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"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."—Acts i. 8.

"Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy."—17.

"And on my handmaidens, I will pour out, in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."—18.

WE, of to-day, live in the fulfilment of this mighty promise of God. Women to-day are not only teachers, but preachers of the "good tidings," even receiving ordination in some denominations, and though to the conventional mind this latter may appear strange, if not undesirable, yet we are forced to the conviction that Christ can send His message through the lips of consecrated women to-day, just as He did on the resurrection morn, and we believe He is doing it!

PREJUDICES are, however, yielding to the advances of knowledge, and a more generous interpretation of the principles of Christianity. Yet it sounds strangely in our ears, to hear men and women who can sit a long evening through, enraptured with the performances of an actress and see no *unsexing* in it, calmly express the view that God never intended a woman to unsex herself by speaking from a pulpit or platform.

IN the working of our W.M.S and of kindred societies, women are learning the practical personal

appropriation of the Divine promises. The very effort to carry on the work has enriched our spiritual life. We are all learning how truly work done for God is twice blessed, and the reflex influence is not the least good accomplished. The tendency of this woman's work, at the present time, is to broaden the whole character. When you find a woman wholly absorbed in the life inside her own four walls, you find a fit subject for some missionary work. Great movements are afoot, the Christian world is throbbing and pulsating with effort for God, but that woman knows naught of it. Such, and there are many even in our churches, need our kindly visits, our literature, our prayers, and perhaps more than all, some of our work to do. Let us seek to win such for their good, as well as our own.

THERE is one thought in all society work which is very apt to be lost sight of. We mean the supreme importance of individuality. Just as we are born as individuals and saved as individuals, so must we work as individuals. Responsibility belongs to individuality. We shall all be judged as individuals. A proper realization of this thought on the part of Christians generally, would produce much more effective work. Too many are indifferent altogether and too many hastily or carelessly adopt ready-made opinions. This largely explains the perpetuation of foolish theories and superstitions, legacies of an age when knowledge was the heritage of the few. The instinct of our present day inquiry is a noble one and we should cultivate it earnestly. In all our society work the general benefit is to be found in the use of the particular gifts. Some are able in finance, others in debate, others are strong in executive ability, others again in organization; some have the talent of suggestion, others the power of public address, and while all these are prayerfully consecrated and used, the general good is promoted. Thus God uses the individuality of each to work together for the good of the whole.

"WHAT have you been reading during the summer?" said one friend to another. "Indeed, nothing but the missionary papers and magazines," was the reply, "and they are so full of interest they quite fascinate me." And so they are, but the great regret is that they mostly come into the hands of those already alive to missions. In W.C.T.U. work, it is one duty of press superintendents to get temperance facts into the local dailies that they may come under the notice of those who would never read a temperance paper. Is there not a hint here?