

PRAY TILL THE VICTORY COMES!

There is no discharge in this holy war, and we must continue to press for revival in our Christian communities and evangelism among the unchurched. The natural, human tendency is to let up in our spiritual exercise and efforts for the Lord when it seems that victory is long in coming. But does not the Word of God encourage us to hold on and believe for deliverance when everything continues to look unfavorable? Did not Jesus say, "Men ought always to pray and not to faint," (Luke 18:1)? And is not the accompanying parable of the widow and the unjust judge given to teach that God will avenge His own elect which cry unto Him day and night (Lk. 18:7), though He bear long with them?

Finney described the prayer ministry of the Christians in his day of revival in the following words:

"Not only were prayer meetings greatly multiplied and fully attended, not only was there great solemnity in those meetings, but there was a mighty spirit of secret prayer. Christians prayed a great deal. Many of them would spend hours in private prayer. It was also the case of two or more who would take the promise, 'If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done them of my Father which is in heaven,' (Matt. 18:19) and make some particular person a subject of prayer. And it was wonderful to what extent they prevailed. Answers to prayer were so manifestly multiplied on every side, that no one could escape the conviction that God was daily and hourly answering prayer."

If revival has come to your church and community, praise God for it, and press on to see its influence widened. If you have not yet seen the answer to your prayer, pray on, work on in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Fight off the things that would oppress you and keep you from prayer the cares of daily life, weariness, discouragement, and all the foes that come against you. Victory, victory, victory! Pray for it! Believe for it! Expect it! Plan for it! Work for it, and the God of battles will give deliverance.

There are many special meetings that have a measure of blessing in them, but which fall short of real revival. It is a mistake to settle back in the old spiritual ruts, and let things drift. Press on and believe for revival. Perhaps one of these days some of the churches will get beyond this ten-day business and settle down to see things come to pass for God. Insofar as we have been able to discover, the Holy Ghost does not work by the clock nor by the calendar; and we will do well not to try to set time limits for His operations:

We find evidences of a quickened prayer life among the spiritual people, but it is only the beginning of that which is needed. If the prayer of one righteous man availeth much (James 5:16), what of the united petitions of ten such men? Of 100? Of 10,000?

The enemy would like to make us believe that prayer for revival is of no avail in these times; but we still have the Word of God: "This is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him," (1 John 5:14, 15).—Sel.

"Opportunities are swarming around us all the time, thicker than gnats at sundown. We walk through a cloud of chances."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES

The special campaign at Houlton, Maine, opened Thursday, Feb. 16th, and is continuing with services each week night except Saturday, and two Sunday meetings, afternoon and evening. Attendance at these services is very good and interest is most encouraging. Please pray for this important venture and the workers who are labouring at Houlton under the leadership of our superintendent, Rev. N. E. Trafton.

Rev. Lawrence Corey has accepted a call to continue as pastor of our church at Londonderry, N. S.

Rev. J. A. Owens has accepted a call to the Hartland-Lower Brighton-Victoria Churches.

Rev. R. H. Morehouse has accepted a call to the Millville, N. B., circuit of churches.

Open for call to pastoral work are:

Rev. H. E. Mullen, Grand Harbour, N. B.

Rev. B. D. Price, North Head, N. B.

Rev. M. M. Grant, Digby, N. B.

Rev. R. H. Parks, Calais, Maine.

Rev. G. A. DeLong, Fort Fairfield, Maine.

Rev. H. M. Kimball, Bristol, N. B.

Lic. Hazen Ricker, Bethany Bible College, Yarmouth, N. S.

ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

"Do you think it would be wrong for me to learn the noble art of self-defense" a religiously inclined young man inquired of his pastor.

"Certainly not," answered the minister. "I learned it in youth myself, and I have found it of great value during my life."

"Indeed, sir! Did you learn the old English system, or Sullivan's system?"

"Neither. I learned Solomon's system."

"Solomon's system?"

"Yes, you will find it laid down in the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of Proverbs. 'A soft answer turneth away wrath.' It is the best system of self-defense of which I know."

—Illustrations and Incidents for Preachers and Teachers.

I MET GOD IN THE MORNING

Ralph Cushman

I met God in the morning,

When my day was at its best;

And his presence came like sunrise

With a Glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered,

All day long he stayed with me;

And we sailed in perfect calmness

O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,

Other ships were sore distressed,

But the winds that seemed to drive them.

Brought to us both peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,

With a keen remorse of mind,

When I, too, had loosed the moorings,

With the Presence left behind.

So I think I know the secret,

Learned from many a troubled way;

You must seek Him in the morning,

If you want Him through the day.

—Selected

OBITUARY

Mr. James Lloyd, of Gordonsville, N. B., passed away recently after an illness of several months. Our brother for many years was a faithful member of the Gordonsville R. B. Church. He was devoted to the cause of holiness and stood by the church always. He filled the office of deacon for a long time. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. M. Kimball, assisted by three local ministers.

His wife and two children are left to mourn.

Mr. George C. Crawford, of Fredericton, N. B., passed away at Victoria Public Hospital Dec. 23rd, following a heart seizure. He was in his 78th year. Although in failing health for some time, his death came as a shock to his family and friends.

Brother Crawford was an esteemed member of the Reformed Baptist Church of Fredericton. He was a very faithful attendant of the services of the church and kept up regular attendance until just a couple of weeks before his passing. He maintained a keen interest in all departments of the church work and through the years served in various official capacities.

Surviving are the widow, one daughter, Christina, four sons, Willard, John, Walter, and Reginald, three sisters and one brother.

The funeral service was held from the Fredericton R. B. Church and was conducted by Rev. B. C. Cochrane, assisted by the Gospel Trio. Interment was in Rural Extension Cemetery, Fredericton.

To the mourning hearts we extend sincere sympathy.

Mrs. Sidney Miller, aged 71 years, passed away at the home of her son, Elmer Billings, in Meductic, Feb. 15th, where she had been residing since the death of Mr. Miller, two months ago.

The funeral was held from her late home in Lr. Coverhill, to the Central Hainesville church, and was conducted by Rev. J. A. Owens, assisted by Rev. Albert Brooks and Rev. Mr. McQueen. The Upper Hainesville Choir rendered three favorite selections.

Mrs. Miller was a kindly Christian woman, beloved by all who knew her. She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Russell Ebbett, of Peterborough, Ont., two sons, Rodney, of Baltimore, Md., and Elmer, of Meductic, N. B.; also two sisters, Mrs. Sadie Nason, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Maude Morrison, of Florida.

Interment was in Central Hainesville cemetery beside her first husband, Frank Billings, who died thirty-seven years ago.

May God comfort the sorrowing family.

WEDDING

McCoy-Reed—At the Reformed Baptist Parsonage, Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 18th, Roberta Ann Reed, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reed, Fredericton, and Edward Albert McCoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McCoy, Maugerville, N. B., were united in marriage by Rev. B. C. Cochrane.

DO NOT FLY ON SABBATH

The War Cry states: When the late Wilbur Wright was at the height of his fame, and was acclaimed everywhere as the "emperor of the air," the King of Spain came to see his machine. An orderly said, "His Majesty would like to see you fly."

"I am very sorry," was the reply, "but we never fly on Sunday."

The answer was more noble than flying.

—"Covenanter Witness"

The King's Highway