

is no interest in the hearts of Christians, *no desire for the salvation of souls, no effort to influence others, no forsaking of sin by the church, no penitence and no confession.*

On the other hand, revivals come to the most spiritually dead churches when they awaken to new sense of duty, to shame over lost opportunities, to penitence and confession, to earnest desire, and to fervent prayer, to tender, affectionate, and persistent effort to win others to Christ.

This, too, is found to be the continual state of those churches where there is a constant interest and a permanent growth. It is a sad mistake for a pastor or a church to feel that there can only be an awakened state in the church at certain stated or occasional seasons. It is a mistake that has made sleepy Christians of thousands, inactive churches the most of the time of a large majority of churches, and that has allowed many to perish who might have been saved by a persistent and consistent life in the churches. That such an awakened condition is possible among Christians, is shown by the fact that just such a condition does exist, and has existed for years, in churches under all varieties of conditions and surroundings.

Revival does not depend on an awakened interest in the community primarily. It depends on the interest and devotion of the church. Where the church is burdened with desire, fervent in prayer, and affectionately tender and persevering in its efforts, there will be the revival, there will come the interest among the unconverted, and there it will continue a week or a century, as the church may continue to maintain its spiritual life and work. This is a possibility that may be realized in each church, instead of an occasional one only.

By expectation, by systematic study of the operations of the Spirit, by careful adaptation of the means to be used to the end to be attained, by prudent plan and consecrated effort, all in dependence upon and under the leading of the Divine Spirit, will life, revival, and victory be secured, not now and then, but now and forever, "till all the ransomed Church of God be saved to sin no more."

The Mohammedans will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in their mosques throughout India with special prayers for the stability and welfare of the empire.

## TRUST CHRIST WITH EVERYTHING.

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Do not trouble yourselves unduly, for if you do so, you cannot remove sickness thereby, but you may even increase it. If I could do any good by worrying, I would worry away to my heart's content; but as it is useless, I find it best to let it alone. They tell me that if a man were to fall into the sea, he would float if he would remain quiet, but because he struggles, he sinks. I am sure it is so when we are in affliction. fretfulness results in weakening us, in hiding from us wise methods of relief, and in general, in doubting our pain. It is folly to kick against the pricks; it is wisdom to kiss the rod. Trust more and fear less. If you have trusted your soul with Christ, can you not trust Him with everything else? Can you not trust Him with your sick child or your sick husband, with your wealth, with your business, with your life? "O," says one, "I hardly like to do that. It is almost presumption to take our minor cares to the great Lord." But in so doing, you will prove the truthfulness of your faith.

I heard of a man who was walking along the highroad with a pack on his back; he was growing weary, and was therefore glad when a gentleman came along in a chaise and asked him to take a seat with him. The gentleman noticed that he kept his pack strapped to his shoulders, and so he said "Why do you not put your pack down?" "Why, sir," said the traveller, "I did not venture to intrude. It was very kind of you to take me up, and I could not expect you to carry my pack as well." "Why," said his friend, "do you not see that whether your pack is on your back or off your back, I have to carry it?" It is so with your trouble; whether you care or do not care, it is the Lord who must care for you.

First trust the Lord with your souls, and then trust Him with everything else. First surrender yourself to His love, to be saved by His infinite compassion, and then bring all your burdens and cares and troubles afid lay them down at His dear feet, and go and live a happy, joyful life, saying, as I will say and close,

"All that remains for me  
Is but to love and sing,  
And wait until the angels come  
To bear me to my King."