

dictate to any what they should deny themselves of: we believe that the Spirit will make this known to all who seek to be directed in this matter." That is, this editor is to be supreme in dictating concerning the sending of a missionary, and concerning the setting apart the money saved by a week of self-denial, but will condescend to let the Spirit indicate the further details of the plan.

There is no appeal to be made to the Spirit concerning the main question. All that has been decided by this party—who, by the way, hesitates not to repudiate the teaching of the Canada Holiness Association as savoring of Popery—and men and women on every hand are called on to endorse without misgivings, but they may because of this special dispensation given in the letter, permit the Holy Ghost to assist in the clerical part above mentioned.

And this is presumed to be carrying out to the full extent the teaching of Jesus Christ concerning the Holy Ghost as guide into all truth, as teacher of all things!

Our heading calls attention to the subject of *half loyalty*, but this does not even measure up to such attitude to the Holy Ghost. Loyalty to the Holy Ghost forsooth!

And yet this is but a specimen of the loyalty to the Spirit which is preached and illustrated by the very best representatives in the churches to-day, and it is because this is a representative incident that we have taken the liberty to review it here for the good of all concerned.

How much further on have they got in the teaching of Jesus about the Holy Ghost who exclude him from dictating to them concerning the immaculate conception, concerning the divinity of Christ or concerning the authority of an apostle or New Testament historian or essay writer? Not many steps beyond, as anyone will realize who turns his attention to the matter.

To limit the Holy Ghost in any direction is to cease to be loyal to him. For this is the same as to make him finite in our thought, and when once we arrive at such conclusion we have a right to narrowly inspect and criticize his every act. Then it follows that the element of certainty is eliminated from divine guidance, and we are at sea about all guidance, just as those who exalt reason, the church or the Bible as guides supreme.

Such parties, by no process of reasoning, can rightfully claim to be an integral part of the movement represented by the EXPOSITOR.

Granted, for the sake of argument, that they are right and we are wrong, even as all our opponents claim, still it is as much a fact in the one case as the other. They who limit the Holy Ghost as guide, by the notions they have previously held concerning any of the questions considered in the pages of this magazine, or of those which may hereafter be investigated, are as much outside this movement as the party whose open letter we have in this article alluded to. Half loyalty to the Holy Ghost must not, and will not, pass at par value. None need apply but those who are prepared to be loyal to the Holy Ghost in the absolute sense. And, we add, our present commission is to the intent that we do what we may to prevent all such half loyalty to pass muster as the Simon-pure article.

WILL IT HELP MATTERS?

ONE of the drifts of the age is to study the life acts and teachings of the Christ independently, not only of modern theological dogmas, but even of those of the early Fathers, occasionally even daring to go past those of Paul and Peter in such efforts to get at the real views and teachings of Jesus.

It is thought by such students of the life of Christ that a kind of *new theology* can