

kingdom of God." The Saviour does not dwell upon the nature of the change, but, he seeks to lead out the mind of his auditor to the instrument, by which the change was to be accomplished, and, with the view of opening the mind of the ruler, Jesus carries him back to a circumstance in the history of his nation, with which the ruler was, no doubt, well acquainted. And, he says, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." But the doctrine is clearly stated in James i. 18: "Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." And, also, in 1 Peter i. 23,25: "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible; by the word of God, that liveth and abideth for ever." "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever; and this is the word, which by the Gospel is preached unto you." It is by the gospel word, then, that men are born again. The regenerated man is a son of God, but, he becomes such by faith. "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe." John i. 12. The word *power* in this passage is used in the sense of privilege. And, Paul to the Galatians writes: "For ye are all the children of God, by faith in Christ Jesus."

But suppose that some one were disposed to come down from the high position of regeneration to faith, and to say, "I simply hold that the sinner needs to be quickened in order to faith." We should reply, that to be quickened, is to be made alive, and to be made alive, is to have the sentence of condemnation removed. But how are sinners made alive? Listen, "Hear, and your soul shall live." Again, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life." "Verily! Verily! I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

In conclusion, if regeneration is through faith in the gospel, none need wait for it, all things are ready. The truth is ready, the Spirit of God is ready. He waits, but he works while he waits. Believe and live.

Other addresses excluded through press of matter were delivered by the Revs. G. Anderson, and A. McPhee, which with sacred exercises, constituted a prosperous meeting, which separated at a reasonable hour.