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### Felloes, Spokes and Hubs

By Bishop Charles V. Fairbairn

Had I been born earlier when surnames were in the making, derived from the father's name, or sometimes from the family trade, born in one part of Scotland my name had been Mac-Roberts; in another, Robertson; in one section of England, Cartwright; in another, Wainwright, for Robert Fairbairn, my father, was a maker of wains or wagons. I grew up in the shop, and its speech was more familiar to me than any other language, except that of the Bible.

How many times have I heard some frugal farmer: "Now, Bob, I don't want to spend money for a new wheel. Just put three new spokes in and a new fellar, and with the tire set good, don't you think that'll do?" And Father came back with, "See that hub—those checks in it? You've let this thing go until it's done. I wouldn't waste time nor money putting new spokes into that hub. And a new felloe won't mend it, either."

Father was right. No wheel will stand up, no matter how many new spokes it has, nor how new the felloe, nor how glamorous the coat of paint spread on, if the hub be weather-checked to the point of ruin. There is a direct relation between the strength of the hub and the ability of spoke and rim to stand up under the load.

And a superintendent was right when he wrote: "Unless the church awakens to the importance of evangelism in our program, we will not have the men and women to carry the message to our mission fields." Dr. Mark A. Matthews, late of Seattle, said: "When Jesus Christ said, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,' He specifically instructed them to evangelize the whole world. There is but one department in the church and that is evangelism. All other departments are by-products and subordinate. The church's first business, her constant business, her indispensable business is the evangelization of the world." Christian education is preparation for evangelism in ways too seldom recognized as opportunities for such work. Foreign missions is evangelism going abroad. Home missions is evangelism going to the stranger within our gates. City missions undertake the same work among our under-privileged thousands. And what we call revival work is not evangelism, but an effort to bring newness of life fire yet present, though smoldering low, that our members, in a recovery of "first love," may break forth in evangelistic endeavor to convert friends and neighbors who are yet strangers to God. If the spirit of evan-

gelism were suddenly blotted out, every other church cause would go smashing to the ground. There would come no youth called to the ministry; none feeling the pull of distant lands; no more urge to become Christian educators; no more prayers to pray for such; no more tithers to back them; for the genius of evangelism is the Holy Spirit, and should He leave the church, that which remained would be but a corpse. She may lie in state, dressed never so beautifully, a lily in her hand; but she is dead. The light may filter into her rooms subdued and awe inspiring; but she is dead. The organ may so softly play the most lovely music; but she is dead. The preacher may deliver his most carefully-prepared essays; but it will be to the ears of death. Her children abroad (the missionaries) may say, "Let us show you how mother used to do it"; but back home, whence they all came, whence they once drew their inspiration, where somebody once lived and loved, prayed and wept, believed and prevailed, is now a grassy mound.

Oh, let us keep the Mother alive and well; the family abroad need her. Let us keep the Spirit in the Body; the church must live. Let us live, walk, pray, toil and triumph in the Spirit; the Spirit that sent Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, Jesus, Paul, Luther, Wesley, Finney, Moody and Goforth; the Spirit of "Tarry ye," of "Go ye," of "Pray ye," of "Give ye them to eat"; the Spirit of Pentecost, of evangelism. Let us keep the church in America and Canada, the hub of the work, healthy and sound and blessed, remembering that bright paint on a new rim, new spokes in a rotten hub, will never make a solid wheel.

I close with a further quotation from Dr. Mark A. Matthews: "If the church, if the individual Christian, if the church officer—pastor, elder, deacon, Sunday school teacher, worker in any and every department—can be made to see that his supreme business in life is finding a lost soul and leading him to Christ, then evangelism will return to the glorious position it occupied in the first century, and God will add to the church daily those He is saving. It is a passion for souls under the leadership of the Holy Ghost that is going to set the church on fire with evangelistic zeal. When the church becomes absolutely loyal to Jesus Christ as Lord and Master, absolutely loyal to the eternal Son of God, and believes in His blood, and that there is no salvation without the shedding of His blood, then she will have a passion for souls. When she becomes absolutely loyal to the Holy Ghost as a third person of the Trinity, the executive of the Trinity, the leader of the church, and obeys

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### For a Religious Awakening

By Oliver G. Wilson

The chronological record of mankind is a series of crises, and unending succession of crossroads, one of which leads to advancement in freedom, cultural refinement, and security; the other leads to ignorance, oppression, slavery. We stand now at one of these crossroads.

The present is pregnant with responsibility. Choices are being made, in the halls of Congress, and in the council chambers of ecclesiastical legislation which will determine civilization and religious trends for a thousand years.

What is needed, and needed desperately, is a leader who, with his hand in the hand of God and with his heart warm with sympathy and his vision clear as to the future, will lead us from the swamps of uncertainty and selfish greed, and defend us against pressure groups whether they be military, social or religious.

The leader will be the product of a religious awakening. He will walk out of a revival that bursts the bonds of provincial sectarianism, mediocrity, and littleness.

The revival needed is not gained by improved methods of evangelism. Methods are many; let us not quibble over methods, but use every one that will induce men to repent. It is time we were consumed with a leaping flame of soul passion to reach the perishing before eternity dawns.

The revival needed must deal faithfully with sin. To gloss over the terrifying facts of sin is to salve over a leprous spot. Men must see that they are slaves of sin, sick with a terrible malady for which Christ is the only cure.

Hypocrisy, lukewarmness, complacency, spiritual pride, must be seen as the abomination which God hates.

The revival which meets the desperate need of this hour must be heaven born. There must be a supernatural Presence which empowers the singers, pleads through the prayers, and clothes the preacher with the spirit and power of the prophet.

We have affirmed that we must have a revival or a revolution. A revival is a revolution. It over turns, it roots out, it pulls down, it destroys. But it also builds and inspires and lifts and makes over new the despairing and hopeless.

Let every pastor and people firmly resolve to have a supernatural awakening. An awakening that will arouse the dead, bring in new blood, and add new talent to the working force of the church.

Lord, send us an awakening notwithstanding the cost.—Wesleyan Methodist.