

Our forces next got a small and hitherto precarious foothold in the Louwsburg Township from which they could better reach the outlying areas which could not be reached from either Hartland or Altona because of distance, mountains and rivers. Until recently there has been very poor response to the Gospel in this area due to the fewness of workers, the rough terrain and the conservatism of the people of that area—native customs and heathenism and economic backwardness all act as hindering forces. It is only just now after having had the use of our Bible students to carry on intensive evangelistic work in that area that the prospects for the Gospel are beginning to look brighter in that area.

The moving of our white workers from Hartland to Paulpietersburg and the resultant effect of getting a church site in the Paulpietersburg Location after a fruitless ten year struggle to get a site there has given us our largest and most flourishing town work to date. The congregation there bids fair to crack the walls with their numbers and may soon need to enlarge the present building.

The promising site that we bought in Ermelo and on which we built such a nice church and preacher's house has and is being rendered practically useless because of South Africa's "Apartheid" laws which are forcing the different races to live and worship in separate areas. Our buildings are in an area that hitherto has been occupied by natives but an area from which they are in the process of being shifted. The buildings may later have other uses or may need to be sold once the "status quo" for that area has been established.

Our newest and most up-to-date church in the Daveyton Township near Johannesburg has, possibly, the most promising future as it is located in a large and very new city. Its most promising feature is the fact that the new building is packed out with Sunday School children nearly every Sunday.

Another Location, Breyten, has a very promising group but so far we have been unable to procure a church site there, so the future is not so bright as yet.

Pray for this newest phase of our Mission work.

## THEY APPOINTED A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER

By R. A. Torrey

The great Welsh revival in 1904 of the beginning of which I was an eye-witness, happened thus. Mr. Alexander and I had been invited to Cardiff, Wales, for a month's mission. The announcement that we were going there was made about a year before we went, and prayer began to go up all over England and Scotland and Wales, that God would send a revival, not only to Cardiff but to all Wales. When we reached Cardiff we found that for almost a year they had been holding a prayer-meeting from six to seven every morning, praying for a great revival.

For the first two weeks or so things dragged. Great crowds came and there was great enthusiasm in the singing, but we could not get the people to do personal work. Then we appointed a day of fasting and prayer, and the day was observed in other parts of Wales as well as in Cardiff.

In one place Seth Joshua, who was afterwards so greatly used in the revival, was the leading figure and had charge of the meeting, and wrote me a most glowing and cheerful account of what God had done in that place on that day.

I think it was on that very day that he was kneeling beside Evan Roberts, and as he prayed the power of God fell on Evan Roberts.

The power of God came down in Cardiff in such a

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### THIS IS OUR GENERATION

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In the general sighing about "the good old days" it might prove helpful if the exhortations were more specific. A wholesale endorsement of the past seems almost as meaningless as a complete vindication of the present.

During days of spiritual declension, the prophets of the Lord called the people to a present righteousness that they might have the blessing of God upon them as formerly (Mal. 3: 4). In the New Testament backsliders are called upon to repent and to "remember" how they had received and heard (Rev. 3:3).

But the Bible also cautions us against using the call to former days unwisely: "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this" (Ecc. 7:10).

Sometimes it has been the failure of former days that has produced a current dilemma. When the foundations of the Temple were laid by Zerubbabel, some of the younger people shouted for joy; but the "ancient men, that had seen the first house . . . wept with a loud voice" (Ezra 3:12). They recalled a magnificence in the original building that promised to be lacking in the new. They could also have remembered that it was the wrongdoing of the former years that had humbled their once great people.

Some churches should weep because the former glory has been lost. Others are obliged to struggle with problems which had their genesis in the folly of former years. What is needed in both instances is a breaking through to God for the needs of the hour!

Does not God's Word call attention to his ever-present faithfulness? How heartening it is to read: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). Heaven still bends low to help those who see the Lord. He still waits to show himself gracious. These are the days of grace and the opportunities for worship and service are grand and glorious!

Should the spiritual leaders of yesterday, who were so mightily used of God, return, they could not fight our battles for us; nor would their presence among us be any guarantee that things would be better. When the fear-stricken Saul was granted a brief interview with Samuel in the strange episode at Endor, the distraught king found that the prophet could not bring back the better days they both remembered.

Today is the day of salvation! And this is our generation. We are the people, under God, who are writing the record of defeat or victory. And we can be "more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

wonderful way that when Mr. Alexander and I were compelled to leave at the end of the month in order to keep an engagement in Liverpool, the meetings went right on without us and they went on for one whole year—meetings every night for a whole year, and multitudes were converted.

From Cardiff the fire spread up and down the valleys of Wales. Soon after we had reached Liverpool, the next city we visited, I received a letter from the minister who was the secretary of our mission in Cardiff in which he said his assistant had gone out the preceding Sunday night up one of the valleys of Wales, and that as he preached the power of God fell on him and one hundred persons were converted while he was preaching.

The fire spread over the entire country under Evan Roberts and others, and it is said that over one hundred thousand souls were converted in twelve months.