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HOLY SPIRIT.

Dr. Campbell, a Congregational Minister in the great metropolis of England, editor of three papers, the *British Banner*, the *Christian Witness*, and the *Christian's Penny Magazine*, is one of the great men, mentally, morally, and religiously, in the British Isles. His influence as a man and as a theologian is scarcely to be estimated. The *British Banner*, a very large Weekly, had, some few months after its establishment, a circulation of over a hundred thousand. His works freely circulate not only in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland, but in Australia, the isles of India, Canada, and other portions of British territory. A gentleman of such extensive power, when on the right side of things, wields an influence for good beyond the mathematics of any one to reckon; but on the other hand, when an individual of Dr. Campbell's abilities and popularity, advocates what is erroneous and inconsistent with truth, his power in the commonwealth of mind is not to be envied. Below will be found an extract from his *Christian's Penny Magazine* upon the subject of the Spirit, which we give to our readers this month to digest:—

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POWER OF THE SPIRIT ILLUSTRATED.

Throughout all denominations of the true church of Christ, complaints are heard of the prevalence of comparative deadness as regards the power of the truth in the conversion of sinners and the edification of saints. Indeed, there is much reason to believe that the bulk of the younger portion especially of the people of God, who hold the doctrine of the Spirit, entertain very imperfect conceptions of the nature of his work and the effects manifested by his gracious presence, and consequently they are too easy under proofs of his absence, and hardly know the effect that would flow by an outpouring from on high. This state of knowledge and of feeling is much to be deplored, both on account of its personally perilous and its socially injurious consequences. This great matter it is difficult adequately to bring forth in mere doctrinal statement. The best possible