

mise their Christian character. "Their outer life and conduct are in no way impugned—we might go further, and say, are admitted to be unimpeachable."

As might be expected, the article assumes an air of conscious superiority in knowledge concerning the experience in question, and yet, in its very statements betrays the fact of the absence of that knowledge, by a token which is to us axiomatic in its character. "We wish for them not less of the Spirit of God, but more." Here is the difference between the two experiences in a nut-shell. For, whilst those who accuse them of heresy show by their words and actions often, as in their cases, unconsciously, that to them the Holy Spirit is an influence of which there can be more or less; they, the appellants, not only believe, but act out their faith in the Holy Spirit as a distinct personality, so that He is either with them or He is not. There can be in the nature of the case no such thing as more or less of Him.

Now, if this thought be pursued from this point of divergence, it can soon be realized what a gulf separates the two experiences. To the one, prayers for more of the Spirit, for more guidance, more spirituality, more Holy Ghost power, less sinfulness, less want of conformity to the divine law and mind are the natural outcome of the experience, and harmonize with its practical need. But, to the other, these or similar prayers, are improper because compromising, and out of harmony with its practical need.

For example, if the Holy Ghost really is recognized as present with the believer, and as witnessing to clear, satisfactory relations between him and the Godhead, then simple obedience to the Spirit must mean acting in the full power of the Holy One, as best that power should be exerted in connection with that act of obedience. Again, if the Holy Ghost, as a personal presence, guides him in any one act of obedience, then that guidance, as far as the Spirit is concerned, is the best possible, and prayer for improved guidance in that particular act is virtually an impeachment of the Guide Divine.

Still again, according to the appellants, the simple fact of obedience to the Spirit, constitutes spirituality, so that a

spiritual man becomes a positive quantity, an ultimate, indivisible atom in the spiritual world; and his continued spirituality is determined, not by the impartation of some influence or spiritual essence in greater or lesser quantity or degree, but by conscious obedience to the Spirit as the living law of life.

Now, it is evident to us that when the *Review* pronounces on the experience of the appellants, it is done from the vantage ground of but one of the experiences in question. But when the appellants pronounce upon the experience of the others, they do so from the vantage ground of the two experiences in question, for they all maintain that for years they knew only of the one experience; and further, that whilst in that experience they were not called on seriously to discount their experience when coming in contact with those who now lecture them as in grave error.

We further remark that there has been evinced by the appellants no desire or tendency to ignore this positive experience of absolute surrender to and obedience of the Holy Spirit, when exhibited by other believers, whether ancient or modern.

THE ASSOCIATION CAMP-MEETING.

Again we draw attention to this coming gathering which is to be held at Wesley Park, on Friday, the 23rd of August, and nine following days.

We trust that calculations will be so made by the friends concerning the summer months, as to leave these ten days, or as much as possible of them, free to be devoted to these meetings.

Since our last camp-meeting, the work of the Association has gone on with ever-increasing results. Results of great moment and far-reaching in their character, during the intervening two months, can be traced to definite work done at the last camp-meeting, and we expect to see some of those results made manifest in the attendance this year.

We repeat former advice: Take everything concerning this gathering to God in prayer. Whatever may be your