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### EDITORIAL

#### DO WE BEGIN RIGHT?

The last half of Acts 4 tells of God's working, of great blessing, and of man's successful labours, in the Early Church, such as we need today. The sacred record gives inspired and powerful preaching and witnessing, many new converts, abundant grace upon all, a prevailing spirit of unity, and liberal and overflowing offerings. The secret was twofold. First, there was prayer: "And when they had prayed." Then, the Christians were "all filled with the Holy Ghost." Doubtless the first led to the second, and the two together were the secret of that which followed.

The pattern of the Early Church cannot be improved upon. It shows us God's way, and the only truly successful way. All too often we begin with a preaching campaign, ask the people to pray, and spend most of the effort getting already enlightened believers revived and filled with the Spirit, and close with few if any brand new converts. Of course services and conventions particularly for the enlightenment and sanctifying of Christians are in order, and are necessary; but do we not spend hundreds if not thousands of dollars giving well blessed people the luxury of hearing another preacher, and in seeking to get believers who know well what to do, to the place of obedience, when much of it ought to be spent reaching the lost?

Recently I read a report from a pastor in another holiness denomination telling of a season of revival in his church. He says, "Without workers, expense or advertising, God has shown that He is not limited to time, men or talent." He reports that "for about two months without a break, God visited our services with conviction, conversion and consecration. Scores of souls made their way to the altar... and both saint and sinner recognized the wonder working hand of God." Then he gives this explanation and exhortation: "Back of it all was two or three groups of praying people, with a prayer answering God listening. For the encouragement of pastors and church leaders, I want to say that if we get our people praying and keep them at it, the fire will fall."

There is no need for me to write more. The way is clear. Let us begin with prayer—prolonged and persistent prayer, prayer until the Holy Ghost comes in sanctifying power. The outcome for us will also be powerful and inspired preaching and witnessing, many new

### DID YOU DO YOUR PART?

In the last issue of the paper we inserted a letter from a pastor, received with seventeen new subscriptions to follow. Needless to say, promise of more to follow. Needless to say, that letter and its contents gladdened and encouraged the heart of the editor.

For some time he has been wondering why there was so little response to his recent urgent appeal for subscriptions and renewals. An average of four new subscriptions from each of our churches would have given us a big and much needed boost.

We thank the pastor of the Millville Circuit, and the others, who have given us their help, and we earnestly solicit the co-operation of all. We need your help. May we count on you?

E. W. T.

### ON CHURCH FINANCING

The many recent appeals in The Highway for unpaid budgets and the payment of pledges, and the reporting of low treasuries, seem to point to the need of some improvement in the method of our giving and disbursing of our tithes and offerings.

While special appeals have their place and are necessary, the work of God cannot be properly financed in that way. The scriptural and so the best method is that of regular weekly giving as God has prospered us. (I. Cor. 16:2). This systematic bringing of the tithes into the treasury will make it possible for the church to meet its local and denominational obligations just as regularly, and more easily. Then, too, the various departments of the denominational work depending on the payment of budgets and pledges will be able to manage their affairs with less burden and uncertainty. Regular giving and disbursing is important. Let us use the best methods for financing God's work at home and abroad.

E. W. T.

### WE MUST PRAY

The deepest need of the Church today is not for any material or external thing, but the deepest need is spiritual. Prayerless work will never bring in the kingdom. We neglect to pray in the prescribed way. We seldom enter the closet and shut the door for a season of prayer. Kingdom interests are pressing on us thick and fast and we must pray. Prayerless giving will never evangelize the world.—Dr. A. J. Gordon.

### REVIVALS OF RELIGION

Let your hearts be much set on revivals of religion. Never forget that the churches have hitherto existed and prospered by revivals; and that if they are to exist and prosper in time to come, it must be by the same cause which has from the first been their glory and defence.—Joel Hawes.

converts, an abundance of blessing, a oneness of heart and soul, and liberal and overflowing offerings. But let us begin right. Let us start with prayer.

E. W. T.

"Some people think a thirty minute sermon is too long; so they substitute a six hundred column Sunday newspaper."

### ALCOHOL AS A REMOVER OF THINGS

Some one has said alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes.

This may be true, but stains from summer clothes are not the only things alcohol will remove.

Alcohol will remove the stain all right, but it will remove the summer clothes as well, and the spring clothes, and the autumn clothes, and the winter clothes.

Alcohol will not only do this for the man who drinks it, but it will do it for all those for whom he is responsible.

Alcohol will remove good food from the dinner table, and shoes from the baby's feet.

It will remove happiness from the home, and then remove the possibility of its ever returning.

It will remove smiles from the face, and laughter from the lips of innocent children.

It will remove school books from the arms and hope from the hearts of your boys and girls, and then the shoes from their feet, and the warm clothing from their bodies.

Yes, alcohol is a great remover! As a remover of things, alcohol has no equal competitor.

But removing things is not all that alcohol will do.

It will remove stains from your summer clothes, but it will leave stains of a far worse character on your manhood.

It will remove stains from your summer clothes, but it will leave pain a million times deeper in your heart.

Yes, alcohol is a great remover.

It will remove stains and leave pain.

It will remove fame and leave shame.

It will remove plenty and leave poverty.

It will remove honor and leave humiliation.

It will remove fine homes and leave hovels.

In fact, alcohol will remove anything from stains on summer clothes to the greatest fortune ever amassed by intelligent man.

It will remove everything, great or small, that makes life worth while.—Selected.

### THE VALLEY OF VISION

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Then kneeling at the grave, he stretched out his arms over the gleaming coral covering, and said, to God and to himself, "I now claim this whole island for Christ." The valley? Yes, deep and lonely. But also—the vision! The vision! "I claim this island for Christ!" And he lived to see the claim granted, by the grace of God.

"There is darkness still, gross darkness, Lord,

On this fair earth of Thine;

There are prisoners still in the prison house,  
Where never a light doth shine.

There are doors still bolted against Thee,

There are faces set like a wall;

Do you hear the voices calling

Out there in the black of night?

Do you hear the sobs of women,

Who are barred from the blessed light?

And the children, the little children,

Do you hear their pitiful cry?

O brothers, we must seek them

Or there in the dark they die."

—Heart and Life.

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