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Bringing Sinners to Christ.



HOEVER will give himself to the work of bringing sinners to Christ must do so with a desperation of purpose. This is essential. But be it known everywhere that such a state of mind and of heart cannot be obtained by any methods of human training. The schools can neither teach it nor confer it. It can be obtained only from God, through the personal, prayerful study of his Word and an absolute abandon of self to God, and an unreserved dependence upon the Holy Spirit. This is neither rant, cant, nor wild-fire. It will not always fit into formal moulds, nor will it run in ice-bound ruts. It will not be pleasing to people who are under the æsthetic influence of a heartless and non-responsive formalism. But it will be pleasing to God and wonderfully helpful to the Church of Jesus Christ. It will make her a power in drawing men into the kingdom of love and grace. It will make a way for itself. It will distribute its power effectively far and wide according to methods which the fathers of the Church understood. They had it, and conquered and triumphed by it. Such a salvation movement is now at hand. It is at our doors. I thank God that our Epworth League army has already entered into this work with a faith which means victory along the entire line. Already Christ, the head of the Church, is giving them some glorious victories. I pray that this army of young Methodist people will continue to go steadily and prayerfully forward to the moment of final victory and broadest triumph, and that millions of souls shall be won for Christ and the best life in his service.—*Bishop Joyce.*

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