

sing just to pass them on, and stress the real meaning of the Season.

The Minister and Congregation of Grootspuit, where we have a Farm School with nearly 80 children enrolled, gave Helene a hand-made Tea Tray and two Wooden Dishes to officially "Welcome" us as their Missionary. The minister also made good use of his opportunity to preach the Gospel to the crowd that jammed the Church for the School Closing.

We were happy to be able to go to Johannesburg for an Executive Meeting and to say goodbye to the Kiersteads, although unfortunate circumstances made it impossible to see them off at the Airport.

Three weeks of rain, and another sinus attack put a stop to the repair work being done at various places in the District, but now that Conference is past, work will be resumed quickly.

Our own Christmas was probably enjoyed more than any of the previous ones spent out here. We took more time to rest, visited the Morgans at Louwsburg, and have become more adjusted to living in South Africa.

We will be getting Church letters and individual thank you notes off as soon as possible, but want to express our personal appreciation for the kindnesses of so many friends at home, many of whom are unknown to us.

Conference was a time of blessing to us, but it will be fully reported by another. The Emmetts proved to be a real asset in both the preaching and business meetings, and we are glad they are on the Field and doing the work to which they have been called.

It was a genuine joy to participate in Dr. Emmett's ordination, and our souls were thrilled and stirred by that sacred scene in the Altona Church when Blacks and Whites joined together in prayer for our Brother.

We anticipate being able to render more effective service in this New Year, and sincerely pray that it will be a banner year both at Home and Abroad.

Stephen is just getting over bronchitis, otherwise we are all well.

Yours Faithfully,

Karl & Helene Lorman.

A PLEA FOR REVIVAL

by R. A. Torrey, D.D.

One of the most insistent cries that goes up today from the heart of anyone who loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and who is at the same time open-eyed as to the condition of affairs in the world today, is the cry of the psalmist of old, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Ps. 85:6). The great need of the hour is revival—a true, God-sent revival; not a revival gotten up by man's machinery, but a revival sent down from God himself in answer to the prayers of people who know and meet the conditions of prevailing prayer.

The condition of the churches throughout our own land and other lands today would be appalling if we did not believe in a God who answers prayer—yes, if we did not know that God does answer prayer, and did not know from the Word of God itself and from the experience of the real Church throughout the centuries that God especially delights to answer prayer for revival.

As I travel from one end of this land to the other, and have opportunity to see for myself the condition of the churches; as I read the various religious periodicals of the various denominations; as I talk with men and women in positions of influence and power in the church, my heart would be sick, yes, nigh unto despair, if I did not know God and did not know that he answers prayer. The gross error that is being taught by many professedly

orthodox ministers; the absence of the real, living gospel from the preaching of many who do not preach error, but who are certainly not preaching the truth in its simplicity, in its fullness, and in the power of the Holy Ghost; the unconcern of apparently the great mass of the membership of our churches regarding the lost at home and abroad; the rapidly-growing compromise with the world on the part of a very large proportion of the membership of our churches, the neglect of real prayer and the openly avowed disbelief in prayer on the part of not a few; the inactivity in real soul-winning work on the part of an overwhelming majority of the members of our evangelical churches today, cannot but fill any intelligent and properly instructed Christian with a sorrow that almost breaks the heart.

But while the state of the churches is bad enough, that of the outside world would, of course, be far more discouraging, disheartening, and overwhelming if one did not believe in a God who answers prayer. There is no time to go into details, nor do we need to, for the facts are well known, even though so many are deliberately shutting their eyes to them and loudly proclaiming their "optimism"—an optimism that has no basis in fact, but simply in the wishes of those who proclaim it. To mention only one of many things: Conditions in our universities, in our colleges, in our high schools and our graded schools, not merely the religious conditions, but the moral conditions, are terrible beyond expression. I could not put into print things that have come under my personal observation as to the slump, not only in the modesty, but in the moral decency, not only among our young men and boys, but among our young women and girls. These facts are brought to me wherever I go, East or West, North or South.

THE REMEDY

But shall we despair, or throw up our hands and say nothing can be done? No, not for one moment. God does answer prayer; that has been demonstrated time and time again, and time and time again throughout the centuries when conditions were in many ways as bad as they are today or worse, God has heard prayer, and he is just the same today. I know that God answers prayer for revival—deep, thorough, wide-spread, miracle-working revival, as well as I know that I exist. When Mr. Alexander and I started around the world in December, 1901, there were five thousand people who had covenanted to pray for us every day. When we reached Australia, ten thousand took it up and prayed for us every day. When we reached England, forty thousand people had taken it up, and God beard. All the way around the world wonders were wrought, not merely through us, but through a large number of others whom God raised up in answer to prayer, and I believe he will do like things, or far greater things, again.

Pray, pray, pray! Pray definitely; intensely; persistently; meet the conditions of prevailing prayer, and be sure you pray through.

GOD BURDEN US!

by Charles G. Finney

A revival will come when the sinfulness of mankind grieves, humbles and distresses Christians, and Christians will weep day and night over sinners instead of scolding them. Let Hell boil over and spew out as many devils as there are stones in the pavements, if it only drives Christians to God in prayer, they cannot hinder a revival.

A revival will come when the Christians have a spirit of prayer for revival. A spirit of prayer is not merely many prayers and warm words, but is a state of continual desire and anxiety of mind for the salvation of sinners. Sometimes

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