

your choice, and strive to draw them in true decision for Christ—within its fold, and in all things present in active consecration “your bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

We need scarcely remind you that upon the prosperity of our personal and church life depends our spiritual success. In the work of grace it had its origin, and must ever have its principal support. The object of its existence is to spread Scriptural Holiness through the land, and that this may be accomplished the constant out-pouring of the Holy Ghost is necessary. Vital religion, even more than written standards of doctrines, however clear and well-defined is the surest defence of orthodoxy.

We exhort you, beloved in the Lord, to work for Christ individually. The inaction of too many who call themselves Christians is a great hindrance to the Gospel. The work of Christ is too often the work of the few. Let there be a personal consecration to His service. Give, work, pray and live for the glory of God and the salvation of precious and immortal souls—so that you may be “blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

And now once more (and to some of us it may be the last time) we go forth to our several appointed spheres of labor. We invite your sympathy and co-operation. The outlook was never brighter; the Holy Ghost is with us; even now the cloud of blessing is gathering; now may faith exclaim:—

Lo! the promise of a shower
Drops already from above;
But the Lord will shortly pour
All the spirit of His love.

Let us as pastors and people take hold of God, and the coming year shall be as one of “the years of the right hand of the Most High;” we shall enjoy a “plentiful rain,” and our spiritual history will afford a beautiful illustration of that scripture—“And I will make them and the place round about My hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing.”

Signed for and on behalf of the Conference,

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