

"It's about myself," he replied.

I motioned him to proceed.

"Thirty-two years ago I drank my first glass of liquor," said the engineer, "and for the past ten years, up to the last month, no week has passed without its Saturday night drunk. During those years I was not blind to the fact that appetite was getting a frightful hold upon me. At times my struggles against the longing for stimulant were earnest; my employers once offered me a thousand dollars if I would not touch liquor for three months, but I lost it; I tried all sorts of antidotes, and all failed. My wife died praying that I might be rescued, yet my promises to her were broken within two days. I signed pledges, and joined societies, but appetite was my master. My employers reasoned with me, discharged me, but all to no effect. I could not stop, and I knew it. When I came to work for you I did not expect to stay a week; I was nearly done for; but now!" and the old man's face lighted up with an unspeakable joy, "in this extremity, when I was ready to plunge into hell for a glass of rum, I found a sure remedy! I am saved from my appetite!"

"What is your remedy?"

The engineer took up an open Bible that lay, face down, on the window ledge and read:

"The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin."—*The Common People.*

NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SANCTIFYING SPIRIT.

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The Christian Churches have for hundreds of years been substituting other agencies for the Holy Ghost. We have put learning, culture, science, art, this little thing or that as a substitute for the baptism of fire. We try to educate people into giving money. We fail. We try to educate a dead church to go to prayer-meeting. We fail. We try to educate timid sisters to talk in meetings. We fail. We try to educate young people to hold classes and young people's meetings—and we fail. We educate, educate, educate; and the more we educate the harder the Church gets;—I mean the more we try to educate people to do what the Holy Ghost alone can make them do. It is impossible to educate a man to pray in public. It is impossible to educate a timid man to take up his cross. It is impossible to educate a stingy man into a liberal man. It is impossible to educate the devil out of a man's soul. It is eternally impossible to educate a dead soul into a living, active, praying, Christian. The baptism of fire, cleansing a believer, will make him testify; that will make a timid Christian talk, a stingy man