

THE HOLY GHOST.

It is distinctly recognized, not only in our texts, but, as we read to you again and again, as a distinct and definite gift accompanying the efforts of those who live on the conditions on which God can give it to them. We cannot explain this gift, but it is the power of the Holy Spirit of God in the soul of the speaker accompanying His word, making it cut and pierce to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit. "You shall receive *power* after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." "You shall be endued with,"—not the truth, not faith (they had faith before that), but, "Ye shall be endued with power;" and He says in another place, "which all your adverseries shall not be able to gainsay or resist." Though they may stone you, as they did Stephen, they shall be cut in their hearts, and made to feel the power of your testimony.

Now, I find people who go to work, which is all right, because the power comes to us in obedient faith; but they go trusting in their own efforts. They are without this endowment of power, and they see no result. The work is a comparative failure. Oh! what numbers of people have come to me who have been at work in different directions, in churches, as ministers, elders, deacons, leaders, Sabbath-school teachers, tract distributors, and the like, confessing that they had been working for more or less lengthened periods, and had seen comparatively little result. They say, "Do you think this is right? Do you think I ought to go on?" Go on, assuredly, but not in the same track. Go on, most decidedly, but seek