

NEWS of the Crusade

Signs of Revival!

Often we pray for revival, hope for revival, look for revival, and then hardly recognize or acknowledge it when it comes. While we have been writing of fruitful campaigns in extension efforts, with new churches being established, revival and spiritual increase has been enjoyed in a number of our established churches. One of the prime objectives of our Evangelistic Crusade was the building up of these churches. If while new churches were being organized and forging ahead our established churches were in decline, we could hardly rejoice "with joy unspeakable". But thanksgiving for the birth of new churches is heightened by the reviving and increase of the old. Many of our churches report

Growing Sunday Schools

To cite but a few instances: Perth S. S., running at a 35—40 attendance level a few years ago, is now averaging 110—115; Marysville S. S., with an average in the vicinity of 125—130 a year ago recently passed the 200 mark in a regular session; Moncton S. S., which ten years ago was in the 70—80 range is having a regular attendance of more than 200; Seal Cove, with a 120—130 average a few years ago, last Fall reached an amazing 300-plus attendance; Havelock, N. S., Jonesport, Maine, Woodstock, N. B., and other schools are also reporting record attendances of the highest in many years. Growing Sunday Schools are an encouraging sign in any denomination. There is also the report of

Increased Church Attendance

A number of our churches which enlarged their buildings to accommodate growing congregations are seeing near-capacity crowds in their regular Sunday morning and evening services. Recently I heard a number of ministers deploring a scanty attendance at their Sunday evening services. I rejoice that many of our pastors report an increase. Then, a most significant sign, is the increase in

Prayer Meeting Attendance

I heard a member of one of our churches state recently that if they weren't at prayer meeting early they would have to sit in the very front seats (a sure sign that all the others were filled)! A number of pastors have written or stated that prayer meeting attendance is at a record high. That's a healthy condition for any church. The church that is strong in prayer meeting attendance will be strong in every way.

Revival Needed

But there are some churches in dire need of revival. Attendance at all services is low and the "city is solitary that was full of people." But as God has blessed and revived the churches mentioned, and others, He will bless and revive those still in need. Let all the faithful prayer-warriors of our Crusade army make special petition to God for revival in every church.

The King's Highway

A Venture of Faith at Sussex!

Rev. R. H. Nicholson and his fine group of people at Sussex, N. B., faced with the urgent need of a church building, have stepped out on faith to purchase a splendid site in the heart of this fine community and plan for building this summer. Rather than settle for an inferior location in an out-of-the-way section of the town, at a lower figure, Brother Nicholson and his people, with faith and vision, have purchased a corner building lot on Main Street and drafted plans for a fine house of worship. The pastor and people of this new church are worthy of our earnest prayers, our generous support, and our hearty commendation. And person or persons who could give financial assistance to this project would be investing in a worthwhile venture. Pray that all necessary resources for this work will be supplied.

New Church Dedicated

Special services, which will be more fully reported later, will mark the opening of our newest church May 28—30. A beautiful basement unit has been completed at Grand Harbour, N. B., and awaits dedication. A band of zealous, consecrated people will have great cause for rejoicing when the prayer of dedication is offered for this house of worship, and all who are interested in the cause of holiness and those who are willing to brave opposition and persecution for this truth, will rejoice with them. And so another child is born to the Evangelistic Crusade of our church, another place of worship is dedicated to the proclamation of full salvation. Revs. A. D. Cann, B. D. Price, H. E. Mullen, and B. C. Cochrane will participate in the dedicatory services.

Crusade Rallies

Crusade rallies will be held in Maine, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick during the month of June. We solicit the earnest prayers of our pastors and people for these rallies.

God Needs Us

By N. W. Churchill*

We as Christians, and to a certain extent people of the world, realize the fact that we need God. But today let us look at the other side. Does God need us? God created men for fellowship and the worship which is His by right of creation; therefore, God needs us as consecrated and obedient Christians in order to carry out His purpose in making the human race.

We might say, God doesn't need me. It won't make any difference to Him. But let us look at ourselves a minute as fathers and mothers. We know that when our children are young they especially need us. If we lose them could we say we did not need them? In a sense we could. We could live and carry on without them, but one of our chief joys in life would be gone, and our plans defeated. It is thus with God when His greatest creation is lost, or we as Christians fail and leave the fold of Christ.

If we know that God needs us it should make us realize our responsibility and give a determination never to fail Him. In any case, if we felt we were needed, we should, no doubt, give more effective service.

We must also realize how God is depending on us, as members of His Church, to carry out the Great Commission of Mark 16:15. Without our faithfulness, as preachers and disciples, the purpose that God planned, and

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY GHOST IN REGENERATION

Dr. Roy S. Nicholson

The Holy Spirit is a divine, invisible person. As a worker, He generally works through the people of God. As a workman, the Word of God is the instrument He uses. His "general" work, one says, is to strive and to convict the sinner (Gen. 6:3; John 16:7, 8) through the Word of God (Rom. 3:19-20; Eph. 6:17). His "special" work is that of regeneration (John 3:5, 8; Titus 3:5). The Word is His instrument (I Peter 1:23; James 1:18). His "abiding" work is that of sealing the saint (Eph. 1:13).

The sinner, dead in trespasses and sins, needs life. Conviction awakens the sinner to his need of spiritual life. As the Executor of the Godhead and Administrator of the Estate of Grace, the Holy Spirit is the sole agent in man's regeneration which is stipulated in Christ's will (or testament) for man. (Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14). There being no other authorized Executive of the Godhead, only through the Spirit can we receive that which Christ has provided for us.

Regeneration is of spiritual origin. It is that gracious state in which the penitent sinner, who was dead in sins (Eph. 2:1), enters when in response to his faith in Christ the Holy Spirit, as the Spirit of Life (Rom. 8:2), imparts life to the soul and thereby makes one a new creation (II Cor. 5:17; Gal. 6:15). "This implies the forgiveness of sins, the impartation of spiritual life, and the witness of the Spirit to adoption . . . true converts . . . have the joys of pardon, the impulses of a new life, and a sweet assurance of sonship" (Sheridan Baker in Hidden Manna).

The Holy Spirit, in administering the provisions of atonement merit, by the act of regeneration produces holy inclinations, qualifications and dispositions in the soul. He may use a variety of methods, but there is uniformity in what is wrought in the believer's soul: likeness to God, conformity of the nature to the divine nature, and agreement of the will with the divine will. Thus the regenerated soul possesses both a new life and a new mode of being, "a new bias and predominating impulse." This regeneration reveals how the transformation, which produces the moral characteristics which qualify man to receive the blessings promised in Matt. 5:1-12, is wrought: by the divine Spirit. The fact that there is mystery connected with this, as there is with natural generation, does not disprove its reality, which is demonstrated by its effects, the consciousness of a new life, and the sense of living in a new world.

All that I am I owe to Jesus Christ revealed to me in His Divine Book.—David Livingstone.

Jesus made possible through His death and resurrection, will be thwarted.

We need God much in these modern days when it is so easy to drift. I trust it will help and inspire us to know that God needs us, and is depending on us to carry on His work.

If someone reads this who is not a follower of the Christ of Calvary I hope you will see that God wants you to live and witness for Him where you are, or to go to the uttermost parts of the earth, to finish the work which He has given man to do.

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