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EDITORIALS

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 17th. is (or was) Pentecost Sunday. It marks the annual observance of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit fifty days after the resurrection of Christ.

We should give more attention to Pentecost Sunday. We give due attention to other epochal events in the history of Christianity—Christmas, anniversary of the birth of Jesus; Good Friday, anniversary of the atoning death of the Saviour; and Easter, anniversary of Christ's triumphant resurrection. Special sermons are preached annually on the days on which we commemorate these events. And properly so. But Pentecost Sunday passes without special observance or emphasis.

After all, Pentecost was climactic in the order of events which brought the Christian Faith and the Christian Church into being. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit released a fullness of God's grace into the hearts of the waiting disciples and launched the soul-saving work of the Church. It was an event which gave power and permanency to the movement founded by our Lord. Without Pentecost the preceding events in the life and ministry of Christ had become permanently historical. But the outpouring of the Holy Ghost was a transmission of the power of the life of Christ to the hearts of his followers. In that power they would know the wonder of accomplishment as prophesied by the Lord—"greater things than these shall ye do".

It would be a fine custom for us to adopt to make Pentecost Sunday or the week-end on which the anniversary of Pentecost falls an occasion for renewed emphasis on the significance of the outpouring of the Spirit. And it would be a good time for seeking a renewing of the blessing and power which is characteristic of Pentecost.

SPECIAL ALLIANCE SESSION

Elsewhere in this Highway our readers note announcement of a Special Session of our Alliance to be held at Barker's Point, N. B., Friday, May 22nd. The purpose of the Session is also stated in the announcement. All we

would add editorially is a request for prayer effort on the part of all concerned. Those who attend should come in prayerful attitude, and those who do not attend would render a helpful service by offering special prayer for those who will be assembled to consider a matter so vitally important to our Church and the Kingdom of God.

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CALL TO THE WORK

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If God calls a man, He will so corroborate the call in some way, that men may know that there is a prophet among them. It will be with him as it was with Samuel. "And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel, from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the Lord" (1 Samuel 3:19, 20).

If the man himself is uncertain about the call, God will deal patiently with him, as he did with Gideon, to make him certain. His fleece will be wet with dew when the earth is dry, or dry when the earth is wet; or he will hear of some rumbling barley cake smiting the tents of Midian, that will strengthen his faith, and make him to know that God is with him (Judges 6:36-40; 7:9-15).

If the door is shut and difficulties hedge the way, God will go before the man he calls, and open the door and sweep away the difficulties (Isaiah 45:2,3).

If others think the man so ignorant and unfit that they doubt his call, God will give him such grace or such power to win souls that they will have to acknowledge that God has chosen him. It was in this way that God made a whole National Headquarters, from the Commissioner downwards, to know that he had chosen the elevator boy for his work. The boy got scores of his passengers on the elevator saved, and then he was commissioned and sent into the field to devote all his time to saving men.

The Lord will surely let the man's comrades and brethren know, as surely as he did the church at Antioch, when "the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them" (Acts 13:2).

Sometimes the one who is called will try to hide it in his heart, and then God stirs up some officer or minister, some soldier or mother in Israel, to lay a hand on his shoulders, and ask, "Are you not called to the work?" and he finds he cannot hide himself nor escape from the call, any more than could Adam hide himself from God behind the trees of the garden, or Jonah escape God's call by taking ship for Tarshish.

Happy is the man who does not try to escape, but though trembling at the mighty responsibility, assumes it and, with all humility and faithfulness, sets to work by prayer and patient continuous study of God's Word, to fit himself for God's work. He will need to prepare himself, for the call to the work is also a call to preparation, continuous preparation of the fullest possible kind.

The man whom God calls cannot safely neglect or despise the call. He will find his mission on earth, his happiness and peace, his power and prosperity, his reward in heaven, and probably heaven itself, bound up with that call and dependent upon it. He may run away from it, as did Jonah, and find a waiting ship to favor his flight; but he will also find fierce storms and bellowing seas overtaking him, and big-mouthed fishes of trouble and disaster ready to swallow him.

But if he heeds the call, and cheerfully goes where God appoints, God will go with him; he shall nevermore be left alone. The Holy Spirit will surely accompany

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