

if regulated and directed to advance selfish ends issue in confusion. This work is that which filled a Saviour's hands. Salvation to men comes not from the style of buildings in which worship is conducted. The gratification of a musical taste is one thing, the uplifting of the heart to God is another. The beautifying and strengthening of an outwork in a fortification is of small moment in war, if the loyalty of the garrison in the citadel is more than questionable. To rise to a perception of the great work we have to do in winning souls to Christ, is vantage ground. Objects aside from it are thrust into their own place. Then there is no longer a misapplication of force, the object wanted is clear, the kind of power needed is understood; to save a soul from death and hide a multitude of sins, demands spiritual power. The experience of personal religion gives the right direction to effort. A ship during a fearful storm, was wrecked on the South shore of Long Island: such was the fury of the gale, that the boldest on the beach dared not man the life-boat to rescue the crew that still clung to the vessel, when an individual who had been a sailor rushed forward, saying, "I have been there myself, bear a hand," and taking a place in the boat, he inspired the rest with courage to venture on the perilous enterprise, which was crowned with success. Thus having felt nigh to perdition, and heard the roar of the billows of destruction, but being rescued from the wrath to come by the mighty hand of Jesus; constrained by love, the soul strives to bring glory to Christ in working for the salvation of men. There is a holy ambition; as consecrated to this work the cry is, "one thing I do." *In order to success power with God and with man is necessary.*

Power with God, amazing expression! To this mysterious honour the believing soul may aspire. These are the words of truth:—put me in remembrance, —yet for this I will be enquired of by the house of Israel, 'to do it for them—none of you stirreth up himself to take hold on me—ask, and ye shall receive—if ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you—how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him. Prayer is the invocation of the strength of God. Arm of the Lord put on thy strength. Accepted prayer is the laying up in store of that power. Answered prayer is its manifestation. All-prayer is a choice weapon in the holy strife of winning souls. In that battle the banner is inscribed GOD FOR US. You see the tide of battle turn when the arm of God is made bare; as when the rod of Moses pointed to heaven in the battle with the Amalekite, the Israelites prevailed. JEHOVAH-NISSI—the Lord is my banner—is the acknowledgment of the victorious. The Gospel has been preached successfully, when the hand of the Lord has been with his servants; hence men of prayer have called on Him to go forth with them. They have said, if Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up. Aaron and Hur held up the arms of Moses; thus in our congregations there must be prayerful co-operation in the Lord's work. Brethren and Sisters, where is the battle to be won? Is it not in our closets? In our day there is a loud call for prayer. To your closets, O Israel! There ought to be neither defect nor cessation in our communications with heaven. Messages should be wafted thither. Ply this holy telegraph. Is there a defect? Is the form present, but the power absent? Is there a flaw in our piety? Does our unbelief limit the Holy one of Israel? Success can never come unless we rely on God. What is the lesson of the revival in America? Is it not that prayer is a power; that the believer has power with God, and as a prince prevails. Can we expect