

Yet, sinning and repenting,  
 We daily go lamenting,  
 Were there no cause to bless,  
 We could not love Thee less.

The week is long and weary  
 The Sabbath dull and dreary,  
 Because Thou art not here,  
 Seeking, we fain would find Thee,  
 Aid to our souls would bind Thee,  
 Souls full of doubt and fear,  
 At times our hearts are burning,  
 With hopes of Thy returning;  
 Lord when wilt Thou appear  
 Thy heritage to cheer?

— We know that Thou dost love us;  
 Oh rend the heavens above us,  
 Now dark with gloomy frown!  
 Reveal Thy wondrous kindness,  
 Make plain ev'n to our blindness  
 Nail, spear and thorny crown.  
 Shine forth, O King, all glorious,  
 For us o'er sin victorious;  
 To our poor souls come down,  
 And make them all Thine own.

### REVIVALS OF RELIGION.

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In the past history of the Church there have been many seasons of remarkable spiritual blessing and activity,—seasons after the type of Pentecost, when the spirit was poured out from on high. After the wonderful scenes of that day, we read that “they continued daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house,” and again that “the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.” What a fresh and never failing interest invests the short record of that time; and how provocative of hope and longing it has proved to every heart jealous for the glory of Christ, and concerned for the progress of His Kingdom on earth. Since then there have been many scenes akin to Pentecost, and seasons of spiritual vigor and activity like that which followed on that day. We are all more or less familiar with the record of those spiritual awakenings which now and again have cheered and strengthened the Church of Christ; those e. g. in England during the last century, with which the names of Whitfield and the Wesleys are inseparably associated; and those about the same time in New England, of which Jonathan Edwards has left us such a striking and instructive record. Within the past fifteen years the spirit of awakening has aroused all the Churches speaking our own tongue. During that time in many various quarters, among the English speaking Churches, a work of grace has had its course, which, for the power manifested and the abundant fruit gathered, has had very few parallels since the first great day of Pentecost.

About fifteen years ago, the great awakening in the United States began its course, but about the time I landed in Canada, and took up my abode in this city, the first signs and movements of that great revival began to appear, and to excite the interests of the Churches in all lands. I remember well the profound impression created in this city when the news