

opposition. The truth winged home with the demonstration of the Spirit and with power searches out the hidden springs of action. Long-cherished, secret sins come to the surface and disturb the conscience. Holy living, after this sort, is seen to demand the giving up of cherished objects of desire, and pride, and gain and ambition set themselves in array against the Spirit's work in their hearts. And so it comes to pass that, whilst some of the members are reclaimed from a half-hearted service of God to an holy life, others, under various false pretences, oppose. And now the cry is raised, "The Church is in danger. If the minister goes on after this manner the church will be ruined." The fiery trial is upon him, and he feels that if he continues true to the Holy Spirit he will jeopardize many things he holds dear, and may be looked upon by his brethren as one with whom it is scarcely safe to entrust a circuit, because of the strife and divisions engendered by such preaching. Moreover, his astonishment is further increased by learning that some who have a reputation as preachers or professors of holiness are opposed to him. Surely he thinks some strange thing has happened him. He would bravely fight it out on this line if he had the sympathy of all good people, and especially of professors of holiness, with him; but to step out into loneliness with God, and go on, whilst misunderstood and misjudged by friend and foe, is the drop of bitterness which makes his cup overflow. How many under such circumstances begin to falter? The Spirit's voice is given up for man's dictation; human prudence, backed by the counsel of friends, takes the place of simple obedience to God, and immediately he is shorn of his locks of power, and becomes weak as other men.

This is not a fancy sketch, for again and again we have seen this sad history enacted in life.

But what would have been the result if he had continued in well doing? In the first place, the experience of full salvation would have been retained in ever-increasing fulness, joy in the Holy Ghost would have abounded in his work, and Pentecostal power in all his ministrations. In the next place, if there should be the apparent loss of many things, they would be more than made up by a covenant-keeping God.

We once asked a minister if he preached full salvation. "No," said he, "I dare not do it, for if I did I would lose nearly all my members." And yet this minister once professed the experience. Of course, we expected his brother would not approve of our Association work. We gave some numbers of the EXPOSITOR to another minister,