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POWER WITH GOD AND WITH MAN.

Prayer when earnest, humble, and faithful, secures great results. We rejoiced in the solemn engagements of our Churches in Canada, and the provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, on the third Sabbath in October, as a day set apart for special prayer for the revival of religion. In view of the day prospectively, we penned an article for the Magazine, but by some unexplained cause it has been lost. A feeling therefore that this occasion demands some notice from us, induces to advert to it retrospectively. It doubtless proved to many a day of enjoyment; and we trust to some of espousal to Christ. We have no idea that the sincere confessions, the holy resolutions, the trustful expectancy of the day, can pass away as the morning cloud; still we must guard against mere transitory feeling. The sky-rocket may blaze and dash on gloriously in its career for a brief space of time to expire in a moment; while the less pretending lamp may burn in its office of mercy, through the darkness of the night. The recent Comet dashing as a fiery chariot of unspeakable glory on its celestial pathway, commanded for a few weeks our attention, admiration and awe, but it has passed away; while up there shines on the Star of the North, pointing its lucid hand to the home of the free. Spasmodic effort is never healthy. What we want then is an abiding influence. We cannot pretend that we have already attained, or are already perfect. For what has been done we adore God; but much land remains to be possessed. We want power to reclaim the wilderness, and holy skill to plant and water the garden of God, so that He will give the increase. That we are not satisfied with our own state is not murmuring against God. Humility and a sense of our own insufficiency, are linked with the possession of power. Pride has never laid a stone in God's temple; but the lowly builders, as they pile on stone above stone, cry, "not unto us, O Lord, not unto us." The minister who preached at the kirk of Shotts more than two hundred years ago, a sermon that converted five hundred souls, and planted the seed of the kingdom throughout all Clydesdale, fled with fear from the place on the morning of that day, as unfit for the duty that was laid on him, but returned to preach "a new heart will I give you; I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and give you an heart of flesh." A proper conception of the work we have to do is power. Our appliances