

talking about this word "Seek." May it burn deep into your hearts. May the Spirit of God carry it into every heart here, and may you not rest until you have sought and found the kingdom of God.

Once more, Elijah's prayer was importunate. Though he sent seven times in vain to look for an answer, he still kept on entreating, Nay, perhaps in his case, as in that of the Syrophenician woman, the delay only strengthened his faith and increased his earnestness. In any case, his petition was ultimately successful; for though the storm came on in harmony with natural law, and just as similar storms come on at this day in the Levant, its coming at that time was no mere coincidence, but indeed the Divine response to the prophet's entreaty. So, by the coming of the rain after the acceptance of the sacrifice, God made known His greatness and glory to the people, even as under the Gospel dispensation, by the descent of the Spirit in connection with and as the consequence of the sacrifice of Christ He has made manifest His grace unto the nations.

Poetry.

"THE LITTLE SHOES—THEY DID IT ALL."

"ONE night, on the verge of ruin,
As I hurried from the tap,
I beheld the landlord's baby
Sitting in its mother's lap.
'Look here, dear father,' said the mother,
Holding forth the little feet,
'Look we've got new shoes for darling!
Don't you think them nice and neat?'
You may judge the thing was simple—
Disbelieve me if you choose—
But, my friends, no fist ere struck me
Such a blow as those small shoes.
And they forced my brain to reason—
'What right,' said I, standing there,
'Have I to clothe another's children,
And to let my own go bare?'
It was in the depth of winter;
Bitter was the night and wild;
And outside the flaring gin-shop
Stood my starving wife and child.