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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God,"  
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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## THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ITS POWER.

[TRACT No. 1.]

Mr. R. Phelps, minister, writing to the *Toronto Guardian*, under date of Feb. 4th, from Morpeth, makes use of the following words:

We have had some revivals. I have been the most of the fall and winter, when the weather would permit, engaged in Protracted Meetings;—have been interrupted a few days to attend Missionary Meetings which went off about as usual. I expect to commence another next Tuesday, which perhaps may end the toils of the winter in that respect. My hope is, that God may bless us with the outpouring of his Spirit.

And Mr. D. B. Madden, corresponding with the same paper, writing from Napanee, thus speaks:

We have a delightful work in this Town during the present quarter, which has given to the Church about 50 members; and about four miles from this place, God has graciously poured out his Spirit, and some twenty or more have realized the saving influence of the Holy Spirit; and the good work is still in progress.

We give an extract from another paper, written, if we mistake not, by a Baptist. His article is entitled "Prayer for the Spirit." Let us hear him with candor:

We have already presented some views of the nature and effects of the outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost. The inquiry is an interesting and important one—How far were the scenes of this day peculiar to it, and how far was it the commencement of what is perpetual in the churches? We have arrived at the conclusion that all that was essential to the fulfilment of the promise of the Father was perpetual; and that, consequently, in every important particular, we may expect such scenes in the Church in all ages. Preaching the gospel, with the Holy Ghost sent down from above, and praying in the Holy Ghost, may be rare in our own times; but we have no reason to suppose that it was confined to the primitive ages.

Another Baptist correspondent writing from a locality in New York to the *Boston Reflector*, delivers himself in these words:

How exceedingly precious are such seasons of spiritual visitation