

And although this is the dispensation of the Spirit, the last days spoken of by the prophets when the Spirit is to be poured out on all flesh, and though the church is loud in its protestations of dependence on the Spirit for light and power and guidance, and though many of our most familiar hymns are full of the most intense desire for the Spirit's help and presence, and though many of our most fervent prayers call for the Spirit's life and energy, yet withal we fail to understand the real nature of the Spirit or rightly to appreciate His place and functions in the economy of grace."

From the Introduction to an edition of William Arthur's "Tongue of Fire," by Wm. Taylor, D.D. (Harper's, New York):

"Though we are living under the dispensation of the Spirit, it is remarkable that the work of the Holy Ghost has not received anything like the attention that it demands and deserves. Few sermons are preached upon it, few treatises are written upon it, it does not enter into the thought and prayers of the people of God, and in this perhaps, more than in most other things, we may find the explanation of the comparative feebleness of modern piety."

From "The Holy Spirit Outside the Christian Church," in the *Canadian Methodist Review*. May-June, 1894. Rev. T. Sims, D.D., Congregationalist:

"No Scripture doctrine is of more importance than that of the Holy Spirit, yet relatively to its im-