

disposed to accept the teaching of revelation respecting the work of the Spirit."

Daniel Curry, D.D., LL.D., editor of the *Methodist Review*, the leading literary magazine of Methodism in America, recently read a paper at the Cleveland Church Congress, on the "Present Necessity of a Restatement of Christian Beliefs," in which he sketches the creed of the evangelical church of the future. He says the new creed "will accept the Apostle's Creed, with historic emendations and independent interpretations. It will rehearse the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds; but as assenting to the substance rather than to the form of words. It will teach that the life of the believer subsists by virtue of his mystical union with Christ—*itself* Christ in him. It will, more than ever before has been the case, bring the Holy Spirit into *conspicuous recognition*, the giver and sustainer of the life of God in the soul, the Teacher and Guide, the Sanctifier and the God of all salvation."

We of the EXPOSITOR are endeavoring to do our part in bringing the Holy Spirit into "conspicuous recognition." He has all along been the life of all Christian aspiration and effort, the author of all Christian holiness. But He has not had sufficient recognition, even on the part of the most devoted and intelligent of the children of God.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Bro. Burns,—I feel it a duty which I may no longer postpone, to speak of the loving kindness of the Lord. I think it is over two years since the Spirit (on one of those seasons of deep communings, which I frequently have during the silent night when all is still and the thoughts and attention are more easily fixed) said to me, Your experience is not your own; the things which God has taught you were not entirely for yourself; write them. I then considered how I would set about it. I thought, Will I write them and leave to my children to manage? but a voice answered

me immediately: No, your children may never look over your papers, they may be burned up; and then these words were spoken distinctly: "The dead cannot praise thee; the living, the living shall praise Thee, as I do this day," at the same time giving me to understand that I must set about it myself. I have done a little in that line, and am looking to God for guidance.

Perhaps you will remember a suggestion you made when I was at your house. I was much helped and blessed at that meeting. I might go back thirty or forty years and speak of the way the Lord has led me, but, for the present, will only tell you how it came about that I went to Grimsby Camp-meeting.

Some weeks before, while reading the Word of God with prayer, which is my daily custom, while reading Psalm xxxv. 18—"I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise Thee among much people"—I received a sweet persuasion that God would fulfil these words to me. I knew nothing of the camp-meeting at the time. Afterwards, when I did hear of it, a desire sprang up in my heart that I might go somewhere where God's Spirit was being poured out, but, like all other desires, I laid it before the Lord, knowing if it was from Him He would bring it about. Time passed on, and there was no more about it till one day, hearing of some who were going to Grimsby, I said in my heart, I think the Lord is not going to take me there this time; but the desire came back with force, and I think I have learned that when the heart is right with God, the desires are in accordance with His will.

I went to prayer, and told the Lord He knew that for my body's sake I needed a change; He knew what a life of toil mine had been, how little recreation I had had, but that I had found all the recreation I ever desired in the company of His children, in fellowship or prayer-meeting, and yet Thou hast seen fit to give many of Thy children the means of going to camp-meetings. The gold and the silver are Thine; if it be Thy will Thou canst take me there. I had never mentioned my desire to any but the Lord, but while I was praying He was working. That same afternoon a