

PREFACE.

The little volume which is now placed before the reader, consists, in a larger and more amplified form, of a lecture on the subject of "The Pentecostal Baptism and the Gift of Tongues," delivered by the author in Toronto, Canada, Sept. 1st, 1907.

Free use has been made of the testimonies of "other witnesses," as to the subject herein discoursed. To these beloved brethren in Christ the writer feels himself deeply indebted. It is always well to gather corroborative evidence from the testimony of men of God who are eminent for their learning and piety.

The people of God are now facing a grave crisis in the history of the Church. Dangerous heresies, "strange doctrines," and all sorts of religious frenzies and phantasies, abound. Already many of the children of God have been drawn away from the plain path laid down in the Word of God, while many more are in danger, who, with but a limited knowledge of the Scriptures, are the more susceptible to the subtle temptations of the old Serpent, who always comes as an angel of light, and appears never so attractive as when he simulates or counterfeits divine things.

The necessity of adhering strictly to "sound words" is essential for the maintenance of "sound doctrine"; whilst looseness and ignorance of the testimony of Holy Writ, and misapplication of the same, or even only partial views of truth, have not unfrequently paved the way for the introduction of all kinds of dangerous and deadly errors. It is