

important to be consigned to oblivion—especially as the writer has never been connected with any of our congregations.

* * * "I attended a protracted meeting last evening, which has commenced in full earnest in this city. I have come to the conclusion almost that it is three quarters gas! At the commencement several prayed. This seemed very well: next came remarks from brethren which were followed by two attending ministers. These made some most excellent remarks on the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Christ; finishing up with strong appeals to the sympathies of individuals. The anxious seats were cleared; the congregation arose to their feet; singing commenced. After the invitation was given to come forward, two or three young ladies took the seats. The singing soon ceased. At the same time there was really a query in my mind whether there were as many came forward to the anxious seats as were expected! What struck me most was, that the first invitation was given in such a way that no person could suppose there was any stress placed on coming forward to the anxious seats:—only an expression of desire. But now was the time for the point to be gained. The invitation was "Come to Christ," with loud appeals, and with earnest yet feeble and tender looks, and strong emotions of body, peculiar to some ministers. Thought I, this is "compassing sea and land" sure enough. My mind was led to the Acts of Apostles to draw a comparison. The first remarks of the ministers were to the point; but alas, what a difference between the procedure of Peter and Elder——. The apostle argued the fact that Jesus was risen and was Lord of all. So did Elder——. Peter answered to those who enquired "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost"—Elder——says "Come forward to these seats and we will pray that your souls may be set at liberty;" then calls on a brother who can pray loudest and strongest to pray for their dear souls that they may be converted, and feel an evidence of pardon and acceptance before they rise from their knees! Peter says "For the promise is to you and your children, and all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Elder——in effect says, 'Peter, you are somewhat mistaken—the promise might have come to those to whom you preached, just as you say, but we have found by experience that we can obtain the promise by ourselves, and others, by the aid of the anxious seats and prayer.' 'But it is all the same, Peter, we won't differ about these little things.' 'Of course we believe you were baptized with the Holy Ghost before you uttered the above commands