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EDITORIAL

PENTECOST SUNDAY

In this issue of the paper there are several articles on the Holy Spirit, His work, and our need of experiencing His mighty working. They are printed with the prayerful hope that they will be prayerfully and profitably read. A further reason for printing them is to remind us of the approach of Pentecost Sunday, June 6th, and to help prepare us for that important day.

Dr. Paul F. Elliott writes: "If Pentecost is given its rightful place in the Church, it will be because believers and God's holy people allow it to be so. It is in keeping with Scriptural teachings that those who believe in and have experienced the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, endeavour to stress the true meaning of Pentecost particularly at the season between Easter and Pentecostal Sunday."

The Day of Pentecost was preceded by days of prayer. The one hundred and twenty "all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication." It was thus that they prepared themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit and His mighty working in them and through them. Then let every church, through much prayer, prepare to commemorate the giving of the Holy Ghost, praying for a like visitation and a reviving of God's work in our midst.

E. W. T.

PREPARING FOR THE CAMP MEETINGS

The next issue of The Highway will carry the first front page announcement of the Beulah Camp Meeting. We mention it, not just for information, but rather as a reminder that it is time to pray earnestly for the coming Camp Meetings of the Denomination.

Doubtless the extent of the blessing of God upon the Camps, and so the extent of the good accomplished in and through them will be largely determined by the amount of praying done. And so we are making this call to prayer. Let prayer be made without ceasing of the Church. Let us pray when alone with God; let us pray at our family altars; let us pray in our prayer meetings; let special prayer be offered for God to visit us in mighty power in every Camp Meeting of the summer months.

We are being told repeatedly that the success of many of the evangelistic efforts of which we are hearing is due to months of preparation by prayer. Thousands of praying people and many prayer groups concentrate their prayers on the coming effort. John Wesley said, "God works only in answer to prayer." That, we too, believe. Let us, then, prepare thoroughly for the coming Camps by earnest and believing prayer.

E. W. T.

PLATFORM POINTERS

Never forge ahead by hammering at the other fellow.

Emotion is no substitute for devotion.

If we let God guide, He will provide.

Prayer is a small word for a big thing.

No man can truly lead until he has learned to follow.

"If you are dissatisfied with your lot in life erect a service station on it."

Enthusiasm is a great hill climber.

The Christian life is not a subtraction of trouble, but an addition of power to meet it.

—Gospel Banner.

THE STEADY SUBSCRIBER

How dear to our hearts is the steady subscriber,

Who pays in advance of the birth of each year;

Who lays down the money, and does it quite gladly,

And casts 'round the office a halo of cheer.

He never says, "Stop it; I cannot afford it; I'm getting more magazines now than I read"—

But always says, "Send it; our people all like it;

In fact we all think it a help and a need."

How welcome his cheque when it reaches our sanctum,

How it makes our pulse throb, how it makes our heart dance!

We outwardly thank him, we inwardly bless him—

The steady subscriber who pays in advance.

—Selected.

PRAYER AS A WORKING FORCE

"Too busy to pray!" You might as well say, "Too busy to live." Prayer is not lost time. It is living itself. It is that without which no time is saved, but all time is lost. It conserves time, making it valuable and effective. Jesus prayed before He worked and so got strength for His work; He prayed after He worked and thus made His labors effective and enduring. Like Him, we should pray before we act and so get counsel and strength from God; and we should offer prayer after we act and get the blessing of God upon what we have done. Otherwise we shall labor in vain and shall fail. We should do this no matter how busy we are. We should do this because we are busy. Remember this, to pray is to live; not to pray is not to live, it is simply to exist.—Selected.

Christian perfection is not freedom from ignorance, infirmities, nor temptation.

—Wesley.

THE GAIN OF PRAYER

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Had he despised the humble brother's message, he would have missed his healing. But note that it was in the atmosphere of prayer that the revelation was both given and received.

Far less dramatic but none the less real was the recent experience of a nineteen-year-old college girl in New York who had made a surrender of herself to the Holy Spirit. The surrender, however, had not been followed by any "miracle," as she put it. One of her defects in Christian living had been a closed attitude toward people. They had to be "just so" before she would take any interest in them. But here she is, on this particular morning, riding the subway, one arm upstretched to the strap above her, the other full of books.

She became aware that she was standing in front of a man who was absorbed in reading the newspaper. Although she could not see his face, the Spirit of God said to her: "Pray for him." A moment or two after she began concentrating on him in prayer, asking only that he might have his life tuned to Christ, the man pulled down his paper, looked up at her, and said, "Lady, do you want a seat?" In telling it afterward she remarked that as a hardened New York subway rider, she knew that for such a thing to take place was in itself a miracle! She got a seat, but that was incidental. She discovered that, as a fully surrendered Christian, she now had an interest in people, a desire to pray for them, a longing to see them brought to Christ, such as she had never had before.

What if she had quenched the Spirit? She would have stood swaying in the aisle till she reached her destination, but that would have been incidental. She would have missed the thrill of being open, susceptible, responsive to the Spirit of God.

"Quench not the Spirit!" When the Holy Spirit speaks pray for the listening ear. When the Holy Spirit guides, pray for the obedient heart. When the Holy Spirit gives you new light, pray for the courage to walk in it. When the Holy Spirit asks for a total surrender of yourself to God and His will, pray for the strength to say: "Here am I; send me!"

—Heart and Life

THE PRAYER-ER

Lord, what a change within us one short hour
Spent in thy presence will prevail or make—
What heavy burdens from our bosoms take,
What parched grounds refresh as with a shower!
We kneel, and all around us seems to lower;
We rise, and all the distant and the near,
Stands forth in sunny outline, brave and clear;
We kneel how weak, we rise how full of power!
Why, therefore, should we do ourselves this wrong—
Or others—that we are not always strong;
That we are ever overborne with care;
That we should ever weak or heartless be,
Anxious or troubled, when with us in prayer,
And joy and strength, and courage, are with thee?"

Archbishop Trench.

PENTECOSTAL POISE

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peculiar (not odd) for Christ's sake. It is the poise revealed in the mind of the master which Christians are exhorted to have (Phil. 2:5). God gave us this poise—the poise that comes from the gift of the Spirit, resulting in purity, passion, and power.

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