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THINGS ESSENTIAL TO A REVIVED RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE CHURCH.

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" We all unite in deploring the low state of religion, at the present time, in the community and even in our own Church. There are grounds for lamentation. Myriads are perishing. Vast numbers within the Church's pale are apparently satisfied with a fruitless and lifeless orthodoxy. To many of them a sound and scriptural creed has become a mere body of death. Those of us who have been ordained to the sacred office have often to ask ourselves, 'Where are the seals of our ministry? where are the many conversions to God for which, as ambassadors of Christ, we ought to look? We see almost everywhere in our Churches a large measure of conventional propriety. There is also going on in many places a great deal of valuable Christian work, and for this we thank and praise the God of grace as for one of His best and choicest blessings. But we have still to confess mournfully that the religious life of our time and country is low and weak. Is it to remain so? Are we content to go on week after week with our somewhat mechanical activities, while the Lord's arm remains unrevealed? Are we here of the Canada Presbyterian Church to rest satisfied with the poor dying rate at which we have for so long been living? There are many signs that seem to answer—No. These conferences in our Church