

as our churches are now enjoying! And how *opportune!* Distracted as we have been for two years past, by the exciting questions which have engaged the attention of our brethren of this vicinity, the descent of the Holy Ghost at this time, reminds us of the appearance of our risen Lord to the ten on the evening of the first day of the week.

The first Baptist friend expects from all the premises before him, that Pentecostal scenes are to be continuously enacted while the gospel dispensation lasts. One of the Wesleyan friends trusts or hopes for the Spirit's outpouring while labouring in the west at Morpeth; and the second speaks of the past and says that near Napanee east from here God has graciously poured out his Spirit. In all these instances, if we apprehend the writers, we are taught that the Spirit is poured out upon sinners to convert them to the Lord.

Now when it is affirmed that in the whole Christian oracles there is not one instance upon record of the outpouring of the Spirit for such a purpose, a truth is declared that every christian man, and especially every christian minister, ought to know. There is no such outpouring hinted in the apostolic Record, from the first word of the first verse in Matthew to the last Amen in the Revelations of John. Even if one of the above writers should make it appear to all men that the scenes of Pentecost are to be repeated through all time while the christian church stands, he could not show that sinners are to have the Holy Spirit shed upon them in order to their conversion to the Lord Jesus.

But the world has never seen more than one Pentecost, and never will. True, there was a sort of Supplement to it on the opening of the kingdom to the families of Gentiles. Still, the peculiarities of that day must make it stand out as a day by itself—as a day of sublime conspicuity—as a day never to be imitated while Jesus sits on the throne in the heavens. Behold some of its features:

1. The Holy Spirit, according to promise, baptized the apostles; this work was not to be performed twice

2. By this they were endowed with power, which endowment was to last "even to the end of the world;" and hence no renewal or repetition.

3. The Spirit on coming from heaven upon the disciples was SEEN and its sound HEARD: a demonstration which has not since occurred.

4. The Holy Spirit, did, on that day, declare what was never before declared, opening or revealing new truths and new lessons, all divinely important; and the world has had no use for new revelations on the same topics.