

Book Reviews.

"After Pentecost What?" By James M. Campbell, author of "Unto the Uttermost," and "The Indwelling Christ." 239 pages. Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo. The first pages of this book were a surprise and a delight to me. My interest deepened as I continued to read, and at last I have laid the book down with many passages underscored, very few question marks on the margins of its pages, and a feeling of personal indebtedness to its author and publishers. Mr. Campbell's literary style is terse and vigorous. He has a fondness for antitheses and he is a master in putting force and clearness into balanced sentences. Not unfrequently there are passages of mingled force and beauty, as, for example, the following: "As the Roman Emperors caused perfume to be rained down upon the people through the silken awning of the amphitheatre, the ascended Christ hath shed forth the Holy Spirit upon the world like a shower of fragrant rain."

As a rule, however, the author reaches his effect by the vigor, the originality, and the lucidity of his thought. The book does not juggle with texts, but it seeks their historical continuity, their literary values and their spiritual content. It is too practical to be dangerously mystical, and too mystical to be dangerously practical. Its theory of inspiration might be considered, from certain standpoints, lax; but a book that actually inspires may be allowed some leeway for its theory of inspiration. It is Christological rather than theological, and it is replete with reverence, and all through it there is an air of calm and meditative piety. Above all, it is absolutely refreshing to find an author writing a book about the Holy Spirit who knows enough about the Holy Spirit not to call him the Holy Ghost.

The title of the book is indicative of its historic starting point. The study of the Holy Spirit's presence in the church begins with the day of Pentecost. On that day Christ returned in the Spirit, and the event is the decisive one in the world's redemption, "the event to which his advent in the flesh was preliminary and preparatory, the event by which the purpose of his earthly mission was to find its accomplishment." "The incarnation was God manifest in the flesh, Pentecost was God manifest in the Spirit; the incarnation was God dwelling with man, Pentecost is God dwelling in man." The Holy Spirit testifies of Christ, takes of the things of Christ and shows them to the world, convinces, convicts, teaches, leads, renews, indwells, strives with our spirits, bears witness with our spirits, intercedes for us. The author is quite absolute in his application rather than his interpretation of the New Testament Scriptures upon all these points. Indeed one of his first merits is this that he is so spiritual as to be able to take such scriptures literally. He believes that the Spirit is the indwelling Christ, and the guiding genius of the Church of Christ; that we should be submissive to his guidance; that he will lead us to unity, but not without variety; that the Spirit filled and the Spirit guided church is an organism rather than an organization, and that this organism has for its ultimate earthly object the kingdom of God.

There is a great body of Christian people in the world today who have experienced the following difficulty in their doctrine of the Holy Spirit; in seeking to avoid on the one hand foolish and repulsive mystical extravagances they have found themselves, on the

other hand, in danger of embracing a cold and lifeless, and repulsively literaristic, "word alone" theory. To such, therefore, as recoil from both extremes, and who have long been groping for a simple, and scriptural and workable doctrine of the Holy Spirit, this work will in the main be like a beacon light, and many while turning its pages will pause now and again to wonder why they had not seen it so before. One thing without doubt the author has done for us. He has set the great day of Pentecost flashing before us historically in the light of the Holy Spirit as it flashed once literally "with tongues of fire."

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WEAVER-FULLERTON.—Tuesday morning, Dec. 28th, witnessed one of those pleasing events that comes to most of us but once in a lifetime, when Miss Laura H., youngest daughter of David Fullerton, Esq., and the Rev. Geo. D. Weaver, of New Holland, Ohio, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. E. Stevens, assisted by Rev. W. T. D. Moss. The groom was supported by Rev. H. W. Stewart, pastor of Coburg Street Christian Church, St. John, N. B., and Miss Kate Thomson, of Pictou, accompanied Miss Fullerton as bridesmaid. The bride was tastily dressed in cream nun's veiling trimmed with cream satin and lace, and draped with smilax. The bridesmaid was also dressed in cream challie, trimmed with chiffon and ribbon. Miss Jean Olding, of New Glasgow, played the wedding march. The home was handsomely decorated with evergreens, potted plants and flowers. After lunch the happy couple took the express for Halifax, where they will be tendered a reception by their numerous friends. They purpose spending about two weeks in New England and New York states before going to their home in Ohio.—*The Advocate, Pictou.*

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Married.

