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UPPOSE we saw an army sitting down before a fortress, and they told us that they intended to batter it down. We might ask them how? They point us to a cannon ball. Well, but there is no power in that. It is heavy but not more than a couple of hundred-weight at most. If all the men in the army were to throw it, that would make no impression. They say, "no, but look at the

cannon." Well, but there is no power in that; it is a machine and nothing more. But look at the powder! Well, there is no power in that; a child may spill it, a sparrow may pick it up. Yet this *powerless* powder, and this *powerless* ball, are put into this *powerless* cannon; one spark of fire enters it, and then in the twinkling of an eye, that powder is a flash of lightning, and that cannon ball is a thunder bolt, which smites as it had been sent from heaven. So is it with our Church machinery of the present day. We have our instruments for pulling down the strong holds, but oh ! for the baptism of fire."—REV. W. ARTHUR.

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