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## THE PSYCHOLOGY OF REVIVALS.

A VERY large number of the members of evangelical churches, date their conversion from some series of "protracted meetings," or special religious services, while almost all have had their spiritual life quickened, and their Christian usefulness enhanced by such efforts. In addition to all this, the general effects upon those who never attend such meetings, but receive a blessing from them, through those who do, are quite inestimable.

These observations are especially true of Methodism, which originated in a revival, and has accomplished so many triumphs at these seasons of special outpouring of divine grace. Methodism has, indeed, more fully than any other denomination, recognized the great usefulness of these awakenings, and although many other churches have adopted similar methods, it is appropriate that Methodism should furnish the norm, after which all revival methods should be modelled. A century of experience has, no doubt, supplied the necessary data from which such a rule of practice may be deduced, and though not written in our discipline, every minister must feel the influence of that unwritten law. The principles underlying all our Christian methods, must be found in the life and teachings of our Lord. Indeed, it is from a faithful study of His systematic, sympathetic methods, His hand to hand and heart to heart work, that we have achieved any degree of success whatever.