

BOYS AND GIRLS

The Life More Abundant.

TAMIL DAVID'S CONVERSION.

(By V. D. David.)

Perhaps the most remarkable man at the recent Northfield Conference, was Tamil V. D. David, a native Hindu, who came to this country expressly to attend it. He was so regarded by many. In a three months' tour in India, over ten thousand are reported to have been converted, of whom thirty-seven started out to preach, as he does, without pay, collection or subscription. As one of

abundant, or the promise of the Father, also by faith. Galatians, 3-14.

Now, I will seal what I have said by my testimony. I have not this message in theory only, but in practice and in my life. I do not simply teach what I have been taught, but I want to tell out what I have received and what I possess. My testimony will give you a clear conception of the truth about filling, or the life more abundant: so please pay attention and accept the filling by faith.

Let me first say a few words concerning the disciples before and after Pentecost.

When the disciples saw Jesus going away, they didn't know what to do; they felt very

Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth.' They tarried there for ten days. They had ten days for prayer and praise and waiting on God, both men and women in the upper room, as well as in the temple. They waited upon God, and I believe they saw their own wickedness and the evil actions of their past unbelief, and the Lord God prepared them to receive this abundant life. They had to be prepared; they had to see the life they led while Jesus was in the world with them. They had to see all their evil before this wonderful power came upon them. God could have filled them in one day, but He made them tarry until they were ready to receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost. When they were ready, just at the right time, the Holy Ghost fell upon them. They all were filled with the Holy Ghost; and when they were filled, see what Peter did. He went to the open air and preached the Gospel. Before, he was afraid; he did not at all understand how to preach. Now he opened his mouth on the public street, and three thousand were converted in one meeting. Nowadays people preach thirty, forty or sixty times, and perhaps one or two are converted. Sometimes none at all. That man preached once and three thousand were converted. It was the power of God. My dear friend, unless you possess this power your preaching won't do any good. You may preach for twenty-five thousand years, and it will not amount to anything. You may do all you like; it won't be anything but spiritual gymnastics. Unless you receive this abundant life, your Christian life is not worth living.

