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## THE REVIVAL.

Thoughts, hints, suggestions, addresses and sermons on the Revival have been multiplied on all hands. That there is such a theme occupying the place of a present fact, not a speculation, is a source of boundless gratitude. Tales of the flood and the field may excite the horror and rivet the attention of men, but these are the triumphs of truth, filling earth with fruits of righteousness and heaven with praise. To the believer in Christ the news of the conversion of men, is as cold water to a thirsty soul. Peaceful are the victories of Jesus, bloodless are his conquests, over them love can sing, and faith binds the sacrifice of a more devoted heart with such cords as the facts of a revival to the horns of the altar. In Canada, while blessed here and there with times of refreshing, it must be admitted that generally speaking we have not been favoured as a land which the Lord hath blessed. For every token of his presence and power let there be thanks, but ought we not to expect greater things than these? Shall not our eyes see among ourselves the wonders of his grace? It is told of a renowned traveller who had gazed on many of the fairest and most gorgeous scenes of earth, that in old age, when blind, his face would light up with a remarkable expression of happiness as these scenes passed before him in recollection, so that he missed not the tame scenery of the land in which he then dwelt. This may be well where the matter is one of mere contemplation, but here we have a field for action. Action too that bears on eternity. Souls are perishing. For them let us toil and pray. Having then a work to do for God and for men, let us hear that it is said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, let not thine hands be slack. The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. Past success is an encouragement for present effort. And the present power of God in other lands should lead us to look for its display in our midst. That there is such power is patent. The image and superscription is large and legible. Verily this thing is of God. There may be wood, hay, stubble mixed up with it, yet the gold, silver, precious stones are found. And that too not scattered here and there but widely and largely. When nearly one hundred thousand converts are spoken of as gathered to God in a few months. When the interest in prayer meetings is powerful and continued,—when the growth of the churches is covering a land with