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The Wonder Work in Wales.

Christianity, the world over, has been profoundly stirred by the wonderful facts of the great revival in Wales. That it is a glorious manifestation of the power of God's Holy Spirit to work through man, no one can doubt. No merely human agency could have brought about such mighty results, it needed the very breath of God to stir the

ever, much as our churches need a deepening of spiritual life and an awakening to a larger sense of their responsibilities and blessings, it hardly seems as if we in this land could expect a similar expression of God's power. He has many ways of showing forth His grace, and works in this age along the lines most suited to His human agents. The strongly emotional nature of the Welsh people was peculiarly fitted to a revival such as is still

On frequent occasions in this little land there have been spiritual awakenings from the lassitude into which the church has dropped as well in Wales as elsewhere, and although a superficial observer may have sneered at the seeming drop back to its former state, the church has ever gained deeper strength by these refreshings until it seems to us that surely it has reached to-day a position of the greatest exaltation. No one can stay on the heights forever, and though the church is now glowing with a light which has shone out to every land, we need not be alarmed if after a season it sinks back into its usual sphere of activity. The great factor God has blessed, and has promised everywhere to bless, has been the force of prayer. True hearts in fear of the growing indifference in the church and land at large, were led to God in prayer and there warmed with a greater earnestness have reached out and passed on their blessing. It had to have a beginning, this mighty force, and it found it in those hearts that were awake to the need of closer contact with God. The great keynote of this mighty song of praise has been throughout, 'obedience!' 'Obey' has been the word insisted on. 'If there is anything in your life which you know to be contrary to God's will, cast it out, that there may be room for the blessing. Even if there is anything you fear is displeasing to God, put it from you, and so cleansed He will draw near!' That is the message that has been rung from every speaker, and the ability to do this has been the plea in every prayer. Can we wonder that God should fill what has been so emptied for His sake? We can have no reasonable doubt that if the same devotion to His will were manifest among us to-day we also should 'be filled with His Spirit,' though perhaps not to the same exuberance of expression. Can we sing? Campbell Morgan, on being asked if he thought the revival would spread to London, replied, 'That depends on whether they can sing.' The great flood tide of song that has been rushed through the Welsh hills is one of the greatest features of the movement. Prayer,—can we ask God, truly to bless us, and mean what that conveys? Song,—can we praise God publicly for His mercies both personally and unitedly? Then indeed, God will bless us also, for it is through these means that His grace has been so abundantly given to others.

There have been a number of men whom God has called to be the visible leaders of His work in Wales, pre-eminent among them, Evan Roberts. No mighty oratory, no force of wisdom as this world calls it, has this young servant of heaven employed. He has felt the call of God, and wearied under the burden of souls, he has given himself to prayer and gone forth in obedience. He has been mighty indeed, because he gave place to God, his wisdom is great for it is that 'which cometh down from above.' We can hardly say when this started, but we know that only after 'the fire burned' in many places, did Evan Roberts step forth to carry on the flame to many more. He himself would be the first to deny any claim to power for his message



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spirits of men as has been done in Wales. The blessing so richly poured out upon the little land has set the hearts of all Christians yearning for some such awakening in their own church homes, and meetings for earnest prayer have been called in every land to which news of the revival has reached. How-

bearing fruit in that land, but to the average Christian community in America such outward expression of the deeper feelings would be a thing apart. There are many lessons we can learn from the church in Wales, however, that may teach us wherein we fail and prepare the way for God to work His will.