

16: 13—Howbeit when He, the Spirit of Truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth. Acts 1: 8—But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

These three verses might well be read by three different members of the society, with a few pertinent remarks setting forth the meaning of each.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GUARANTEE.

Repeat John 16: 7, and dwell for a time upon the significance of this statement: "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."

Sum up the value of Christ's continued presence with the disciples—the meaning of His leadership to them, the ways by which He could give them knowledge, the means by which He could inspire courage and fortitude and activity. These and other things so necessary to them at that time could be secured by His visible presence among them. And yet it were better for Him to go in order that the Spirit—the Comforter—might come who would not only be all these things to them and do these things for them, but more. Enlarge on

WHAT THIS GUARANTEE GUARANTEES.

1. It guarantees *wisdom*. "He will guide you into all truth." We are all seekers after truth, i.e., we are seekers after God, for God is truth. We are to get to know the truth and the truth will set us free. Show how truth is all comprehensive and has to do with all things that contribute to the development of the self and the bringing of ourselves into right relationship with God and nature. Wisdom involves skill and power in interpreting and making use of truth. The Spirit teaches us how to discern the truth and how to utilize it for the largest ends. He will help us how to know God, how to know Jesus Christ, how to know the Holy Spirit and His work; he will teach us how to know one's self, his conscience, his relation to God and the world, God's purpose for him and how he is to realize that purpose in his relationships to his fellows. Work this out prayerfully and thoughtfully from the standpoint of your own experience and needs and in view of what your local League might do for the Church and Sunday school and community to which it daily ministers.

II. It guarantees *power*. And ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you. Show what power

of the human race into the kingdom of God.

It must be left with each leader to work out in detail each of the above or other suggestions. Your presentations of this topic will differ according to your varied experiences, environment, opportunities, the needs of the individual members and the community. Secure your pastor's assistance in preparing yourself and, above all, try to present the theme in a natural and easily understood way, so that young people will make the receiving of the spirit a normal experience in life and thereby multiply their power to serve again and again and again.

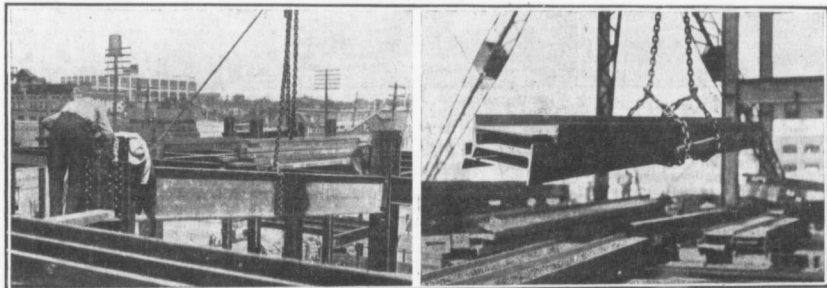
Once Strangers, Now Fellow-Citizens

MISSIONARY TOPIC FOR SECOND WEEK IN SEPTEMBER.

Ep. 2: 13-22.

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Canada's greatest problem is making new citizens or the assimilation into our national life of the great numbers who are coming to us from other lands. Can-



MAKING THE CONNECTION.

this out of your own experience, by imagining the meaning of Christ's actual presence with you, and then press home the thought that notwithstanding all this the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life means more and makes a larger contribution to the development of your character and to the establishment of the kingdom through your service than if it were possible to have Christ with you always "in the flesh."

Here are a few suggestive reasons from the human point of view that one might set forth in explanation of this fact if he will:

(a) The greater work that might be accomplished through a spirit which operates everywhere and in each life who will receive Him, than by one who because of his bodily form would, of necessity, be limited to a certain time and place and to the leadership of a comparatively few individuals.

(b) The larger opportunity given for initiative and self-reliance. Argue the principle of the worthwhileness of casting one's self upon his own resources and the greater privilege of, under these conditions, "walking by faith and not by sight."

Christianity is always a reasonable thing. Therefore do not be afraid to examine the reasons which even on the surface are apparent to justify the "spiritual sanity" of Christ's statement, and later corresponding action to the matter of His departure and the sending of the Comforter.

does in respect to the engine, the trolley car, and other mechanical contrivances. It is difficult to define power except in terms of what it will do. Illustrate this Divine power in the life of Christ, Paul, Peter, John, Wyclif, Luther, Knox, Wesley, the modern missionaries, leaders and workers on behalf of human welfare in every sphere of life, and show how one in command of such power is able to do "many wonderful things." Make the application as personal, concrete and local as you can.

CONDITIONS ON WHICH WE RECEIVE THIS WISDOM OR POWER.

Close the discussion by agreeing upon the conditions which make this wisdom and power possible in the life of each and all, as follows:

1. A full surrender of the life to service in the kingdom.
2. The use of the natural talent and the potentialities that forgives to each.
3. The coming into touch, because of one's surrender, with the great spiritual forces of the universe by means of seeing and praying and willing and doing. Show how God cannot of His volition bring to the kingdom. Point out how helpless in ourselves we are to do this great thing. And then indicate how it becomes possible—and indeed the normal result to expect—when God and man are in complete accord and work together with the Spirit as the harmonizing and co-ordinating power for the redemption and upbuilding

GOING UP!

ada's riches in natural resources are almost unlimited; but her greater and real wealth is her citizens: people are greater than things.

During the year 1913, 419,000 came to us, enough for 419 new towns of 1,000 inhabitants each, or a city as large as Toronto. Of these newcomers 156,000 were our fellow-Britishers, and of these 156,000 who speak our own language 34,000 were under 14 years of age. With the girls and boys lies our greatest opportunity. Canada is open to Europe and invites its peoples to come and share with us our great Dominion—our broad prairies, our forest wealth, our industrial life, our great fisheries and our unprecedented opportunities for success. Europe is responding to the invitation. Are we ready for all who come? As Canadians do we wish these newcomers to have all we have? Are there conditions from which we must protect them? Is the environment into which many must come helpful? Shall these strangers set our national standard? What part has our Church in creating better social conditions? What responsibility have we as a young people's society toward our own neighborhood; can we make it better than it is? What am I doing as a Canadian to make Christian citizenship the standard for the life of our community? It is interesting to study the distribution of the immigrants. Many think the immigration problem affects the West more than any other part of our Dominion, but this is a mistake. Last year of