival. The United Christian Educational Advance is reminding the people of America of the appalling need as relates to the Christian training of the youth of the land. The decrease in Sunday school attendance, on a ration of enrollment as related to the population, has been 27 per cent since 1915. If all the boys and girls of America, who are receiving no religious training whatsoever, were placed in a double line, only an arm's length apart, that double line would reach from New York to San Francisco and back to New York.

Church statisticians have estimated that if the present decrease in Sunday school attendance is not checked, it will take only sixty to seventy-five years to wipe out our Sunday schools. One large denomination lost over 800,000 Sunday school pupils, over 17,000 teachers and over 6,000 schools in a single decade. These losses have come in a day when our spiritual needs are greater than at any time in history.

We are confronted with the fact that we must have a revival or perish. A revival is something more than an ingathering of church members. Our increases in church membership have outrun our spiriitual power. We must have a revival that will bring back conviction for sin, repentance, regeneration, and the witness of the Spirit; a revival that will bring back tithing, the family altar and church attendance; a revival that will lead the Church in the way of holiness and victorious living. Such a revival will not come in response to wishful thinking, but Christians must take the matter to heart. Until the spirit of travail pierces the hearts of Christan people, there will be no great revival. These are days when the people of God need to pray

We must not only take the matter of revival to heart, and take it to God, but we must also do something about it. We must go out into "the highways and hedges" to extend the invitation to people to accept our Lord and Christ. On the streets, in the homes, in the shops and places of business, we should be alert to urge men to accept our Christ. In doing this, we shall follow the example of

our Lord who called his disciples from the busy marts of life. We cannot wait for people to attend our churches to reach them. We must go after them. The time is opportune for a great revival. God grant that we may have the leadership of the Holy Spirit in bringing the revival for which the Psalmist prayed: "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

THE TITLE GOOD

When I built this house I got a deed for the land and recorded it. I don't run down to the registry-office every week to see that the title is good. If we have taken Jesus Christ at His word, and committed our souls to His keeping, and our lives to His ordering, and our power to His service, let us not worry about our title-deeds to Heaven. Go about your life work, brother, and do it thoroughly and conscientiously. God is responsible for the results sooner or later, and for your final reward.

The Shepherd knoweth His flock, and calleth them all by name. To you His voice is "only believe," "follow me!" If your cup of trial is sometimes bitter, put in more of the sugar of faith. If you feel chilled by the disappointments of your plans or the unkindness of others, get into the sunshine of Christ's love. If income runs down, invest more in God's precious promises. A good stout, healthy faith will sweeten your affections, and sweeten your toils, and sweeten your home, and sweeten the darkest hours that may lie between this and Heaven. Adherence will bring assurance.

"If your love were but more simple, You would take Him at His Word, And your life would be all sunshine In the presence of our Lord."

—Cuyler

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The Oklahoma Supreme Court has ruled unconstitutional a state law which authorizes the transportation of private school pupils by the public school buses. The law permitted these buses to carry the Caholic children to their parochial schools. The court points out that the state constitution prohibits the use of public money for the benefit of sectarian institutions and rules that parochial schools are such.—The Religious Telescope.