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HOW TO HAVE A REVIVAL.

A great many ministers and people in our churches feel sure that they would like to have a great revival this winter. If they really wish it they can have it. God is willing and will pour out a blessing in every place if the absolutely essential conditions are complied with. God is no more ready to fill a house with sunshine than he is to fill a heart, or a church, or a community, with spiritual power and saving grace. In order to have the house filled with sunshine the windows must be opened. In order to have the revival power the divine grace must be unobstructed, as it is ready to come abundantly from God.

There must be prayer. This may be the desire of some one longing, hungering heart. It may be the united prayer of two or three who realize the great need and take it to God. It may be the concentrated petition of the organized church led by the pastor. There must be the desire for it, in some measure, by some. The larger the number and the more earnest the longing and the more importunate the petition the better.

It is well known that many of our most successful evangelists make it one of the conditions of their coming to a place that there shall be much prayer and many prayer meetings, in an organized way, that shall embrace the entire community. There is a sound reason for this. The people must be united in prayer before a revival is possible. For many days before Pentecost the disciples had been all together in one place, all praying for the blessing of God. So it must be to-day that people shall pray for revival. There must be sincerity and united desire. It will not do to have mere formality or pretense. Prayer means prayer. Prayer is prayer.

Then there must be readiness to receive what God sends. The message from God must be heartily welcomed. It is not always necessary for a great evangelist to do the preaching. Every church in the land would like to have a month's meetings conducted by Dr. Sunday or Dr. Chapman or Dr. Biederwolf or some other evangelist who has been greatly blessed, and there would be much faith in the outcome of such a work. But there are not enough of such men to go around.

There are a great many ministers however, if they would all preach the Gospel just as earnestly and pointedly as these evangelists preach it, and if the people would receive it as God's truth from their lips. There is an incident in the life of Gypsy Smith that emphasizes this point. He was conducting an evangelistic campaign in Chicago. Each noon the Great Northern Theater was filled within seven minutes of the time the doors were opened. Each day the evangelist was preceded by a Chicago preacher, who took half the

time. Men who had not been called evangelistic gave wonderful messages. Near the close of the week, after a most stirring appeal had come from one of these ministers, Gypsy Smith came forward holding a bundle of letters in his hands. "These," he said, "are protests from some of you who think I ought to occupy all of this noon hour. Do you know why I have insisted on your own preachers dividing the time? First, because the Lord did not send me over here to commit suicide. Second and chiefly, I want you to know that if you will support your own preachers as loyally and as enthusiastically as you do me, and as you have just supported this man, you will not have to send to England for a gypsy to preach the Gospel."

There is much of truth in this. If in every Church there is united fervent prayer for revival, and if the people will enthusiastically support a meeting conducted by some one who is within reach, and if the Gospel is there preached with the same loyalty to Jesus Christ that the great evangelists manifest, there may be a great revival. It may not be so widely talked of as if some great evangelist conducted it, but it will be in the power of God and glorious with his blessing.

IMPORTANT CHURCH CENTERS.

The largest presbytery in our Church, in point of number of churches, is Pittsburgh, which reports 134. Chicago comes next, with 104. Los Angeles and Lackawanna each have 98, Huntingdon has 79, Cincinnati 77, Philadelphia 75, Erie 73 and Baltimore 72. The total number of churches is 9,953, in 291 presbyteries, making an average of a little more than 34.

In point of number of ministers Chicago Presbytery is first with 213; Pittsburgh next with 202; Los Angeles next with 198; New York with 189 and Philadelphia with 152. North Philadelphia has 98, Chester 95, Lackawanna 88, Cincinnati 87 and Baltimore 80. The total number of ministers is 9,739, or an average of a little less than 34 to a presbytery.

In point of number of communicant membership Pittsburgh heads the list with 57,833, Philadelphia is next with 46,935, New York next with 35,691, while Chicago is close to it, as fourth, with 35,283. Philadelphia North has 24,226, Lackawanna 23,619, Brooklyn 21,393, Los Angeles 20,883, Newark 18,072, Detroit 18,022. These are the largest, but there are twenty-six in all that have twelve thousands and more, including Rochester 16,533, Buffalo 14,745, Baltimore 14,594, New Brunswick 13,785, Jersey City 13,555, Morris and Orange 13,040, Elizabeth 12,738, West Jersey 12,487, Blairsville 15,692, Chester 16,208, Erie 17,064, Huntingdon 15,156, Redstone 14,115, Cincinnati 13,207, Cleveland 12,853 and Dayton 12,722. The total membership is

paign was held in Port Jarvis, closing on Sabbath, Sept. 17th, when the churches were greatly revived and the cause of the Sabbath greatly advanced. Evangelist Robert G. Davey, now in the regular employ of the Alliance, was the speaker every evening, while the General Secretary, Rev. H. L. Bowlby, and Rev. E. C. Shaver, one of the Field Secretaries, aided in the meetings. Other communities have called for similar meetings. The churches and communities in New York State and other States would do well to communicate with the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, 203 Broadway, New York City, relative to the arrangement for such meetings. In this day when Sabbath desecration has become so popular and the Christian Sabbath more of a holiday and business day than a holy day given to worship, the Sabbath school, and the home, it is well for pastors and official boards to avail themselves of every means to hold back this tide of secularism sweeping through the gates of the Lord's day.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Irwin has begun his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Irvington-on-the-Hudson. Mrs. Finlay Shepard (nee Miss Helen Gould), who is a member of this church, offers, until Sept. 1, 1917, a Bible to all members of the Young Women's Christian Association in the United States who will recite without error certain passages of Scripture, a list of which may be obtained from the National Board of the Y. W. C. A. at 600 Lexington Avenue, New York.

