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THE WEEK.

THE REVIVAL IS COMING.

Is the Revival for which many have been praying ready to break through? We believe it is. At any rate there are signs of "stir-rings on the tree-tops." During the past week at least three significant and outstanding events have filled us with thanksgiving. That all the City of London churches should be united this week in a campaign to "provide the religious atmosphere" in which alone the problems of the city can be solved is a heartening indication of a changed outlook which augurs well for the city and the Church.

Then there is the Cromer Convention with its insistence upon the supreme need of "the Spirit of the Living God" if the Church is to function as her Lord intends. Here we get down to bedrock. If the twelve hundred people who were at Cromer went home determined to rely upon the Holy Spirit for guidance and power, many parishes will in due time become leavened until the whole is leavened.

150 WITNESSES COMMISSIONED.

Thirdly, last week's House Parties at Oxford in connection with the Group Movement have more than confirmed us in our view that the Groups are unquestionably changing multitudes and leading them into the atmosphere of Pentecost. For several years we have been pleading for a return to definite evangelism with the making of disciples, and building them up, as the primary aim of the Church. If "by their fruits ye shall know them," then the Oxford Group is unmistakably of God and abundantly fulfilling the purpose for which it was created by the Holy Spirit. That lives are changed by the score even critics admit. Of what other movement or Church can this be truthfully asserted to-day? The radiant happiness, transparent sincerity, and commendable humility of those who have surrendered to Christ, are obvious. But more—those whose lives have been transformed rapidly become themselves "life changers." In this connection we draw attention to the vivid account on page nine of the unforgettable service held at Mansfield College Chapel on Sunday afternoon, when no fewer than 150 young men and women were commissioned by Bishop Linton, Anglican Bishop in Persia, as witnesses to Christ. They have gone out to all parts of England under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to conduct vital evangelistic campaigns. We feel that these are the first sure signs of the dawning of a new day of God. May all who name the name of Christ have a share in the forthcoming revival which will astonish the world!
