

worn the mantle provided for the servants of the Lord in the Holy Ghost, without which our Captain has given no marching orders to any, no matter what their qualifications may be.

It was said of the kings, rulers, princes and captains who were chosen and appointed by Jehovah that "the spirit of the Lord came upon them." It was upon Saul until he was rejected by God for his disobedience, and the spirit departed. It came upon David when he was anointed king by Samuel. It is said of Jephtha "The Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he passed over Gilead and Manasseh; and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead; and from Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over unto the children of Ammon" and he slew them. Job out of the fullness of his heart exclaimed "I am full of matter (or words) and *thy spirit* within me constraineth me." And Micah said "Truly I am full of power by the *spirit of the Lord*, and of judgment, and of might to declare unto Jacob his transgressions and to Israel his sins." The word of the Lord by the mouth of an angel unto Zerubabel was "not by might nor power, but by my *spirit* saith the Lord of hosts." Simeon, a just and devout man waiting for the consolation of Israel, had the Holy Ghost upon him, by whom it was revealed to him that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And aged Anna, a holy and good woman, like Simeon, had sanctified ears and eyes so that when she saw the babe in the mother's arms she recognized Him to be the long promised Messiah. It was when Peter had been filled and clothed with the Holy Spirit that he preached that memorable sermon when three thousand were pricked in their hearts, and cried out "What must we do to be saved." He and John being full of the spirit were able to reason with the rulers of the people and elders of Israel; when they saw their boldness and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men they marveled and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. When the number of believers grew and the apostles found they were not able to do all that was required of them, they gave the church orders to look out among them "seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" whom they would ordain. And of Stephen, one of these seven, it was written that "they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake." Of Barnabas, we read that "He was a good man full of the Holy Ghost and faith, and much people were added unto the Lord."

These are a few of the many mentioned in the Word of God, who were mighty because they were under the influence of the Spirit. Was there anything that could stand before this power then, and is there to-day? He has not stepped down out of the place assigned Him that other powers may take His place in these last days, no, sinners are now as they were then, convinced in respect of sin, righteousness and judgment by His power, and many men whose names are familiar to us have had the spirit of the Lord upon them, and by Him have been mighty in leading precious souls into the way of salvation. We are comforted and our hearts made glad in the midst of numerous trials and afflictions, by this ever present Comforter. There is no danger of thinking too much of Him and by doing so, thinking less of Jesus, nor is there danger of giving too much honor to Him. But there is a danger, and it is utterly a fault among all Christians I fear, and Jesus must be grieved as well as the Holy Spirit, that we do not try to realize more than we do His presence among us continually; and that He is waiting to do the work we commit to Him. He works with us and the Word. We depend on each other. The Spirit works

through the Word and through us. He never changes, neither does the Word; but we do and God's work is hindered. The Holy Spirit cannot fill our hearts so that from us would flow streams of living water, if we do not believe in His ability to do so. Neither will He clothe us with His power in opposition to our wish. It was when Mr. Moody sought His power and obtained it that he was the means of bringing his tens of thousands to Jesus. Dear old Mr. McPhail who labored so long in Eastern Ontario, but now is at rest, was a man full of the Holy Ghost; and it might be said of him as of Barnabas, "and many were added unto the Lord."

Are there not many whose names are familiar to each one of us whom we know from their lives and works were, or are, men full of the Spirit? What can we say of Judson and Carey, of Moffat and Livingstone, and many others who have gone to the uttermost parts of the earth? We believe Mr. Day and Dr. Jewell, our first missionaries to the Telugus, were sent here in the fullness of this same power. We also know that Dr. Clough, who has been the honored instrument in God's hands of bringing his thousands, has the power of the spirit upon him. Ten years ago Mr. McLaurin came to Canada, and others followed him and have settled in the different stations that we now occupy in these two missions; and what shall we say of them? Let the 1700 souls who have been redeemed from heathen darkness and idolatry speak; and, in addition to these, those who have gone home and are singing in the New Jerusalem above also speak, and they would tell that the Holy Spirit had manifested His power in those who are with us. But we are not satisfied, and will not be until, like Jephtha, we have gone over the whole region of country which the Lord has committed to our charge, and have fought with and slain all the false religions and isms that oppose the religion of King Jesus, and have seen an end of idolatry and superstition from Orissa to the Kistna river. Is it too much to expect, to hope, and to pray for? No. It will be to us according to our faith, for nothing is impossible with God, and He has promised that the idols He will utterly abolish. The Spirit Himself maketh intercession with groanings that cannot be uttered, and helpeth our infirmities, while we pray that such may speedily be accomplished.

And now, my dear brothers and sisters, have we to-day the power it is our right and privilege to have? Are we filled with the Spirit? Are we now endowed with power from on High? Are our workers, whether preachers, teachers, colporteurs, or Bible women, men and women full of the Holy Ghost? Are our churches walking in the love of Christ and in communion with the Spirit? If so, may we not expect this year a great ingathering of souls? If we have not this power to-day present with us, or if we have it not in the measure we ought to have it, let us seek it, for without it we are helpless. If Jesus were talking with us to-day as He talked with His disciples nearly nineteen hundred years ago, would He say to us "You know Him?" I think He would; but would no doubt reprove us for not knowing Him a great deal more than we do. We seem to know Him as we do some one whom we do not quite trust, and have only a little faith in, or as if we were afraid of offending Jesus if we were to be intimate with the Spirit whom He Himself intended should be our leader, our helper, companion, and associate. Oh! let us seek to become personally acquainted with Him, and to be led, guided, filled and clothed upon by Him continually. May our hearts and ears be so sanctified that we would be able to understand Him when He speaketh with us, and when He leads us,