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Includes:

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PREFACE

We are living in a period of keen interest in holiness, pentecostal and revivalistic movements which have appeared during the past 100 years. Books have been written about these movements and bibliographies compiled. Dr. A. B. Simpson and the C. & M. A. exercised some impact and influence upon these movements, indeed were a part of them.

My interest was aroused in the literature of these movements several years ago and especially in the bibliographical data regarding Simpson and the Alliance. Ignoring for the present the abundant and significant pages that were written about the Alliance and Simpson, my concern centered in the deficiencies and inaccuracies of some of the bibliographical data. I decided to find out "Why?"

The colleges of the C. & M. A. have a reasonably adequate collection of Simpson's books and Alliance literature. Donald McKaig, in a Ph.D. dissertation he wrote in 1948, compiled a list of all of Simpson's books he could readily locate. His list is the best to date and records the bibliographical data that he found in the books. But it was not his purpose to question the accuracy of the data nor to determine correct data. Neither did he purpose to ferret out all that Simpson may have written, or to analyze the nature of his writings. Nobody to date has undertaken a solution of these three problems. Therefore researchers and writers of the holiness, pentecostal

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and revivalistic movements reflected the information available to them with its deficiencies and inaccuracies.

My desire to correct this situation led me to undertake this research. A primary source to provide some answers appeared to be Simpson's periodicals. He began to publish periodicals in February 1880 and continued to do so throughout his lifetime. They are perpetuated in the current Alliance Witness. He also published another periodical for five years (July, 1902 - September 1907) - a monthly, entitled Living Truths. In all of his periodicals he persistently advertised his books, booklets, tracts, etc. that were being issued from his publishing company. Furthermore there were sermons and/or articles by Simpson printed in almost every issue of the periodicals. Therefore, to compile adequate bibliographical data of Simpson's writings, it became clear that his periodicals contained the answers.

From February of 1880 through June of 1889, Simpson published a periodical every month. Each issue varied in length from 32 pages to 64 pages, and sometimes more. During these nine and a half years the publication of sermons was rare, articles more frequent. For four of these years, 1886-1889, Simpson published each month a booklet that contained his Sunday

