

Spirit. He says that he has not had an unhappy day since, nor one day without the solemn, inward consciousness of God which is expressed by the words, "Christ formed within," "Christ in you," "Ye are the temple of the Holy Ghost."

Immediately his life-work took form in the continual cry of his soul, "Thy will be done." His heart and will became a perpetual "Yes" to every call of God. He always realises that, even in the small details of life, God has a will for His children, some way that is better than any other, and that He will communicate this to the waiting soul; that when the many voices of self-will, prejudice, and enthusiasm are stilled within, and the outward calls held in abeyance, "a still small voice" comes with satisfying certainty to the soul, saying, "This is the way; walk thou in it." In it are the highest possible results of inward peace and outward success. Twenty-three years of close attention to this sacred teaching, with implicit, instantaneous obedience, have made his senses to "grow by reason of use," and imparted a wonderful, indescribable gentleness, sweetness, and power to his very appearance and voice, joined to a resistless authority. I have never witnessed the character of the head of a private family more impressed upon the faces and motions of a household, than is that of this man of faith upon every worker, down to the humblest servant. I never saw an ungentle expression, or heard an ungentle word in the house. The very atmosphere of the place is filled with the pervading, sensible presence of the love of God. There is a simplicity, a quiet restfulness, a hidden power in the religious exercises of his household, which, with the whole atmosphere of the household, has brought a continuous revival since the opening of this House of Faith, twenty-three years ago. Thousands upon thousands, probably, have been converted, or lifted into higher experience of the love of God, in this holy, beautiful home. Weary souls find the soothing influences so sweet and pervading, that, like the Lotus-eaters, they scarcely can force themselves away. Chance travellers stopping for a night often are chained, and leave only to seek the first opportunity of return. These statements may seem strong to strangers, but they will not be so to those who have

shared the privileges of this household of faith.

The baptism of the Spirit has not been a transient joy, but an abiding grace through near a quarter of a century, bearing fruitage to God such as it has been the lot of few of God's children to witness.

It is not unusual for this wonderful baptism of the Holy Spirit, of which we write, to accompany the commencement of "walking in the light," but in the larger number of instances coming under my own observation, an entrance upon a life of perfect trust has been by simple faith alone, without immediate strong emotion, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Concerning its reality and certainty, hundreds, if not thousands, whom I have personally met, are witnesses of its suddenness, and of its permanent results in their character and labors. If a man born blind and reared without ever seeing the light, were cured, and then promised a sight of the sun, we can conceive that when he saw a candle, he might ask, "Is this it?" Or again, when he saw the moon, "Is this it?" But when he should see the sun, he would ask no questions, but exclaim, "This is it?" Thus I can conceive of questioning as to having received this grace among those yet without this remarkable and apostolic baptism, so often renewed to the saints in all ages; but those who have once experienced it in its fulness say, as the restored blind man to the sun, "This is it!"

For this, my reader, pray. For this, trust the promises of God. For this, wait in holy expectation, if need be, as long as did the first disciples. Having received it with its inefficable results in your life, ask that it be renewed on every occasion of need. Have faith to be always "filled with the Spirit," whether in its mighty, rushing power for service, or in its gentle, dew-like coming, to possess and mould the heart for Christ.

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It is a comfort to Christians apart to think their prayers meet before a throne of grace; and their persons shall meet before a throne of glory.

THE breath of prayer comes from the life of faith.