At the Presbyterian Ministers' Meeting Sept. 18th, Rev. Charles Lee Reynolds, D.D., of Newark, N. J., spoke on "The Supremacy of the Spiritual over the Material."

LONG ISLAND'S BICENTENNIAL.

BY REV. O. E. CRAVEN, D.D.

In September two hundred years ago the original Presbytery of Philadelphia resolved itself into four subordinate bodies, of which the Presbytery of Long Island was one. This event, the beginning of organized Presbyterianism in New York, the Presbytery of Long Island fittingly celebrated at its meeting in Southampton on Sept. 12th. Southampton was the proper place for the celebration, for the first known act of the Long Island Presbytery was the installation there of Rev. Samuel Gelston. The present pastor of the Southampton Church, Rev. George J. Russell, was elected moderator. The Synod of New York was represented officially by its moderator, Rev. Arthur Newman, pastor at Bridge Hampton, in this presbytery, and by Rev. Walter R. Ferris, D.D., ex-moderator of the synod and pastor of the Park Church of Syracuse. The Presbyteries of New York, Brooklyn and Nassau, all under the jurisdiction of this presbytery originally, were represented, respectively, by Rev. Howard Duffield, D.D., pastor of the First Church of New York; Rev. Andrew Magill, pastor of the Jamaica Church, and Rev. Daniel H. Overton, D.D., pastor of the Islip Church, and a son of this presbytery. An historical address was delivered by the Stated Clerk of the presbytery, Rev. Charles E. Craven, D.D., and this has been printed. This was followed by addresses by the representatives of the Presbyteries of Nassau, Brooklyn and New York. In the evening the two moderators of the synod spoke. At a sumptuous banquet provided by the ladies of the church the speakers were Rev. Andrew Magill, of Jamaica; Rev. Thomas J. Elms, of Setauket, and Rev. George J. Russell, of Southampton. Rev. George H. Feltus, of the Newtown Church, Elmhurst, was also expected, but was unable to be present. These four churches, Jamaica, Newtown, Setauket and Southampton, were the first connected with the presbytery, followed within a year by New York and Mattituck. The attendance was large, and the addresses were of a high order, and altogether this was a memorable occasion.

The presbytery with sorrow recorded the death of its senior member, Dr. Ephraim Whitaker, whose life spanned almost a century. He died at his home in Southold

Sept. 1st, in his ninety-seventh year, a member of the presbytery for sixty-five years and its Stated Clerk for forty-seven years.

CHICAGO LETTER.

BY REV. E. N. WARE, D.D.

Buena Church, of which Dr. Henry Hepburn is pastor, had a most eventful week beginning with Sept. 17th, in which each night had something of special interest in connection with the dedication of the new parish house. This building, which cost \$65,000, has been nearly a year in course of construction. It is situated on the back of the triangular lot, the chapel occupying the point. All of the organizations of the various activities of this very active church find an abode in the new "Bible-school Building," as it is officially called. On the afternoon of Sept. 17th the formal dedication of the new building took place. Dr. C. B. McAfee, Professor of Systematic Theology in McCormick Seminary, delivered the address. Monday night was "Community Night." Tuesday afternoon a "Cradle-roll Alumni Reception" was held. This was of special significance, since Buena has a cradle roll of over four hundred babies, the largest roll in the Presbyterian Church. At 7:45 p. m. "Bible-school Night" was observed. Wednesday, at 9 a. m., the kindergarten opened in its new quarters. At 2:30 the Woman's Missionary Society held a meeting. At 7:45 the midweek praise and prayer service brought out a large number, although it is not unusual to find the room allotted to this service full on any Wednesday evening. Thursday evening was held a reception for new and former members. Friday night was "Athletic Night." Saturday, from 8 to 9 p. m., "Quiet Hour" was observed. Dr. Hepburn and his earnest flock feel now that they can better than ever serve the great and growing community in the midst of which Buena stands, on the shores of the lake.

The finishing touches to the beautiful and commodious Ravenswood Church, Rev. Frederick L. Selden, D.D., pastor, will be realized on next Friday night, Sept. 29th, at 8 p. m., when the new pipe organ will be dedicated. Mr. Palmer Christian, organist of the Kenwood Evangelical Church, of which Dr. Albert J. McCartney is pastor, will preside at the organ. Dr. Selden has returned from his summer home at Three Lakes, Wis., and is greatly encouraged over the prospect for a fine winter's work.

The Ministers' Association met with the other association on last Monday morning, in the First Methodist Church, to hear Dr. Frank W. Gunsaulus address the union meeting on "Beecher, Brooks and Parker."

Olivet Institute, which is an integral part of Olivet Memorial Church, of which Rev. Norman B. Barr is pastor, recently received \$2,000 for the new building which it is hoped to erect on the half block given to the institute for this purpose two years ago. Half of this gift is to be used for the building and half for the equipment and endowment. Several other gifts have been received toward the \$500,000 which it is hoped to raise. Officers contemplate the pledging dollar for dollar for the building and equipment for every dollar for the endowment. Plans have already been drawn. They provide for a central meeting place for the church and the Sabbath schools, with an abundance of class rooms, on each of the three floors of the rectangular structure. Workers at the institute are perfectly willing to continue working in the two small churches and in fourteen dwellings which now house the plant, or they will use one adequate economically-operated building if the Christian people of Chicago and the Central West desire a representative institution in a district of sixty-four thousand persons, untouched by any other Protestant English-speaking service.

Rev. J. B. Donaldson, D.D., who lately resigned his pastorate at Laporte, Ind., has come to reside within the bounds of Chicago Presbytery, at 17 Chalmers Place. This is in the atmosphere of the McCormick Theological Seminary, where two of his sons graduated. Dr. Donaldson is welcomed to the fellowship of the largest presbytery of the Assembly.

The nation, city and community lost a genuine friend and a wise counselor and a

truly great man passed on in the death of Hon. William J. Calhoun, which occurred on Sept. 20th. The funeral was held in the Fourth Church on Friday afternoon, and Rev. John Timothy Stone, pastor, officiated.

Mrs. S. Lockwood Brown died Sept. 18th, after a long illness, at the Augustana Hospital. Mrs. Brown was the beloved widow of Colonel Brown, who twenty-five years ago organized the Sabbath school which later developed into Christ Church. She never lost her interest in the school and the work of Christ Church, of which Rev. Thomas W. Stewart is pastor.

Fullerton Avenue Church, Rev. Francis M. Fox, D.D., pastor, observed Rally Day last Sabbath. A joint service with the Bible school was held at the hour of the morning service. The school is well graded and each grade well organized. This day was the annual graduation for the Bible school. Mr. Alfred Holzworth, organist and director of the church music, with the quartette and chorus choir, is preparing to give, at different times throughout the year, Haydn's "Creation," the cantata "Ruth" and at least a part of the "Messiah." The vested choir now sings at both the morning and evening services, with a processional and a recessional.

CLEVELAND LETTER.

BY REV. G. A. MACKINTOSH, D.D.

Rev. Basil R. King, pastor of the Second Church of Bellaire, O., has been called to Westminster Church of Cleveland. This church has been supplied for six months, since the departure of Dr. R. R. Bigger to Chicago, by Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, Ph.D., who agreed to supply the church without salary, if the members would continue paying on their pledges and apply the money so received to the floating debt of the church. The church accepted the challenge, cleaned off the debt of \$873 and has reduced the mortgage debt to less than \$1,000. Dr. Hinds declined the offer of a call to the pastorate as he did not want to assume the heavy responsibility of a permanent pastorate. The church, to show its appreciation of the work of Dr. Hinds, has made him pastor-emeritus. Dr. Hinds is a man in his prime and is not ready to be shelved, but accepted the title and will be ready to aid the church by his counsel. It is understood that Mr. King, who was called to the pastorate last Monday night, will accept the call, and as soon as he can be released from his pastorate in Bellaire will take up the work here.

Cleveland Presbyterians are rejoicing in the generous gift of the college buildings at Hudson, O., to the Presbyterian Church. Recently a new building costing \$100,000 was erected through the generosity of a wealthy resident of the town. This building, together with the former college buildings at Hudson, of Western Reserve University, that had become the property of the same man, were turned over to the College Aid Board of our Church with an endowment of \$200,000. The old buildings, which were put in good repair before being turned over, were the buildings used by Western Reserve University before its removal to Cleveland. Hudson is a beautiful town twenty-six miles east of Cleveland. The plant will be used for a Presbyterian academy.

The South Church has given a hearty welcome to its pastor, Rev. Clarence S. Gee, who returned from his vacation with a bride. The young lady was Miss Catherine Anderson, and the wedding took place Aug. 3d. The South Church gave a reception to Rev. and Mrs. Gee on Sept. 5th. A present of \$150 was given by the church. Mr. John F. Garvin, a member of the South Church, and a student of the middle class of McCormick Seminary, was received as a candidate for the ministry by the Presbytery of Cleveland at its recent meeting.

The First Church of Akron, Rev. W. L. McCormick, pastor, will make the whole month of October a rally month. The every-member social visitation will be made by fifty members of the church on Sabbath, Oct. 1st. This church is having a great growth under its new pastor, as Akron grows by leaps and bounds.

Rev. James D. Williamson, D.D., the