

by the whole Christian church in the manner suggested in your call. It will afford a fitting opportunity to arouse the Christian Church to activity, and to urge God's people everywhere to consecrate themselves, and their means to the salvation of the world.

As to your second consideration, namely, the best method of accomplishing this result, I am not able to speak with definiteness without further time for consideration. My heart is with you, however, in this grand movement, and I trust that the means employed may be such as will best promote the prosperity of Christendom, both at home and abroad.

President T. D. Witherspoon, D.D., LL.D., of Louisville Theological Seminary, a leading training-school for the ministry in the Southern Presbyterian Church—a man whose “summer campaigns” in gospel work in the mountain regions of Kentucky have impressed him most profoundly with the needs of these unevangelized portions of our country—urges a call to prayer for the ministry and for the outpouring of the Spirit. He writes:

I have read with deep interest the “Twentieth Century’s Call” of THE HOMILETIC REVIEW. No appeal could be more timely, and it is meet that this bugle-note should be sounded by a periodical that reaches more pastors and evangelists than any other serial, probably, in the world. The awakening must begin with the ministry. The pulpit must be on fire if the pews are to be aroused. What is most needed is the descent of the Holy Spirit in power upon the ministry. I would therefore urge that THE HOMILETIC REVIEW, and the whole religious press, give emphasis to the responsibility of the ministry of the gospel in this crisis; that the churches be asked to offer prayer for the ministry that it may be baptized with fire, and that every possible agency be set on foot which shall bring into active and effective service the large reserve force of the ministry that is now practically idle as far as immediate and strenuous effort for the salvation of men is concerned.

George Frederick Wright, D.D., LL.D., F.G.S.A., Professor of the Harmony of Science and Revelation in Oberlin Theological Seminary, and editor of the *Bibliotheca Sacra*, most widely known both as scientist and theologian, writes:

In answer to your inquiries I would say that of all times in the world’s history the present is one which demands a revival of

effort for the conversion of the world through the proclamation of all the doctrines of the Christian religion. What the Wesleyan movement was among the common people of England a hundred years ago is what in kind, tho perhaps not in form, is needed for the close of this century. The political, educational, and sociological movements are far from sufficient. Indeed their inherent weakness when alone is becoming more and more apparent. I know of no means to make the Gospel more powerful except its clear presentation and its fervent preaching, accompanied by the gifts of the Holy Spirit given in answer to prayer.

I confidently expect that the continued failure of political and sociological efforts will give such renewed emphasis to the spiritual needs of man and to the provision for meeting them made in the Gospel, that we shall witness the Pentecostal seasons so much needed and so abundantly promised in the Bible. May God speed the day!

Chancellor Henry M. MacCracken, D.D., LL.D., of the University of the City of New York, long prominent among educators, writes from his home on University Heights:

The church exists for the fulfilment of no duty more than the evangelization of all nations. The present condition of the peoples of the world makes this duty more pressing now than ever before. I have not wisdom enough to attempt to name the steps which the church should take more than she is taking now, to hasten the evangelization of all peoples. Your own words in THE HOMILETIC REVIEW, insisting upon the church’s fulfilment of her commission, are likely to be valuable means to the desired object.

The following are some of the responses from men who, as Secretaries, are connected with and giving shape to much of the Christian work of the church for the world. They indorse and urge on the movement, and broadly but specifically outline what is to be done to make it world-wide and effective.

Rev. Charles H. Payne, D.D., LL.D., long a successful pastor, then president of the Ohio Wesleyan University, and now Secretary of the Education Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, writes thus, “on the wing”: