

a high utility. But the idea of relying upon them for conserving the truth in any Church, is as well founded as would be the idea of relying on a good military code for defending a nation. An army of cowards would interpret any code down to their own level, and Churches and unconverted men will equally lower any Confession of Faith. For rescuing souls, for rebuking blasphemy, for building up God's holy Church, for glorifying the Saviour's name on earth, for our own joy and crown of rejoicing, for the bliss of covering a multitude of sins, for the eternal delight of having saved a soul from death, let us aim at one work—bringing sinners from darkness to light. Of all the records of praise which our merciful Lord will give His servants, who would not covet that his record should be, 'The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with me in peace and equity, *and did turn many away from iniquity?*'

"Ye that are lights and fathers in the ministry, whose very name is a power, whose tone decides that of many young evangelists, whose standard of faith and success regulates the practical expectations of many humble Christians—O, show us the way to victory, lead us to downright conquests over this cold and sinful world! What, ere ye go hence, ye should leave to your successors a glorious tradition of multitudes broken under the power of the Word, of notorious sinners suddenly transformed into bright examples of grace, of throngs of inquirers asking the way to heaven with tears, of Churches once dying easily roused, through your instrumentality, to Apostolic zeal? If ye but leave behind you such traditions to be told, and told again, to children and to children's children, your 'tongue of fire' will be multiplying itself in the homesteads of your people, where your voice has long been silent; and the fruit of your labour will go on multiplying itself until the trump of the archangel sounds.

"Ye who are but entering on the work of the ministry, or are as yet young in its ranks, choose, among all those who have gone before you, whose fame you prefer. Take the host of those who have trifled with the Cross, with Inspiration, with the fall and the redemption of man, with the work of the Spirit, or any of the other vital doctrines of our religion; and if you find among them one man whose name, after ages, is dear to a nation, sacred in the homesteads of thousands to whose ancestors he was a blessing—then follow him. If you find among them those who gave themselves to intellectual pleasures, and were above the plain, rough work of revivals and awakenings; one who has left a memory which is to this day blessed, raising up even now spiritual children to perpetuate his fruit to other generations—you may follow him. But surely you would never think of following in the track of those whose labours have been succeeded by a blight, or whose names, if remembered at all, are remembered not as a blessing to the world, but simply as an example of talent! Surely you would wish rather to be one of those whom grandsires shall speak of to their grandchildren, as having been the means of saving such a man, of kindling such a revival, of introducing a new religious era, into the history of such a village, or of first carrying the Gospel to some people to whom Christ was a stranger? You will find that all those upon whose memories the blessings of living men rest, were those who gave themselves to accomplish the salvation of sinners, who gloried in the Cross, who trusted in the Holy Ghost, and who, whether their tongue was that of a Boanerges or that of a Barnabas, ever took care, by solitary waiting before the Redeemer's throne, to have it so imbued with the Holy Ghost, that it was, at least, 'a tongue of fire.'"

And now we would solemnly put the query, May not one great cause why the preaching of Christ's pure Gospel in all earnestness, is so little successful, generally, be this, that the working of the Holy Spirit is far too much ignored? Ought there not to be a great deal more of preaching bearing directly upon the work of the blessed Spirit, in bringing sinners