

its possession, but this seems as far off to-day as it was when you first began to pray for it. Change your tactics and try a new plan. Instead of praying for the outpouring, pray for the inletting. Ask God to show you where the rocks lie, that you may be able to remove them or get around them. Ask Him to help you to remove the sinful barriers out of the way of the Spirit, and then cast from you the unholy things. Absence of conviction is mortification of the soul. Think upon the deep things of God until there comes to you a real conviction that the Spirit is standing at the door of your heart pleading for admission. Pray for light until you are able to detect the enemies in secret conclave holding the entrance, and then thrust them out. You may not be willing to remove the intruders who are destroying your treasures ; then pray for grace to be made willing. Your soul is a garden formed by the hand of the Master to grow flowers of the fairest colors and plants of every zone. In your careless moods you have listened to the pleasing promises of visitors, and allowed them to sow seeds of noxious weeds, whose blossoms seemed to rival the most beautiful plants of God's own sowing. In the midst of your rejoicing the touch of the finger of the Master upon your eyes by a single trial has removed the veil which cast a glamor over the .