

ear, if not in articulate speech, yet in such longings and aspirations as He alone can translate into the Divine language so that they are heard and answered. He soothes the sorrows and mitigates the trials of His children by shedding abroad the love of God in the heart, and through it stimulating joy, and hope and deep abiding peace.

The Spirit performs certain offices to the Church as well as in the individual Christian. He draws forth that confession of Christ with the mouth which distinguishes the disciple. By this and the desire of communion with fellow disciples, He brings the people of God together into one corporate body, and stimulates their graces by the influences of social worship. He calls certain individuals to the office and work of the ministry, and provides them with the gifts and training necessary to that work, and He moves the people to recognize and call the men whom He has sent to them. He also follows the ministerial labours of these men with such a measure of acknowledged success or apparent failure as is most harmonious with His eternal purposes of love.

He endows the ordinary members of the Church with such gifts, graces and opportunities that every one of them may have some share in the edification of his brethren and in the service of Christ. He makes the sacraments of the church effectual means of grace to worthy receivers ; He preserves the unity of the church, especially an essential oneness in her doctrinal and ethical teaching and in the brotherly love which is an attribute of all her true members.

In conclusion, it is perhaps necessary to remind ourselves not to attempt too great definiteness in stating the work of the Holy Spirit. The very name "Spirit" drawn from the most mysterious part of our own being and applied by the Holy Ghost to Himself may serve to indicate that both His nature and His work must ever lie beyond the sphere of clear-cut definition and mathematical exactitude.

After we have weighed carefully every word of revelation and every sentence of the symbols of the church on the sub-