

REV. ROBERT WALLACE, of Toronto, took the chair. The meeting was resumed by the singing of the 132nd hymn.

"Holy Spirit, faithful Guide."

The CHAIRMAN then read a few verses from John xvi., commencing at the seventh verse, after which he made a few remarks, drawing special attention to the office of the Holy Spirit, His first descent at Pentecost, His power since for instruction, sanctification, and for the comfort of the redeemed people of Christ to the end; also fitting them for eternity.

Hymn 153 was now sung. After which the following address was given:

POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SERVICE.

BY REV. JOHN POTTS, D.D.

The Rev. Dr. POTTS came forward and said: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen. In view of the nature of the subject that has been entrusted to me for presentation this morning (The Power of the Holy Ghost for Service) it is not my duty to speak to you of the personality, of the Deity or of the offices of the blessed Spirit. Doubtless before this Conference comes to a close more than one of my Christian brethren will speak to you again and again of the personality, Deity and mediatorial offices of the Divine Spirit.

I propose, therefore, to confine my thoughts to the topic that has been assigned me by the Committee—The Power of the Holy Spirit for Service.

My heart is gladdened by the conviction that I am speaking to a praying company, a believing and expectant company. When I touch this all-glorious theme of the Spirit I seem to hear a voice saying to me "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." It will be necessary in the first place to ascertain our need of the Spirit's power for service. The need is seen in the command of Christ. The royal commission was given by Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Also Jesus gave the glorious promise, a promise which has been the encouragement of the Church for eighteen centuries. "Lo! I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Yet Jesus added, "Tarry ye in the City of Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high."

I can imagine Peter in the impulse of his zeal for Christ and His cause looking into the face of his Divine Master and saying, "Blessed Master and Lord, souls are perishing, men are going down to death, why should we tarry? let us go at once and pour the glad tidings of great joy into the ears and hearts of guilty sinners, that they may believe the Gospel and be reconciled to God." The Lord Jesus saw the magnitude of the difficulties which lay in

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