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EDITORIAL

A SIEGE FOR SOULS

"The revival was scheduled for two weeks. On what was to have been the closing night of the series, 'God broke in on the scene in a most powerful manner.' The huge altar was more than lined with hungry hearts, prayers and tears were many. Such marvelous victory, such shouting, testifying, and making restitution! It was indeed an old-fashioned service. In fact, so tremendous was the manifestation of God's presence that the people seemingly could not leave the church even at midnight. There was such a spirit and desire among everyone to continue the meeting that we agreed to stay on for another week. With souls seeking God night after night, the tide continued to rise, with another great climax on Sunday night. At popular request we promised to remain for the fourth week which was no exception to the victories of the past. The altars again were full and hearts prayed through in genuine style. As the meeting closed after four straight weeks, the spirit of conviction, power and blessing was still so paramount that many did not want to see the services discontinue."

Some of our readers may have concluded that the above quotation was dug up from the past, part of a report of a revival campaign in the days of Moody, Finney or Wesley. Actually, it is part of the report of a revival campaign held a few months ago.

We have reason to believe that the picture is not over-drawn, that God really "broke in on the scene," that the altar was "more than lined with hungry hearts," and that there was a "tremendous manifestation of God's presence."

Furthermore, we believe that the report contains a guide to an important factor in this revival — a factor to be reckoned with souls found a mighty deliverance.

"On what was to have been the closing night of the series, God broke in on the scene we agreed to stay on for another week we promised to remain for the fourth week."

What if the meeting had closed according to schedule? Supposing the evangelist had appointments elsewhere which forced him to leave just when the Spirit had gained control of the situation and people were ready to re-

spond to the message of the Lord? Doubtless the interest would have waned, people become indifferent and a great opportunity for soul-winning had been lost.

The history of revivals, real revivals in which men and women have been brought to repent and obey the Gospel, has quite consistently taught us that if we wish to enjoy such a divine visitation to the salvation of the lost, we must prepare for a siege.

Time is an important factor in God's dealings with men. The drawing of a soul to repentance is a process which usually requires days and weeks, sometimes months. In the yesterdays, revival campaigns of from four to six weeks were not uncommon. The preacher came to the community prepared to "fight to the finish." The praying people laid hold of God with a determined grip of faith refusing to let go until He had come to bless. Out of these "protracted" meetings came men and women born of the Spirit of God, individuals who had sought the Lord with tears of repentance and found Him with soul-thrilling joy. The power of the Lord was present among the people, young and old came from far and near, time was all but forgotten as services continued far into the night, and sin-bound souds found a mighty deliverance.

Time is not the only factor in such meetings, but it is a mighty important one. Prayer, fasting, obedience, etc., must become part of the effort, but with all these we need time, God needs time.

We are not unconscious of the problems which evangelists fact in planning their appointments, nor do we intend any unkind criticism against these labourers of the Lord, but we do believe that the problem suggested is vital to soul-saving effort and would appeal to evangelists and pastors to prayerfully seek guidance of God in this matter.

Mrs. Diadama McLeod

On March 5th, 1946, Mrs. Diadama McLeod went to be with the Lord. Had she lived until March 16th she would have been 102 years of age.

In a recent Highway we published a picture of Sister McLeod taken on her 100th birthday.

A member of our Woodstock Church, Mrs. McLeod was among the number who nearly ninety years ago answered the call of God unto holiness. With her husband, the late Simon McLeod, she took her stand with those who were willing to "forsake all" in order to be true to the light received, and from that time until her death she was a lover of holiness.

Miss Anna McLeod, a daughter, writes of her mother's translation: "She slipped quietly away from us on the morning of March the 5th. For weeks she had longed to "go home." Now we know she is at rest there. She loved to have us sing hymns to her and almost to the last she would join us in 'All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name,' especially at the last when we sang 'Crown Him Lord of All.'"

Mrs. McLeod was keenly interested in every branch of the Lord's work, having a special concern for missions and the cause of temperance. She was the first president of our Foreign Missionary Society.

A true "Mother in Israel" has been taken away from the earth. May God bless her influence to the salvation of many!

I had rather preach to one attentive hearer, than to hundreds who "hold the truth in unrighteousness." Rom. 1:18.

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

A PROPHET OF THE LORD CALLED HOME

kev. Joseph H. Smith, noted preacher, author, went to be with the Lord from his home in California, April 8th, 1946. He was in his ninety-first year, and had the unique record of having preached the Gospel for over seventy years. The name of Joseph H. Smith has been familiar to the people of the holiness movement for many years, for he was one of the greatest exponents of full salvation of modern times. He ministered to ministers and laymen with equal effectiveness. The ministers and people of our church were privileged to enjoy the ministry of this esteemed servant of Christ on two different occasions at Beulah Camp. An Elijah has been "caught away." May the Lord find one in whom the mantle of service may fall.

A FLYING CAMPAIGN IN CALIFORNIA

Dr. Claude A. Watson, former prohibition nominee for U. S. President, and Douglas "Wrong Way" Corrigan, famed Atlantic flyer, are launching a streamlined campaign for Prohibition in the State of California. Both men have filed papers for the June 4 elections, Watson for the office of Attorney General, and Corrigan for U. S. Senator, and both men will campaign by plane.

Dr. Watson is an ordained minister of the Free Methodist Church, a well known attorney and author. He will campaign on a prohibition platform, pledging himself to uncompromising warfare against the liquor traffic.

Corrigan is a Baptist by church affiliation, has never smoked nor drank. He gained fame some eight years ago when, after being refused permission to fly his plane to Ireland in '36 and '37, he took off from New York for Los Angeles, got "lost" in the fog, and landed in Dublin, Ireland, twenty-eight hours later.

We prayerfully hope that both candidates may be elected.

ADMINSTRATIVE CHANCES AT KLET-ZING COLLEGE

The administration of Kletzing College, better known to many as John Fletcher College and Central Holiness University, has changed hands. Dr. C. W. Butler, who has ably guided the affairs of this institution for the past decade, is retiring from school work, and will devote the rest of his years to evangelism and camp meeting work. During the history of this College, men whose names rank high in the holiness movement have served in the capacity of president. Besides Dr. Butler there have been Drs. A. M. Hills, G. A. McLaughlin, John L. Brasher, Joseph Owen and John Paul. Elected to succeed Dr. Butler as president of Kletzing College is Dr. Roy Cantrell, District Superintendent (Minnesota), of the Church of the Nazarene, while Dr. G. B. Williamson, pastor of the Kansas City First Nazarene Church, is the new chairman of the Board of Directors. While the administrative respon sibilities of the college pass into the hands of men of the Nazarene Church, the institution is dedicated to continue an interdenominational ministry.