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EDITORIALS

PREPARING FOR REVIVAL

The most important phase of any revival campaign is the work of preparation. More important than the evangelist, more important than the musical talent, more important than anything and everything else, is the "spade work" which must precede any fruitful soul-saving effort.

When last-minute arrangements are made for a series of special meetings, an evangelist engaged a few weeks before the time appointed for the meeting, a few hurried announcements of the campaign, an eleventh-hour appeal to the people of the church, it is not at all surprising if little is realized by way of genuine results.

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord . . ." is the admonition of the Word. There are valleys to be filled up, mountains to be brought down, twists and curves to be taken out of the highway, and rough places to be made smooth. Until the divinely prescribed road-building work is attended to, we have no scriptural right to expect Him who promised to reveal His glory.

The Billy Graham campaigns are launched after months and sometimes years of the most thorough preparation. The Toronto meeting, now in progress, is the climax of long and careful planning. For three years the Graham representatives and the Toronto committee have been working in every conceivable way to get things in readiness for the crusade. Capable publicity men were given the responsibility of advertising the campaign, and this they have done through the press, radio, and TV, until not only Toronto, but the whole Dominion, the United States, and countries throughout the world have been well informed of the crusade. An army of talent, singers, personal workers, ushers, etc., were enlisted and trained for their duties. Most important of all, prayer groups were organized and set to the task of calling upon God. In May, 1954, a year and a half before the campaign was scheduled to begin, a weekly prayer meeting was started and carried on without interruption, even on Christmas day. Eight weeks before the crusade began, 25,000 women started special cottage prayer meetings, gathering in groups of ten four mornings each week, to wait on the Lord and pray for revival. It is expected that the total cost of this four-

week campaign will be near \$100,000.

During the next six or eight months, many revival campaigns will be held in our churches. The success of these important efforts will depend very largely on the type and measure of preparation made previous to the actual date of the meeting. The reports on many such campaigns are either a frank admission of disappointment or an exaggeration of meager results, statistical statements making the campaign sound like a "landslide", when investigation reveals that nothing really outstanding has happened.

The God of revivals still lives. He is moving in many parts of the world. He will move in the Maritimes and Maine. But the way of the Lord must be prepared. When things are set in order by prayer, faith, and zealous labour, He will come and "rain righteousness upon us". He might even come before the evangelist arrives, He will, if our hearts are ready. So, help us Lord!

AN ENCOURAGING TREND

We are hearing of more and more churches holding weekly services of intercession. These services are not "prayer and praise" meetings, but appointments for calling on God in behalf of the regular services and special campaigns of the church. Ladies prayer groups meet some week day afternoon, men's prayer meetings are held Saturday evening in a number of churches, special Sunday prayer services are held before preaching services. This is a most encouraging trend. Nothing provides better reason for hope of victory and progress in the work of the Kingdom, than an increase of prayer. "Whenever God proposes to do something great for his people, He first of all sets them to praying". With this statement we all agree. The progress we have enjoyed during the past few years is due chiefly to the earnest, faithful praying of our people. May the practise of special intercessory services spread to every church.

LET'S SUPPORT OUR SUPERINTENDENT

We are fortunate in having a qualified, God-called, consecrated leader in our denominational work. His highest ambition is to discharge the duties of his office efficiently and faithfully. To this end he labours.

In the work of God, as in every other field, an appointed leader, however capable, must have the support of his co-workers or his best efforts will end in disappointment. David's mighty men were essential to the capable, anointed leader of Israel. Without them his military ventures would have ended in disastrous defeat. Even Christ was dependent on the loyalty and co-operation of his apostles, and subsequently of His ministers and people, in His proposed world-encircling Gospel programme. And our leader is dependent on the support of the people who have appointed and accepted him.

The superintendent needs financial support. If his salary is not paid in full and on time, he will be hampered and restricted in his work. The expenses related to his official position are heavy and personal obligations must be honoured. It is regrettable to lay upon our leader the strain of financial worry because of our failing to give him the necessary support. The "Superintendent's Salary" section of the budget should be paid so that

our treasurer can keep semi-monthly cheques going to our leader.

The superintendent needs moral support. Speak well of him. Strengthen his hands with others by avoiding harmful criticism. A leader becomes a target for criticism. He will expect it and absorb it. But it will be to our credit, his assistance, and the general good of the work, if we make it a practise to emphasize the commendable traits and accomplishments of our leader, and be sparing in criticism. Many a good man has been weakened by the "whispering campaigns" conducted by the hyper-critical.

The superintendent needs prayer support. While I served in the superintendency, there were many words and acts which encouraged me, but nothing brought strength to my soul like the receiving of a letter containing the sentence "we are praying for you". Because of his high position and wide influence, the superintendent becomes the object of special attention from the devil. The enemy will spare no pains to cause him discomfort, discouragement, and, if possible, defeat. Much prayer should be offered for our leader, and prayer is his greatest asset.

Let's support our superintendent! In doing so, we support every department of the work.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST FROM REV. C. E. STAIRS

As we go to press we have received the following telegram:

PLEASE REQUEST IN 30th ISSUE, PRAYER FOR MOTHER'S HEALING IN WOODSTOCK HOSPITAL.

C. E. STAIRS.

Let us all respond to this urgent call to prayer.

JUST WHY:

Can you watch your brother suffer—and not pray?
Can you slumber without praying—at the close of day?
Can you feast without prayer—for others have no care?
Is your vision bright and clear—groans, can you hear?
Is your faith still brave and bold—as in days of old?
Can you see your brother give—while you in comfort live?
Can you see them on their knees—while you live on in ease?
Can you watch the heathen die—and your soul never sigh?
Have you ever stopped to ask yourself, **Just why?**
—By Marvin S. Cooper, Connersville, Indiana



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