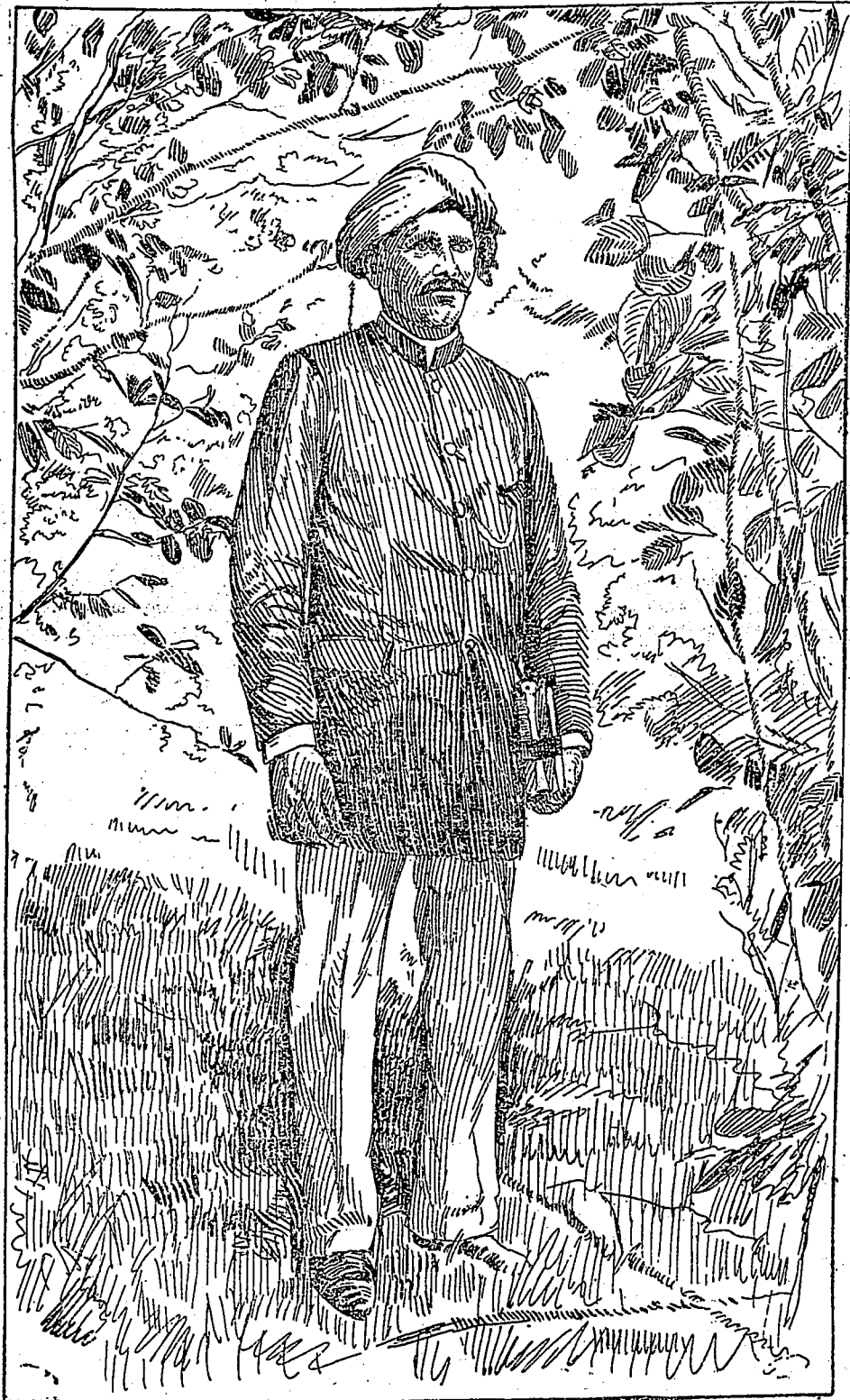
Not only that, when they received this life, they bore all kinds of hardships, they suffered for Christ. O, what a wonderful life was theirs! Wherever they went, they manifested the life of Christ. People would say, 'Who are these men? Are they not Galileans? Hear how they speak, look at their faces, see the way they are bearing all difficulties.' Before that, they had no such power. What was the cause of it? They had received the life more abundant, the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Brother, you are born of God, you are walking with God; but you are not filled with God. Unless you get the filling there will be no power in your work. Why are many preachers, Sunday School teachers and Christian workers getting tired in their work? The secret is, they haven't this power. They are working in their own line, with the energy of the flesh. May the Lord God help you.

If you want to have this power, come to the point. First, separation, freedom from evil. Second, consecration, all that you are and all that you have upon the altar. Third, yielding your will to be anything. Fourth, believing that the Lord Jesus Christ can cleanse you from all sin, entire cleansing. Then comes the filling. He fills you with Himself. Then you will have glory inside and glory outside. O, may God help you to believe it!

Now, let me tell you how I received this life more abundant.

I was born in South India in 1853. My father was a mission agent. My mother was a schoolmistress, but when she was young she worshipped idols. My forefathers, too, were idol worshippers. My father died when I was about two years old, and my mother took good care of me. She did all she could to put me in school. I went to the mission school when I was very young, and stayed there until I was nine. Then I went to the



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the results of missions in India, his life and work seem marvellous. And that India should be sending back teachers to America seems more than passing strange. The following was his closing address:

I need not say much on filling, or the life more abundant, for as soon as Jesus comes into you, He cleanses and fills your heart with Himself. Cleansing and filling go together, cleansing by faith, and the life more

sorry. But Christ told them not to go from Jerusalem; but to tarry there until they received the promise of the Father. They were disciples, but they were not apostles. They had life, but they had not the life more abundant. They were preaching the Gospel, but they had no power. So Jesus said to them, 'Tarry at Jerusalem until you get the power from Heaven. When you get the power, go to Jerusalem first, then Judea,