

in pentecostal power, baptising the church, loosening the stammering and reluctant tongue.

Brethren, what does this mean? It means that all redemptive forces are now at our command. It means that our Saviour has cried "It is finished," that God is waiting, that all Heaven is waiting, that the Holy Spirit is waiting, that a weary sin-sick world is waiting, until the Church and you and I measure up to this awful but glorious responsibility.

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Family Religion Needed.

No sight could be grander than that of the Church passing from this to the next century aflame with zeal for God; ministry and people baptized with the Holy Ghost for power, purity, service, and for rich ingathering of immortal gain. Canadian Methodism never was more richly dowered in goodly structures, elaborate organization, social status, intellect and consecration than now. The tithes are being brought into the storehouse, the promise abides, the windows of heaven are open, the blessing just about to be outpoured if but the hosts of the Lord in importunate believing prayer claim as of gracious right the pentecostal fullness in these latter days. Before God let us come in heart-searching and heart-humbling exercises. Renewed efforts at the deepening of religion in our homes—family religion, may well preceed the blessing. Fresh study of the Word, especially John's gospel and the Acts will form a good foundation of promise; precept and example.

Let all who can, read and ponder Arthur's "Tongue of Fire."

The Spirit of the Lord is not straitened. We are straitened. May God himself let down the barriers till the flood of saving, hallowing grace be ours.

REV. ROBT. MCARTHUR,
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Gather in the Young.

With contrition, confession and supplication, ministers, teachers, leaders, stewards, and the membership generally, are requested to come before the Lord. Let us all come to Him for blessing, then go forth to others with blessings with our multiplying social comforts, enlarging educational advantages and unimpairing loyalty to the truth as it is in Jesus, let us believe that God has greater blessings in store for us in the opening century

than even those which have crowned and glorified the departing one. Highly credible and wondrously successful have been our efforts in the direction of gathering in the outcasts. And there ought to be no relaxation in this work. But the closing of the century might unify Canadian Methodism in one intelligent and persistent effort for gathering in the young. If this were done, we should be repaid a thousandfold more than by any work of reclaiming the wanderers. It may be that we have come to our present estate to show what a consecrated childhood, truly converted and intelligently trained for service, is capable of doing for the Master. The young people of our own families present a field for evangelization that may well stir up to noblest efforts. Who will lead us in gathering up these sheaves?

REV. GEORGE STEEL,
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HOW shall we bring about a revival? We must believe in revivals. Some preachers and people do not. It is strange that anyone can disbelieve them. They are facts of history. See those mighty revivals under Moses, Joshua, Josiah. Think of that revival under Ezra, when the people stood up all day and heard the Word read and expounded. The kind of revival we ought to look for—a revival of reverence for the Word of God; a deep sense of the worth of souls; a revival of debt-paying promptness; that shall keep Christian business men from the ruffians and mail on the Sabbath; that shall lead young Christians to tie up their bicycles on Saturday night; that shall lead to our entire consecration of self, time and means to God. If that is the kind of revival needed—and nothing less will do—are we all willing to pay the price? Any church can have a revival if the membership will pay the price. Oh for a baptism of the Holy Ghost on preachers and people that shall renew our zeal, fill our spirits, flame us with pentecostal enthusiasm and lead us to an intense evangelism!—Rev. R. S. Partington, D.D.

God's Promised Presence.

In view of all that awaits us, and the great forces arrayed against us, we might well exclaim: "If thou go not with us carry us not up hence." Be it ours to hear the Lord saying unto us individually as his consecrated servants, "My presence shall go with thee."

He who hath blest in the past is waiting to bless His Zion more abundantly.

Hence our watchword should be that given by Jesus to His disciples, "Have faith in God."

Our fathers were strong in faith.

Remembering how God's hand is seen in our past history as a Church, and resting implicitly upon His promises, every Leaguer should fully consecrate all to God. Full surrender to Him, complete self-abandonment to His service is the need of the present hour. If all our Leaguers thus devote themselves by covenant to God, they will form a mighty

army of good soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Seek definitely someone for Jesus. If saved, your great business is to save others. Seek to be filled with the Holy Ghost.

REV. J. T. NEWMAN,
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The Preacher's Mistake.

Preachers make mistakes. Everybody makes mistakes. Some mistakes need not be repeated. Some mistakes might be avoided altogether. The one supreme mistake made by the average preacher is to defer his revival work until the Week of Prayer. If any one of fair intelligence and somewhat extensive observation were asked to name the worst time of all the year to commence revival efforts, he would probably say the first week in January, unless possibly the first week in July.

Whatever other mistake a preacher may make in regard to revivals, he ought not to go on year after year repeating the fatal blunder of postponing revival work until the first week in January. We entreat every one of our preachers, who may read these words, to begin at once to lay his plans for the fall campaign. If possible, begin this month; or, if not then, as soon after the most urgent purpose can fix the time, and press on with steady and wisely-directed effort. If the unconverted are not speedily awakened, be not discouraged or disconcerted; if the church moves slowly, do not lose

faith; if the conditions are unfavorable, hold on. It is the steady work that is sure to win. Lead the church to active effort and participation in the revival; encourage the young people and all to make the preparation needed, and show them what can be done by loving, patient, persistent, personal effort. When the church is alive with holy zeal, earnest in effort, effective in prayer, and distinguished for holy living, and the preacher is the leader and example in all these things, then surely the revival is moving on, and sinners will be converted.—Zion's Herald.

BISHOP SIMPSON once said, "Whenever and wherever church members are filled with the Holy Spirit, and souls are being converted to God, to that church the people are attracted."