

results have not been at all proportionate to the means employed. Half-blasphemous free-thinkers, such as Schopenhauer, Nietysche, I. Cotter Morison, *et hoc genus omne*, speak of Christianity as if it were a worn-out force. What is said by these men, who base their conclusions on an imperfect knowledge of facts, and who have no experimental acquaintance with the subject of which they are speaking, is not nearly so important as the existing feeling amongst Christians that everything is not as it should be. This feeling is leading at the present time to an undue and alarming multiplication of organizations in connection with the Christian church. People forget that organization is not always a sign of life. What is really needed in the Church to-day is not more organization, but more Spirit. We need to get not only, "back to Christ," but back to the Holy Ghost. The first disciples had to wait till they received "power from on high." We do not require to wait; all we require is to recognize and feel our need. The power is waiting on us, not we on it. Such writers and preachers as Gordon, Meyer and Murray have of late years been doing good service to the church and the world by laying special emphasis on the necessity of the Holy Spirit. It is to be feared that there are even ministers in the church at the present time who might say with certain disciples at Corinth in answer to a question by the Apostle Paul, "Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?" "We have not so much as heard whether there be a Holy Ghost." Dr. Pierson has of late been telling the world that during the first sixteen years of his ministry he put all the logic and literary polish of which he was capable into his sermons, and yet the net spiritual results of those sixteen years' preaching were almost nothing. One day a poor, unlettered evangelist came along and accomplished more in a week or two than he done in the course of his ministry up to that time. He began to think, and the result of his thinking was the recognition that the evangelist succeeded because he was possessed of the Spirit of God, and he himself had failed because he wasn't. Very possibly Dr.