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EDITORIALS

WANTED—MORE POWER

Napoleon Bonaparte once said: "Impossible is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools."

One wiser and greater than Bonaparte declared: "If thou could believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."

The implications of this statement of our Lord are tremendous: "All things are possible to him that believeth." Think of it! Here is a challenge which invites us to exchange despair for hope, defeat for victory, failure for success. Laying hold of this promise with fearless faith, we grasp that which becomes an instrument of death to evil forces, a powerful weapon for victorious warfare in the Kingdom of Christ.

Pessimism and defeatism in Christian service bespeaks a pitiful lack of faith in the Lord, who leads us, and a restricted realization of the great spiritual resources at our disposal. "Ye shall receive power," said Jesus to the little group of men who trembled under the heavy responsibility of world evangelism. "Ye shall receive power, and ye shall be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Go ye therefore, teach, baptize." The inference to be drawn from our Lord's words are crystal clear. Going forth in the power of the Spirit, teaching the people of the nations the message of the Word, results would be realized which would justify baptisms. Instructions to baptize indicated Christ's expectancy in the fruitfulness of their labours.

The spiritual coldness of the modern church, and the blatant unbelief of the world of today, have taken their toll on would-be "evangelical" groups. Faced with indisputable evidence that Satan has gained an honored seat in the religious parliament of this twentieth century, and that the "whole world lieth in wickedness," we are all but overwhelmed with the odds against us in our efforts to promote a real spiritual programme. The obvious indifference of many to the call of Christ and the seeming preference of many more for a form of religion which denies the power of God unto salvation, is a combination which quickly overwhelms the faint of heart and weak of faith. Only a vigorous, dynamic, Spirit-inspired confidence in the faithfulness of the Almighty will enable us to match strength with the devil and emerge victorious.

Moral integrity and doctrinal soundness are not sufficient for the demand of the times. Both are needed but they are not enough. We must live right and be faithful to truth, but we must go further if we are to expect to be a vital force for God in the time of spiritual need. Positive action by the Christian and the church of today must be precipitated by a mighty endowment of spiritual power. The machinery of evangelistic effort needs the driving force of Pentecostal dynamic.

Holiness people and leaders in the holiness movement who have been loyal to truth may resent the suggestion that the real vitality and spirit of power is lacking among us but the writer is quite convinced. Furthermore, we believe that the frank confession of this lack is the first great step toward an attainment and an enjoyment of that Spiritual glow and glory which belongs to the full salvation forces of past generations but is now a hallowed memory.

THE SIN WE EXCUSE

There are little foxes which creep silently into the Lord's vineyard and do untold harm to the tender vines. Because they are small and move quietly, we think them quite harmless, when in truth they may do more damage than the roaring lion.

While the preacher arranges the heavy artillery for "big game," and the people keep a watchful eye for stalking beasts of prey, a subtle enemy glides into the church unnoticed and begins to work with deadly skill. The armed guard has failed to recognize the true character and destructive power of this little intruder, and permits him to pass into the vineyard and set about his spoiling work.

Into this category falls the sin of evil speaking. No sin is more prevalent in the church, none excused so often, and yet few are more damaging to the work of God.

"They say," says one. "I hear," says another. "I'm afraid," yet another, and into circulation goes a story or a suggestion that gains momentum at amazing speed, and accumulates power to destroy beyond the imagination of the one whom the devil used as the chief character in his evil plot. The Holy Spirit is grieved, the bond of fellowship is strained or broken, and satan's "divide and conquer" plan is set in motion when Christians begin to speak evil one of another. The blessing of God has been lost, the influence of ministers has been ruined, and the usefulness of churches sadly impaired through the deadly practice of evil speaking.

"Speak not evil one of another, brethren." "Speak evil of no man, but be gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men." "If ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another."

We need to be cruelly honest with ourselves in this matter. Evil speaking is EVIL speaking. It is a subtle, yet grievous sin. As long as we excuse it or wink at it, it will continue to be an unlovely part of our living and will go on spreading its divine infection. Perhaps all of us could stand a heart-searching here. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer!"

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY

We regret that we cannot publish a report on the Sunday School attendance on Rally Day, October 2nd. We have only heard from about 25% of the Sunday Schools of the denomina-

tion. Nearly all the schools reporting show substantial gains over last year's attendance. Some are more than 100%. Marysville lead in highest attendance with 302. Some of the smaller community schools registered high attendance and remarkable gains. Rural Harbour, N. S., had 174 present, while Woods Harbour, N. S., had the highest reported percentage gain with 87 present this year as compared to 36 of last year. Again the editor expresses regret that a complete or near complete report cannot be published. We wish that pastors would realize the importance of seeing that reports of this kind are sent in and would stir themselves a bit!

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD MEETINGS

Our Foreign Mission Board will meet at Fredericton, N. B., Friday, Nov. 18th., with meetings scheduled for 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. Matters of great importance to our missionary work will be considered in these meetings and all Board members are requested to be present.

B. C. Cochrane, President.

R. H. Parks, Secretary.

PREACH THE WORD

May it soon please the Lord to deliver us from the smart preacher and replace him with the pregnant prophet—in pain to be delivered, the man who has a soul with a sword, a brain with a burden, and a heart with heaviness, the man who can cry, with the Holy Ghost bearing him witness, "woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" This is no hour for pulpit lullabies, nor will the man who knows he has a mandate from God stain his soul with such a betrayal of his commission.

The pulpit-stunter is a pervert and not a prophet. The man who makes the pulpit a shopwindow to display his talents has not yet learned the first thing about his task. The holy desk is no platform for mental acrobatics nor a show place for the philosopher's fancy-work. The preacher is not the direct descendant of the Greek philosopher, but of the Hebrew prophet.

Let the pulpit prince subject himself to periodic scrutiny, lest his divine afflatus should have slipped away and he be coasting along under the power of human zeal and the oratory of the pedagogue.

This appeal is for back-to-the-Bible preaching! Preach the Word! Paul, the dauntless, cried, "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men."

—Evang. Ravenhill, Oldham, England

"Neither conference, nor synods, nor councils, nor commanders, can make a man acceptable to the people, however long his service and varied his experience, if he has lost the spirit of prayer and faith and fiery-hearted love, and the sweet simplicity and trustfulness and self-sacrifice of his youth, and is now living on past victories and revelations and blessings. But fresh anointings of the Spirit and present-day experiences will make him acceptable, though his eye be dim and his back bent, and his voice husky with age. It was so with Finney, and Whitefield, and Wesley, and so it may be with you, O my brother!"

—Samuel L. Brengle

"The three great essentials to achieve anything worth while are: first, hard work; second, stick-to-itiveness; third, common sense."

—Thomas Edison