

receive power," said He, "after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto Me." As teachers of the word, we must diligently apply our minds to the study of the Bible, we must avail ourselves of the best helps to throw light upon the sacred page, we must arrange our material and adapt it to the necessities of our class; but over and above all, we must seek for and depend upon "the demonstration of the Spirit." By faith we must keep our souls open heavenward, to receive the endowment of heavenly power. We are builders on the great spiritual temple, that is rising without sound of axe or hammer. We are seeking to prepare living stones for "that holy and beautiful house." Let us remember that it is not by might nor by power, but by the Spirit of God—by the Spirit of God working in and through men and women of self-renouncing faith and zeal—that this building will be finished, and the headstone brought forth with shoutings of "grace, grace unto it." As we feel our weakness in the practical experience of our work, let our prayer be, "Lord, increase our faith." A reinforced faith will mean new and grander spiritual victories.

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The Pastor and the Little Ones

Says Dr. Lorimer, of Boston, in the Sunday School Chronicle: "I have been impressed of late years with the growing chasm between the pastors and the little ones of their flocks. Occasionally, on Sunday, they speak for five or six minutes, calling it a little sermon to the children, and, of course, if the man is especially gifted in that way, the discourse may be of some value; but the majority of us have no aptitude for that kind of work. But we certainly are all qualified to take the classes in succession through the year, and look into the lines of study being pursued and the methods being adopted by our Sabbath School teachers.

"To put my points more plainly, I would have pastors every Sunday go into the Sabbath School and undertake to examine at

least one class; the next Sunday to do the same with another class, teaching the lesson, if that is the best thing to be done; and thus take the entire number of classes in succession until he has gone through the school, and then begin again; and with the co-operation of the parents, it would be well for him to hold a mid-week afternoon gathering of the children, and, instead of telling them anecdotes, and trying to make himself delightfully pleasant, inquire into their religious instruction and attainments. By these methods he would be brought in touch with the young, his own heart would be refreshed, the work done would be eminently practical. It would bring back something of the old day, which can never be fully recalled, when the minister was indeed the father, not only of the adults, but of the children of his parish."

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