

THE CHURCH MILITANT

and perplexity, as well as inspire her with hope and courage when she is about to falter. When she honors the Holy Spirit then she shall "go in and possess the land," for it is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

She shall fulfil her purpose also by a faithful setting forth of the Word, the Sword of the Spirit, in precept and by practice. When Gideon and his faithful three hundred marched against the Midianites, they took with them trumpets and lamps; the former symbolical of the preaching of the Word—the declaring of the whole counsel of God—the lifting up of the crucified Saviour. She has sought not only "to keep the faith once delivered to the saints," but to publish it abroad. In so doing she has conquered. The lamps, on the other hand, are symbolical of pure and holy lives—"Let your light so shine" has been the watchword of the Church, with the result that God has been glorified. The proclaiming of the Truth from the sacred desk and