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## "SIR, WE WOULD SEE JESUS."

Show us thy face, O Christ, that we may love thee,

For some forget and some have never seen;

But there is naught we e'er can place above thee,

When once we see thee, beautiful, serene!

Show us thy face, that shone of old with blessing,

All up and down the ways of Galilee! And, like thy fishers, thy dear might confessing,

We, too, for very love shall follow thee!

Show us thy face, thorn-wounded for our healing—

O, heart of mine, canst thou that crown forgive!

Those bleeding hands were for our pardon's sealing,

And thy heart fainted that our souls might live!

Show us thyself, Lord Christ! In loving kindness,

Above the tumult of the world between,

Show us thyself and put away our blindness,

We needs must love thee when we once have seen.

—Mary Chandler Jones, in *The Congregationalist*.

## The Attraction of Revival.

—Rev. William Arthur truthfully says that "That house of God which becomes noted in a neighborhood as a place in which many sinners have been 'transformed by the renewing of their minds' will, by a certain instinct of our redeemed humanity, soon become a centre of attraction, not only to those who, with scarcely any light, are groping after the truth, but even to many who are still hardily going on in sin. The greatest fame of Christianity is the fame of the cure she works."

## Plea for Evangelism.

—President Clark, of the Christian Endeavor Society, makes an earnest plea in the *Christian Endeavor World* for other evangelism. "I had an interesting talk the other day with your friend and mine, Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler. The great burden on the doctor's mind was evidently the decadence of the evangelistic spirit. Upon my heart has rested the same burden, and I have reason to know that this feeling is shared by many others. I hope that among you to whom I write there are a great multitude whose hearts will respond to an earnest appeal I would make." After appealing to all endeavorers to be soul-winners, he concludes his letter thus:

"Draw the net. Be a Philip to some Nathaniel. Give the invitation to come to Christ, and see whether there are not some who will accept it. Clear your own skirts of responsibility, if you can do nothing more."

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**Truly Appalling.**—The *St. Louis Christian Advocate* says: "We do not say that all have a right to expect the same quantity or quality of results; but no real ministry ever has been, or ever could be, entirely fruitless. If any minister cannot recall a single instance of conversion under his ministry during the last twelve months, he is bound, on the peril of his soul, to open his heart to God and to entreat Christ to reveal to him why he is in that awful position. He may have allowed himself to become careless, he may have restrained prayer before God, he may have been backsliding in heart, or he may have been blinded by some anti-scriptural delusion, or he may have given way to ungodly prejudices and passions. Something truly appalling must have happened if any man

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called of God to the Christian ministry, enters and quits the pulpit year in and year out without being able to lay his hand upon one single man, woman or child, brought through his agency to the knowledge of salvation in Christ."

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**A Great Evangelist.**—Dr. J. O. Peck, when in the pastorate, was one of the most assiduous and successful evangelists the Methodist Episcopal Church has ever known. One secret of his efficiency as a soul winner was the attention that he paid to the individual. He deemed a thousand converts a reasonable aim to be had in view by him in a three years' pastorate in the great churches which he served. In order to realize this aim he did not depend on public services alone or chiefly, although he was a master in conducting them. He emphasized in his pastorate the duty of singing out men, women, and young people, one by one, and by private conversation and prayer inducing them to surrender to Christ. He sought out business men in their offices, workmen in the shops, people at their homes; he made use of occasional meetings with friends on the street or in social converse; he studied his congregation one by one, with the set aim of discovering the unconverted and bringing them to the Saviour. He cultivated

tact, delicacy, tenderness, and diligence in this work, and became in it wonderfully successful. Hundreds of souls now in heaven owe their conversion to a few brief words which this sainted man spoke to them on so-called chance occasions.

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**An Intense Age.**—Mr. John R. Mott, in discussing the need of evangelism in the Y.M.C.A., says some things that are of general interest and wide application. He declares that we need a great revival of the evangelistic spirit because this is an intense age. Men are absorbed. Business competition was never so keen and so engrossing. Professional life was never keyed up to a higher pitch. Pleasure seekers were never more intense. The great moral struggles are simply terrific in their intensity. If we are going to command the attention of men to-day, we must have that which corresponds to the old revival spirit, which gets up momentum, and which shakes the community.

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**A Spirit-Filled Church.**—The *Religious Telescope* believes that the Church needs a great awakening. It says: "God is not at fault. The divine side is waiting for human co-operation in this great work of soul-winning. The one supreme need is an aroused and Spirit-filled Church. Let us press the battle to the gates. Hold on. Do not become discouraged. Be patient. Speak, pray, persuade, exhort, and even weep until the Church is wide awake. For that itself will be a revival which will make her attractive and powerful to win and save. Christ will then be exalted and a multitude of accessions of well-saved Christians will be added to the Church according to the divine plan and purpose. 'Oh Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known, in wrath remember mercy.'"

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**"Make the Motor Note"**—It is related that, in the days of the Keeley Motor craze, a certain minister unwisely invested his small savings in the mythical motor stock. In the long-hoped-for and long-delayed profit on his investment his family came to share his anxieties, even to his little children, two of whom were at length overheard adding to their customary evening prayer the petition: "And O Lord, please make the motor note!" The spirit of the children's prayer is needed in many a Methodist Church—in fact, is needed throughout the connection. We have machinery enough, and a dangerous facility in inventing more. What is needed is systematic driving of our machinery. The difficulty is to "make the motor note."—*Zion's Herald*.