

that the jubilation over such fancy pictures seems better suited for childhood than manhood in Christ Jesus—they are but nursery rattles.

He who fancies he would have greater sources of joy if the knowledge of God covered the whole earth, according to his unpentecostal understanding of that and kindred prophecies, or who anticipates greater happiness when Christ begins His thousand years' reign in the world, according to his sensuous reading of post-pentecostal utterances, in these very acts join themselves with the ancients in desiring to see the things which we see, even if, meanwhile, they are kept in countenance by the presence with them of many prophets and righteous men who unite with them in the same unsatisfied longings.

But, by contrast, blessed are they who live the pentecostal life, for all these unsatisfied longings are lost in present fulness of desire realized.

Nor do we need to gather together to teach one another our individual discoveries in these enchanted realms of prophecy, for all know these things, from the least to the greatest. Seeing it is the Holy Spirit who reveals them—"God hath revealed them to us by His Spirit."

DR. DEWART'S CRITICISMS.

In last week's *Guardian* (July 22nd) Dr. Dewart again calls the attention of his readers to the "dangerous and misleading teaching" of the editor of the EXPOSITOR. In doing this, it is to be presumed he is attending simply to a matter of plain, though painful, duty. It is difficult to believe the statements true, but the Doctor has had an excellent opportunity of investigating the matter to the bottom, and he ought to know whereof he affirms. He has not only had the privilege of reading Mr. Burns' writings, but of personal converse as well; and it is only fair to presume that he has gone to Mr. Burns and talked the whole matter over, either to make sure that he understands him aright or to make some little effort to save an erring brother. For it could scarcely be the

proper thing to go for a brother minister in the public press without having first gone to him in private and made some effort to save him from the error of his way—especially as the brethren concerned happen to be members of the same church and fellow-communicants. Assuming that these Christian preliminaries have been attended to and the accused remains incorrigible, there may then be some excuse for taking the matter into the public prints, as Dr. Dewart has done. But even then, the duty, as intimated above, must be a painful one for a tender-hearted Christian editor. The controversial works of the saintly Fletcher cost him many tears and much anguish of soul, and I suppose it must be the same with other men of like spirit. Scrupulous care should be taken, however, to see that every statement or charge affecting the influence or orthodoxy of a minister be perfectly correct and thoroughly reliable, else great harm may result. And then again, unless solid proof and sound arguments be shown and advanced in support of statements made, their effect is likely to be the opposite of that intended by the writer. For such is the limping character of most of the arguments against the doctrine of Divine guidance, that some persons of solid sense have lately told me they were convinced of the truth of the doctrine more by what was said against it than in its favor. Now, Dr. Dewart should have the very best reasons for making the statements he does, and the strongest proof of the truth of his charges, but for some unaccountable reason he gives his readers neither the one nor the other. This is, doubtless, a great fault in the article, even if it be true, and lest it should really produce the opposite effect to that intended by the editor, I propose to furnish such proof and argument as is available in support of the statements made. I would ask the editor to make room in the *Guardian* for this supplement to his article, but I have reason to believe he would rather it should appear in the EXPOSITOR, for, of course, it is the readers of that magazine who are in imminent danger of being everlastingly ruined by Mr. Burns' teaching.