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EDITORIAL

GETTING TO THE HEART OF OUR NEED

Sowing seed on fallow ground is wasted labour. The seed may be good and rightly sown, but if the soil is not prepared to receive it, the hope of harvest is vain.

To engage an evangelist for a two or three week meeting, and expect a revival within that period, without a careful and reasonably thorough preparation, is unreasonable and unscriptural. The evangelist may be consecrated and Spirit-filled and his messages sound and biblical, but if the pastor and church with which he labours have not set things in order for the campaign, mutual disappointment will result.

The tremendous impact of the Spirit's descent at Pentecost was primarily due to the preparedness of those who were awaiting His coming. "They were all with one accord." Their condition as respecting the Spirit's coming, could be quite as truly in the words: "They were ready." The Holy Ghost found a people whose hearts were fully prepared for His entrance and ministry. Sins and failures had been confessed and forgiven; relationships with each other had been properly adjusted; hindrances had been removed; the personality of each was yielded to Divine control. It took ten days of continuous waiting on God but time was never better spent.

If we are to see the mighty power available through the Spirit released to bless the saint and save the sinner, we must diligently set ourselves to the task of making ready for the unimpeded operation of the Spirit. We do not have to await the arrival of the official day of the Spirit, that day has arrived and He has come. But we do have to make certain preparation and maintain certain standards if we are to receive Him into our lives and enjoy the abundant blessings which He imparts. The power of Pentecost is as much available today as any time of this Holy Spirit dispensation. If we will make ourselves ready the Spirit will enter and endue as in the past.

A primary need of our time is that of self-examination. "Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me," would be an appropriate prayer for each of us, beginning with the pastor. If we take up such a prayer in sin-

Temperance Column

ALCOHOL THE DESTROYER

Reaping as we sow is a universal law, "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he reap," is a Scriptural word. We reap what, and as we sow, is a true law; it is true on the farm; it is true in life; physical life, moral life, mental life and spiritual life.

Professional men have wrecked their career. Business men have lost their business and property, and position. Rich men have lost their possessions. Nations have lost their national life and went down to defeat in every case, the saboteur has been king alcohol.

Examples from History:

1. Bible History, relates defeat in battle through alcohol.

The Amlikites raided the home town of David, Ziklag, and carried off much goods and many people. David pursued them with 600 men; of these, 200 men became tired and could not keep up the pace. David went on with 400. He overtook the robbers, spread abroad on the land, celebrating their victory, eating, drinking and dancing. David attacked and not a man escaped except some who rode on camels.

In Kings 20:16 we read that Benhadad declared that he would make the dust of Samaria but a handful for all the people that followed him. He went into his pavillions and drank himself drunk. The king of Israel attacked and Benhadad was defeated.

Daniel Chap. 5 gives another instance. "Belchazzar drank wine before his thousands, "He saw a hand writing upon the wall

cerity and earnestness, it will lead us to some careful searching of heart. When we begin to seek the blessing of God in greater measure than we already enjoy it, He begins to reveal the causes of our lack. If the Spirit is in the world as He was at Pentecost, and the spiritual might which he imparted then is available to Christians of our day, then there must be a reason or reasons for the obvious dearth and barrenness that is generally prevalent.

We are getting started aright when we begin by saying, "Lord, search **me** and know **my** heart, try **me**, and know **my** thoughts, and see if there be any evil way in **me**, and lead **me** in the way everlasting." No use to fret and fuss about the spiritual coldness of the church and the sinful condition of the world if we are not right within ourselves. We must needs remove the beam from our own eye before we can take the mote from our brother's. We must find the way to new blessing and victory if we are to lead others in the same path.

Unless and until we have made this a personal issue, and successfully sought for the Spirit's personal blessing to our own hearts, we are not qualified to make the necessary contribution toward the revival we need and desire to see.

"O thou great husbandman, break up the fallow ground of my own soul! Let the searchings of thy Spirit upturn any sin, by commission or omission, that has grieved Thine heart and stench the flow of Divine blessing. Show me where I have failed, and help me humbly to confess my lack and seek the fulness of the Spirit's anointing. **Lord, send a revival, and let it begin in me!**"

and that night Belchazzar was slain and his kingdom was finished.

National History:

The Roman Empire subjugated most of the world then known. She fell through drink.

Alexander the Great was famed for his conquests, but at the age of 31 he became a victim of king alcohol and his Empire came to an end.

Napoleon was a renowned warrior. Ney was his right-hand man. One night Ney spent so much time at his cups that he was late for his battle engagement and Wellington was victor at Waterloo. Napoleon died a prisoner.

In the war with Britain Washington won because the Hessians, hired soldiers of the British, spent the night at their wine cups before the battle.

Coming down to our own time: In the first world War the Germans lost out because the French left a quantity of wine along the road that the Germans would march. They stopped to drink and were subjugated.

France, in 1940, mobilized her men, but after mobilization they were given little to do, time hanged heavy on their hands, they frequented drinking places, disease became prevalent, hospitals were crowded and those left had not the spirit to face the Germans.

At Pearl Harbour, the American soldiers had their drinking bouts on Saturday and Sunday when the Japs were almost within sight. They could not resist the Jap onset.

Singapore tells the same story. They had great stocks of wines but arms and ammunitions were on the short side. A similar tale comes from Hong Kong.

Mankind is blessed, or cursed with a shortage of memory. With all these examples before our eyes must there not be something wrong with Canada, yes, and with the Empire, seeing that king alcohol is permitted such sway.

Perhaps it may not be out of place to say that the advance of General Montgomery's 8th Army in Africa may be due to the fact that the General is a strict prohibitionist.

A general was demoted in the American army; he came to Lincoln, the highest authority in the U. S. army, in that day, asking to be reinstated. Lincoln stood up, and placing his hand on the man's shoulder, said "I know your story, but you carry your own condemnation in your face." He refused to give him back his place.—Forward.

JOHN WESLEY'S SACRIFICE

John Wesley, a classical scholar and gifted with a virile mind, gave himself fully to God, and consecrated all his powers to His service.

Possessed of a scholar's love for books, yet he spent most of his life in the saddle and in the active duties of a most strenuous life.

With a passionate love for art, especially for music and architecture, he turned away from their charm to blow the Gospel trumpet with all his might.

With a more-than-ordinary longing for the sweets and comforts of human love, he rose above disappointments which would have crushed ordinary men, forgot his "inly-bleeding heart" (his own expression), and gave himself unreservedly to the work of binding up the broken-hearted.

Visiting the beautiful grounds of an English gentleman, he said, "I, too, have a ravish for these things—but there is another world."—Sel.