

A Bugle Blast

FROM THE
PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES

A Prayer.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Fill me with love anew,
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with thee I will one
To do or to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine,
Till all this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

—Selected.

The Best Wine at the Last.

The most pressing and emphatic need of this momentous hour in the world's history is a sweeping and powerful revival of pure and undefiled religion in the Church of God—a revival so thorough in its effects as to christianize our educational aspirations, and our economic and social relations, filling them with joy and peace and with the Holy Ghost.

Forgetting the past let us unitedly press to the throne of grace for a mighty baptism of power, that we may have a fresh outburst of zeal. Let salvation be our primal object. We have about as much culture as the present type of Christian character can safely carry. May it be burned into our convictions that Christianity began in a revival, and that its survival depends upon continuous revival power and effort. Let us heartily determine to make this last year the best of the century. The residue of the power is with God. The best wine may be had at the last of the feast. The tithes having been brought into the storehouse, surely there is every encouragement to faith. Let every Epworth League meeting, every prayer meeting, every sermon, anticipate revival.

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President Toronto Conference.

A Call to Prayer.

Standing on the threshold of the new century we must all feel the supreme need of a revival. Not on one circuit but on every circuit, not in one department of the Church but in every department; not a revival periodical but perennial, an old-time scriptural pentecostal revival, a mighty revival of heart religion wide and deep.

Under the constraint of this conviction

we most affectionately and passionately appeal to every leaguer to cry to God.

Pray the effectual, fervent, importunate prevailing prayer. The whole question of a revival turns mainly upon this other question, viz.: Can the Church by any means be brought to her knees. Right within our reach is the residue of the spirit. Prayer taps the great reservoir and the outlet widens as we pray. Wait upon God till YOU receive the witness of the Holy Ghost, the assurance of acceptance, the joy of salvation.

Plead with God for complete cleansing through the atoning blood, for heart purity. Oh, beloved, we must have more holy living if we are to have anything worthy the name of a revival.

Pray. Yes, pray for the witnessing power. Filled with the Holy Ghost we shall speak with "other tongues" and the word will be in "demonstration of the spirit and in power."

Then come to God in holy boldness, by believing prayer; besiege the throne, as you cry to God for the conversion of sinners. Ask for a very passion for souls. Pray for the grace to pray for the lost. Deliberately set yourselves to become prevailing intercessors before God for men.

After this manner pray ye, and the coveted, much-needed revival must come, nay, it has come.

Oh, for believing, patient waiting upon God! Oh, for His coming in power! Oh, for the repetitions of the pentecostal baptism, the pentecostal witnessing and then the pentecostal ingathering!

REV. GEO. W. HENDERSON,
President London Conference.

Begin the Work Early.

A genuine, spiritual, far-reaching revival is the great need of the Methodist Church this historic year.

To experience this we need, and we are glad to say we have, every periodical in the Methodist Church to assist us. The General and Annual conferences have done what they could. A revival on every circuit and mission and at every appointment is our motto. How can we accomplish this? We cannot wait for evangelists to come as they are not numerous enough. With the pastor in the lead, and at his right hand his consecrated choir following the prayerful counsel of the Quarterly Official Board every member of which is present in his place when the special services come; with the Epworth League true to its pledge and past record; with the Sunday-school superintendent and his godly staff of teachers; with the individual membership of the church all equipped for service and all under the guidance and baptism of the Holy Spirit. Surely the revival must come. Let us begin the work early

in the year, press it hard and continue it to the end of the conference year, and few pastors will report at the May district meeting a decrease in membership.

REV. J. E. MAREY,
Pres. Montreal Conference.

Systematic Giving.

Revivals in the Methodist Church! When did she cease to be revival? And yet the returns of the past year say the revival fire is burning low. Revival of closet-power and bible study, more knee-work, more converse with God, less of "What harm?" more of "What good can I do?" less of "My conduct will not injure"; more of "How can I help to lift humanity nearer to the divine?" The great commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind." How few keep this commandment! Supreme love fills the whole round of Christian duty.

Let there be a more scriptural mode of raising money. The next great revival will be on this line. Let there be an abandonment of all unscriptural devices to raise money, and a return to proportionate, systematic giving.

Trust God, if we believe there is a God, as we trust an earthly friend, but with infinitely more assurance, and he will in turn trust us, and pour out a blessing there shall not be room enough to receive it.

REV. T. W. JACKSON,
President Hamilton Conference.

Pentecostal Conditions.

As upon the day of pentecost, pentecostal conditions complied with, pentecostal results must follow. What are those conditions? Obedient to the Lord's command, they did not depart from Jerusalem, but waited for the promise of the Father; and there all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication.

Obedience is here the first condition, personal, rigid, and absolute, the largest section of the telescope containing all the others. Who is able for this obedience? We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us. He was obedient unto death. Is his obedience a substitute simply for ours, or an example unto us as well? For us to obey is better than to sacrifice.

Unity, the first condition, flows naturally from the first. Personal obedience means collective or church unity. For where the spirit of obedience is, there is the Spirit and mind of God, and there His children are of one heart and one mind. Christ's prayer is that we may all be one as He and the Father are one.

Continuance, the third condition, is both individual and collective and necessarily manifests itself wherever is found the Spirit of Him who is without variableness or shadow of turning.

Let us obey the Lord then by waiting unitedly and steadfastly before Him in prayer and supplication for the fulfilment of the promise. If we do, the result is certain. The Holy Spirit will descend