

students have a salvation that was "worth passing on," a salvation from sin, from self, from Satan, through a living Saviour. Others spoke, all with great power. Two consecration meetings had been held that day, and their hearts seemed full to overflowing. I could think of no comment but the words: "Holy men (of this time) spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Then 53 rose up, and in a sentence, one after another told where he was going and why. These all go to foreign fields this year. Then over 30 stood up, signifying that during the meetings of the convention, they had decided to become foreign missionaries, the Lord permitting. Then prayers were offered. Miss Guinness, with words touching and earnest, appealed to the Most High for His blessing on all these, and she prayed that we, one and all, might come to the cross, see Jesus there, leave our burdens there, and then go forth, in His strength, to do His will and accomplish His purpose.

And so our hearts were knit together in this prayer, and then we separated, each going to his own home, to his own work, or to his own study, but all, let us hope, marching under our leader, our Captain, Jesus, who leads forth his hosts to conquer the world.

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IMMANUEL—GOD WITH US.

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From the time when our first parents in Eden defiled the stainless purity with which they had come forth fresh from the hand of God, from the time when the promise was given that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head, down through all the long ages there have always been those whose hearts reached out after the Infinite Good, and yearned to recover the glorious heritage lost to the human race in Adam's fall. Man, realizing his own utter helplessness in the strife against sin and wrong, sought the Lord, "if haply he might feel after Him and find Him." The intense craving of his spiritual nature would be satisfied with nothing but God Himself; how precious was the certainty that this desire was one day to be realized! Those who looked for the fulfilment of the promise, from the depths of dire affliction and sore bereavement could exultingly say, "I know that my Redeemer liveth and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth." Their strong faith made the trials of life easy; "through faith they subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." "These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them afar off," but as they remembered the prophecies concerning Him who was

to come, with what an intensity they must have longed to look upon the wonderful Christ, God manifested in the flesh.

With all its wealth of poetical imagery, earth's language almost failed to express the beauty and moral excellence of the promised Messiah. From her treasures of beauty and strength, nature furnished comparisons to the men of olden time who wrote of Him; the purity of the lily, the fragrance of the rose, the kingly majesty of the lion, the gentleness of the lamb, the brilliance of the stars, the glory of the sunlight, the steadfastness of the rock, all things good and beautiful, great and essential, served to show forth in simile the character of Him for whom their hearts were longing. And then, in the fulness of time, "the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us," and from His own lips fell wonderful words, words of grace that taught man the attitude of the Heavenly Father, parables to show His gracious love and tender care. Through the well-beloved He reveals Himself to us as the Good Shepherd, the Bread from heaven, the Water of Life, the True Vine, the Light of the world; and as we try to take in the significance of these, and many other titles that clothe Him as with a garment of glory and beauty, we realize that there is no want of His people that cannot find a source of supply in Him. Among the titles bestowed upon Him there is one, so simple in its grandeur and strength, that we perhaps may fail at first to grasp the depth of its meaning—the name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, "God with us."

"When I consider the heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained: what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?" When we consider the power of His majesty, the omnipotence of His strength, His matchless purity, it does indeed pass our poor, weak, human comprehension that God Himself should leave the brightness of the excellent glory to come and dwell among men. Divesting Himself of the royal insignia of heaven, He assumed the very garment of flesh that man had soiled and polluted. To have come among us as a *king* in authority and power would have been great condescension indeed, but our Redeemer stooped to greater depths: "though He was rich, yet for our sakes He became poor, that we through His poverty might be rich." "He made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men," and being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself still further, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, the most shameful and ignominious death that man could die. And all this that He—the God who fashioned the universe, who set the stars in their places, filled the deep with wonders, covered the earth with