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owing, the as a grand y of God's in Christ. emes where e so small ey were, it rase rather : how both the written Word and the incarnate Word were exalted. There was no question as to the Divine authority of the Scriptures, that was admitted and joyed in by all; and there was no doubt as to the divinity of Christ; all knew him as the risen Lord, and as the coming King. The days passed in His presence, and the power of the Spirit was manifested every day. It was the confession of Dr. MACKAY, of Hull, that though he had been at Christian Conferences ever since they were held in Great Britain, he had never been at one where he had experienced so much of God's Spirit, and where the Spirit was so manifestly present as at this one. This was felt by all. And what may account for this is the fact, that from the first, entire dependence was placed in His promise of grace to help in time of need. The Spirit of God was looked unto and trusted in, and followed. And by one Spirit all were baptized into one body: one living brotherhood of Christian men. And by one Spirit all were made partakers of life "more abundantly."

The result of a Conference of this kind is a deepening interest in the Word of God; an increase of love to its precious truth, and a desire to enjoy such a season of blessing again. I trust that this will be the case, and that next year we shall have a Conference of like character, and, if God will, even more full of spiritual power. But a great danger lies here, namely, that of our trusting in the stimulus of such agencies alone, and resting in the sweet experiences enjoyed, instead of making them helps to higher things still, through our own study, our individual study of the Word in the presence of the Master. The lesson the Conterence teaches us is that in the light—the full light of the Word of God—we are not only *shined* upon, but *shone* through, enlightened and warmed, and enlarged at once; and 'that a continuance of this state may be had by remaining *in* the light of the Word.