DAVIS-HUSKINS.—At Summerville, Queens Co., N. S., January 27th, 1898, at the home of the bride's father, by F. C. Ford, assisted by E. C. Ford, Mr. Lemuel Davis and Miss Minnie Huskins, all of Summerville.

TOWKSBURY DOUGHTY.—At Leonardville, N. B., Dec. 25th, 1897, by M. B. Ryan, Frederick Towksbury to Miss Advianna Doughty, both of Leonardville.

EBBETT LAMBERT.—At Lord's Cove, N. B., on Jan. 11th, 1898, by M. B. Ryan, Arthur W. Ebbett, Esq., of Gaucetown, N. P., to Miss Lillian A., daughter of D. P. Lambert, of Lord's Cove, N. B.

DICKIESON-BULMAN.—At the residence of the bride's father, by D. Crawford, on the 17th of January, Mr. J. Brenton Dickieson to Miss Harriet M. Bulman, both of New Glasgow, P. E. Island.

McLURE-McKAY.—At Summerside on December 28th, at the residence of Capt. Geo. McKay, Adrain R. McLure, of Rustico, P. E. I., to Ida M. McKay, of Summerside. H. E. Cooke officiating.

McKINSTRY-JELLY.—At Summerside on January 19th, at the residence of John Jelly, Robert L. McKinstry, of Mayfield, P. E. I., to S. J. Jelly, of Summerside. H. E. Cooke officiating.

DICKIESON HOOPER.—In Charlottetown, December 30, 1897, by Geo. Manifold, James Dickieson, of New Glasgow, and Mrs. Hannah Hooper, of Charlottetown.

THOMPSON-BINGAY.—At the Christian Church, in Westport, Jan. 25th, 1898, by J. W. Bolton, Capt. Colin C. Thompson and Miss Ethel May Bingay. Both parties are from Westport. The reception was held at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Albert Barley.

Died.

CAMPBELL.—In the absence of Bro. R. W. Stevenson, who is now holding a meeting with Bro. R. E. Stevens in Pictou, N. S., I was called, by telephone, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Peter Campbell, who died at the home of her son, Bro. D. M. Campbell, on the Lower Montague Road. Sister Campbell had been a widow all but four years. She died on the 22nd inst., having reached the age of 84 years and 11 months. Three sisters and one brother survive her, also four sons and one daughter. As a long-time member of the Church of Christ at Montague, she had the respect of all who knew her, because of her faithfulness, truthfulness and sterling honesty of purpose, and although she had reached a good old age, many others besides her family and immediate friends will sadly miss her. She had become somewhat weary in the earthly pilgrimage, because of declining strength, and longed for the rest into which she has now entered. As she had lived, she died, in child-like trust in the goodness of her Heavenly Father and the merits and work of the Redeemer. So her passing into the great unseen was like the little child going to sleep in its mother's arms, without a shade of fear. "He giveth his beloved sleep." O. B. E.

STEWART.—Mrs. Roberta Stewart, the beloved wife of Benjamin Stewart, of Mount Herbert, died at the home of William Millar, Esq., Marshfield, on the 17th inst., aged 49 years. She had been in poor health for some time, and, having gone out to visit her sister, Mrs. Millar, her strength failed to that degree that she could not be removed until death relieved her from all suffering. She left a sorrowing husband, with three sons and five daughters, and many other relatives and friends: Her daughter, Ethel, who is a trained nurse, attended her through all the weary nights and days until the end came; and, although not in her own home, she was surrounded by loving hearts and tender ministering hands, so that, as far as mortal care could provide, every want was well supplied. She was a member of the Church of Christ, Lot 43, and trusted wholly in Him who "came to seek and save the lost." On that line she had no doubts; she knew "He was able to keep that which she had committed to Him." She was anxious about those who were being left behind, in a world where temptation and sin abounds, not knowing what may befall them here. But, committing them to the care of the all-Father, and, as it were, leaning on the arm of the Beloved, she passed into the valley and the shadow, assured that she would enter into rest—the rest promised to all who come to Him.—O. B. E.

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