

fully, and will no doubt be completely, met. What shall we do about the second? Will all our members look at this matter fairly and squarely, and will each one keep his thought on the coming campaign, and his heart upturned to God, that when the call to action comes we may unitedly be ready to do our part?

W. R. COURTICE,

President Bay of Quinte Conference League.

Three Things Necessary.

There are three things absolutely necessary to fit us personally for entering heartily and successfully into the coming campaign:

1. *The knowledge of personal salvation.* A man cannot successfully point another to Christ unless his own feet have trodden the pathway to the cross.

2. *The pentecostal baptism of the Holy Ghost.* We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. To undertake any work for God without this is to court failure and defeat, and our words shall be as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. We must positively be earnestly with the Holy Ghost. I would earnestly urge every one of our young people to tarry somewhere until in pentecostal fulness and power the Holy Ghost come upon them.

3. *We must be men and women of prayer.* No work for God has ever been undertaken and prosecuted successfully without much prayer. There never has been a revival of any power or extent that has not been the result of earnest prayer. Oh, that God would mightily baptize us with the spirit of prayer!

With these three things secured the revival we desire is secured. If a fair proportion of our members were thus blessed of God, it would give us a marvellous uplift. If our membership universally were thus fitted for effective service, the experience of the Churches in Judea and Galilee and Samaria would be repeated. And the beauty of it is, all these things are within our reach. We may know we are saved, we may be filled with the Spirit, we may be mighty in prayer. Blessed be God! He is more willing to give us these good things than we are to ask or to receive. And if we fail to obtain them, how great our guilt.

REV. D. WINTER,

1st Vice-President Montreal Conference League.

The New Century.

If there is any one in the Methodist Church who should, more than any other, hear this call to a larger, richer life in Christ, and respond to it with eager enthusiasm and whole-souled devotion, that one is the Epworth Leaguer.

Ours it will be, if God will, to enter into the life and light of the new century; to breathe into its atmosphere the spirit of praise, and to translate into its idiom the old evangel; to welcome its new visions of truth, and to bear its daily burdens of duty. The "twentieth century reforms" will be ours to effect, its problems will be ours to solve, its battles will be ours to fight. Therefore we unite to pray and plan for revival, that we and our entire Church may be both wise and strong as we cross the threshold of the new era. Let every District Convention consider the feasibility of concerted action. Let every Epworth League study the problem of revival in view of the local conditions and needs. Let every member, active and associate, junior and senior, pray without ceasing and "work for the good that is nearest."

And may the God of all grace give to us presently a revival characterized by deep reverence, earnest scripture study, and practical beneficence.

REV. GEO. S. CLENDINEN,

President Montreal Conference League.

How Official Members May Help.

Hearty and Earnest Co-Operation.

Official members may help the revival:

1. By holding special prayer meetings among themselves. Let all the officials get a great baptism of power and the whole church will soon be on fire.

2. By regular attendance at the meetings. Their presence will be an inspiration to the pastor, a joy to the church, and an object lesson to the unawakened. They are the Aarons and Hurs to hold up the hands of the minister. They are the leaders of the church, and upon them the eyes of the unconverted are imploringly fixed.

3. By hearty and earnest co-operation in all the efforts put forth. During the time of a revival a pastor said, "I can bank on my officials; they are there every time, and are filled with the Spirit, and the whole community feels the power."

W. C. HENDERSON, D.D.

Burlington.

Patterns of Holiness.

Official members may help:

1. By cheerful and earnest co-operation with the pastor to this end.

2. By personal work for souls, in invitation and appeal.

3. By seeking to make the Church a home for all who come.

4. By aiding the pastor especially in the watch care of those who may be reached.

5. By being themselves patterns of holiness, thus holding forth "the word of life."

Let the official members of any church with the pastor covenant themselves to God for a revival, and pentecost will soon come.

REV. J. PHILP, D.D.

St. Thomas.

By Helping.

I remember that it was a godly layman through whom the Holy Spirit spoke to our hearts and hallowed that closing midnight hour of the Toronto conference and am encouraged to submit the following:

1. By being what was required in Apostolic times, as in vs 6:3.

2. By bearing testimony, as per 1 John 1:3.

3. By helping.

4. By helping.

5. By HELPING.

REV. GEO. J. BISHOP.

Brampton.

The Everyday Life of Love.

Men say that our religion is sentimental and not practical. They tire of it from Monday till Saturday and will have none of it on Sunday. This is, I believe, the chief cause of church paralysis. Let church officials pay their debts new and old, distribute the profits of their business to those who earned them, and show by personal consecration to the welfare of their contemporaries that they love them as brothers. Each one of us must begin a preliminary revival in his own life and learn to live the "everyday life of love," and the unawakened will begin to believe in our religion, and not till then.

Secondly, we must have faith in God and His Kingdom. We must abandon the hope that any opinion however sacred, or any creed however apostolic, can save anyone

from being dishonest and impure and hateful and altogether abominable. We must learn and teach that the chief business of men is to be lovers of men and to share their fortunes and their fate. Then the Church will revive and be rightly recognized as the organ of the religion of Jesus Christ.

ALBERT D. WATSON, M.D.

Toronto.

Leaders of the Church.

Official members are, under the pastor, the leaders of the church. They are chosen presumably because of their moral and spiritual fitness to co-operate in all the work of the church. They should, therefore, be at the front in the revival, giving the encouragement of their presence and co-operation in every way practicable. An indifferent, cold, or critical official member is a great hindrance to the revival. He is like an officer loafing or lurking in the rear while the battle is on; the example is disastrous to the discipline of the army, and may lead to defeat. Happy is that church whose official members will help in the revival.

S. A. STEEL, D.D.

Richmond, Va.

Welcome Strangers.

It is a good plan to have two or three official members, men in whom the public have confidence, to stand at the door each evening to welcome those who attend, and especially help in making strangers feel at home. The success of a revival service depends largely upon the social atmosphere which is developed and maintained. Members who have the talent for hand-shaking can find ample scope for successful work even though their voices are seldom heard in prayer or testimony. Let no stranger come in and out of our services without a cordial greeting, and a hearty invitation to come again.

A. C. B.

Should Accept Responsibility.

I have found that true and complete success can only be realized in an evangelistic campaign when the work begins in the Official Boards of the Church. Responsibility should rest there. It encourages the minister and inspires confidence in the congregation when the official members accept a responsibility that rightly belongs to them. I would say, if necessary, hold special prayer meetings with the officials alone until the fire is burning brightly. This will also prepare the officials for looking after the work when the campaign is over—very necessary work.

REV. W. R. YOUNG, D.D.

Port Hope.

Provide The Means.

The Official members could help the special evangelistic services by providing the means to pay all expenses of the meetings so that it would not be necessary to stir a collection plate before the people every night. A few leading members of the congregation could easily finance the campaign quickly, so that it would not be necessary to mention money to the congregation, except perhaps, to take up a thank-offering at the close.

H. H. G.