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EDITORIAL

"I WILL TRY THEM THERE"

God was speaking to Gideon concerning ten thousand men who had responded to the trumpet call to service. Their ready response to the call of duty was important, but it was not enough. Dutifulness had to be accompanied by daring, and in that they qualified too. Twenty-two thousand, fearful and afraid, returned home, but not the ten thousand; they remained to fight. But they had not yet fully met the divine requirements or measured themselves by the divine standard. "Bring them down unto the water, and I will try them . . . there," said the Lord. The method of drinking became the test, and ninety-seven hundred failed. They qualified on the first two counts—dutifulness and daring, but they failed on the third, that of discipline. They were disqualified by self indulgence. Just three hundred stood approved before God and Gideon. They were God's men, God's choice, and through them He fought a great fight and triumphed gloriously.

Dutifulness and daring are still required of us by God in these days of fierce conflict with Satan's hosts. "The fight is on, the trumpet sound is ringing out, the cry 'To arms!' is heard afar and near"; but all too few are responding to that call, and of those who do, many return to their former way of life when they realize the need of courage and daring. Yet there are those who have rallied at the trumpet call, volunteering courageously for service, who fail sadly at the discipline test. They are unwilling for self-denial. They disqualify themselves through self-indulgence. They do not pass in their test at God's proving place. There is little or no restraint in satisfying the desires for the legitimate things. Thus there is abundance and extravagance instead of moderation and necessity.

Some may find here the reason why, not-withstanding their willingness to serve, God has not placed them in the line of battle, or given them the task for which they feel qualified. Some church group may see here why God makes so little use of them. It may help to explain the limited accomplishments of God through His church as a whole in these most needy days.

"Bring them down unto the water, and I will try them . . . there." What a disappointing record must have been written there through the years!

E. W. T.

PRAYER MEETING NIGHT IN "MILLVILLE"

It's Prayer Meeting night here in Millville,
And Charlie has just rung the bell,
To call men and women to worship
The Saviour they love, oh, so well!

The pastor has knelt in his study

To get something fresh from the Word,
In order to feed his dear people,

And send them home happy and stirred.

Oh, how they do love the prayer meetings,
The fellowship here is so sweet,
It's pleasant to hear Christian greetings
When each Wednesday evening they meet.

At the organ our sister is seated,
And the leader has called for a song,
And soon notes of praise are repeated,
By weak voices, as well as the strong.

They love to sing here in Millville,
Not one piece, but two, three or four,
Will often proceed the prayer service,
Which lasts an half hour or more.

Oh! how they do pray for their pastor,
His family, and each other too,
Until one can feel Heaven's blessings,
Flow richly from pulpit to pew.

Each carry a burden for lost souls,
A loved one, or boy far away,
And tears of rejoicing are mingled,
With sighs, as they linger to pray.

Not only for those who are present,

But the absent ones too, get a share,
For each is remembered by someone,

Who earnestly names them in prayer.

They never forget Bill and Elsie,
So recently gone from our midst,
The Kiersteads, Uta and Nina,
The Sanders, and all of the rest.

Our Bible School, and Crusaders,
Our Students who study God's word,
All get a share of the blessings,
Prayed down, by this group, from the Lord.

Tho' often weary in body,
From toiling the whole day long,
These dear saints of God are anointed
As they take part in worship and song.

The prayer meeting talk by the pastor,
So packed full of "kernels of wheat",
That provide food for thought and expression,
For the folk when they get on their feet.

It's a pleasure to hear them all witness,

The young ones as well as the old,

For each has his own testimony,

That's worth more than silver or gold.

And each has his own way of telling
What Jesus has done for his soul,
Until oftentimes waves of blessing,
Like billows of joy o'er us roll.

Why, no one would miss the Prayer Meeting!
If it's possible at all to be there,
It's the "Soul's Filling Station" in Millville,
Let's hurry! it's most time for prayer.
MRS. J. A. OWENS.

REV. RALPH HOBSON AT HALIFAX

Rev. Ralph Hobson, who completed a three year pastorate with the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church of Peterborough, Ontario, is to be pastor of our new Church at Halifax, N. S. Brother and Sister Hobson and their children, Carol and Teddy, have moved to Halifax and are making preparations for the opening of the new Reformed Baptist Church.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT SALEM, N. B.

Special services are to be conducted at Salem, Dec. 9-21, with Rev. F. A. Dunlop as evangelist. Prayer is requested.

SEVEN, INSTEAD OF TEN

An instance proving that God does change things in answer to prayer follows. It was taken from a circular letter of the Inland-South-America Missionary Union, dated December, 1940.

In a recent Missionary Conference, the Rev. J. Sidlow Baxter told an arresting story of answered prayer on the mission field. "A missionary and his wife, in charge of some ten stations, felt constrained to write to their Secretary in the Homeland confessing that there seemed to be no progress whatever in their stations. Because of indifference, opposition, and ignorance they had made no headway. The position seemed hopeless to human eyes.

"The missionaries suggested to the Secretary that he try to find ten people who would each make one of these stations his or her prayer object, and pray unceasingly for the work of the Lord in it. Time passed and things began to happen in seven of the stations. Revival broke out. The Gospel was gladly received by the people and great numbers were brought into the Church. But in the other three stations there was no change.

"Again the missionaries wrote to the Secretary describing what had happened in seven of the stations and expressing their anxiety concerning the other three. They asked him if he could suggest any explanation. It was not difficult for the Secretary to make clear the seeming mystery. He had succeeded in getting seven people to pray for seven of the ten stations; and in the seven stations for which these seven people had been so faithfully praying God had graciously answered in revival blessing."

"Oh, what pain we often bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer."
—By The Great Commission
Prayer League.

HIS COMMANDS

Obedience is a great New Testament truth, too much overlooked. Obedience is a proof of faith, and one of the very best proofs. It is a strong proof of loyalty. Worldly professions of faith and loyalty are abundant, and often they are but words. Loyal obedience to Christ's commandments proves our trust in Him and true affection for His cause in the world.—Dr. Gilbert Laws.

FAITH THAT WORKS

We actually live according to our beliefs. Belief and action cannot be separated. This means that belief can never be a passive thing. Faith and works supplement each other. True faith issues in works. Paul sought to combat the idea that man by works could please God; James to teach that true faith is always a working faith.—Dr. W. E. Denham.

WILLING SERVICE

It may seem only a little thing the Lord has for you to do, but it is an important one. Put not thyself out of the way of being employed by Him; do not begin by laying down laws for thyself as to what thou wilt do and what thou wilt not do; but cry out from the depth of thy heart, "Here am I, send me." He has "need of thee."—Hay Aitken.