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### HIS ROD AND HIS VOICE.

“By His eye or by His voice He will guide us,  
if we be docile and gentle; by His staff and by  
His rod, if we wander or are wilful.”—H. E.  
MANNING.

Ah! how long the Saviour waited  
For His child,—  
Waited patiently, still pleading  
In accents mild!  
Till at last I heard His message,  
“Come and rest;”  
Heard and heeded; and in coming  
I was blest.

But although He owned and blessed me,  
I was still  
Wilful, wayward, learning slowly  
All His will.  
Yet how tenderly He led me  
Day by day,  
Though I stumbled oft, and faltered  
In the way!

Still He led, and I could follow  
Where He trod;  
But how often still I needed  
Staff and rod!  
For I was not always willing  
To obey,  
And among the thorns and briars  
I would stray.

Till in love He gently drew me  
Nearer still,  
And I learned to be submissive  
To His will.  
Now in all that He appoints me  
I rejoice,  
And I follow as He guides me  
By His voice.

Once the *rod* seemed very heavy  
When it fell,  
For my heart would not acknowledge  
It was well.

Now His blessed will in all things  
Is my choice;  
And I listen, oh, so gladly!  
To His *voice*.

Once the lions in the pathway  
Made me fear;  
Now they vanish when my Shepherd  
Cometh near.  
Once the road seemed steep and rugged,  
Dark and lone;  
Now 'tis easy, and the shadows  
All are gone.

Oh, how blessed 'tis to follow  
In this way;  
Know His will, and then just *trust* Him  
And *obey*;  
Fearing not the rod, well knowing  
'Tis His choice  
That His flock should ever follow  
*Just His voice!*

—M. F. ROWE.

### “THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER.”

(FIFTH PAPER.)

“And so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath  
given to them that obey Him.”—Acts v. 32.

It will be seen that the one condition  
of the abiding presence of the Holy  
Ghost in the heart of the believer is  
obedience to Him, the Spirit. This sub-  
ject of implicit obedience has been sadly  
mistified by many devices, but neverthe-  
less it is of vital consequence in con-  
nection with the reception and retention  
of the Pentecostal gift. For we maintain  
that failing to obey the Spirit in His  
minutest instructions renders His per-  
manent abode in the Christian an im-  
possibility, no matter what may be the  
cause of that failure. It may be the