

that the redeeming purposes of the Lord Jesus Christ may be more rapidly advanced, that we may witness in our sanctuaries still more triumphal scenes of saving mercy, and that our Gospel may come unto you, not in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance.

*We have presented no new Truths.* We have preached no other Gospel. We have unshaken confidence in the instrumentality, divinely appointed, for the moral regeneration of our world. We believe in the power of God, in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the promise of the Holy Ghost, in the efficacy of the cross, in the mission of the Church, in the tongue of fire, in the omnipotence of faith, in the prevalency of prayer, and in the adaptation and sufficiency of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God.

We need no new agencies or appliances; but there is one thing we do need—power from on high—soul-converting power.

We may have oratory in the pulpit, melody in the choir, decorum in the pew, and multitudes thronging to the ministry of the word; the means for calling out all the varied gifts and graces of the membership; our ecclesiastical organization well adapted to all the purposes for which it was framed; but our trust is not in these: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Join with us then, we entreat you, beloved Brethren, in wrestling faith and in agonizing prayer for this soul-converting power, and for the promised out-pouring of the Holy Spirit. O! for the baptism of fire—God's holy fire, kindled in many hearts and burning from many lips; for the richer unction and plenitude of His blessing accompanying our ministrations; and for a renewal of all the substantial blessings which crowned the Pentecostal Church.

Deeply solicitous for your welfare, we address you on matters of practical importance, not as a mere ecclesiastical usage; but with the hope that the counsels and administrations thus conveyed may have greater weight and impressiveness, emanating as they do from the collective Pastorate of the Church.

*Cultivate Personal Piety.*—For this there can be no substitute. Sabbath-keeping; psalm-singing, sanctuary attendance, sacramental communion, deeds of charity, paying tithes and giving