

Montreal Conference at Kingston, Ontario, is a case in point. On the programme of Conference exercises, Saturday night was designated for a holiness meeting, to be led by the Rev. John Armstrong. The church where it was held, though not large, it is true, was crowded to its utmost capacity. The altar service, near the close of the meeting, was one which will long be remembered as full of the Holy Spirit's presence and power. Holiness meetings were held every morning during the Conference, at first from six o'clock to seven; but as this was not a convenient hour for those who were entertained at great distances from the place of meeting, it was changed to eight o'clock till nine. There were often as many as a hundred in attendance, mostly ministers, with a general sprinkling of laymen and women, all of whom took part in the exercises with great delight.

Several persons testified to having found great spiritual uplifts in these meetings. At the last one held, it was agreed to hold during the session of Conference next year a holiness convention. The Conference evangelist, the Rev. David Winter, who is a host in this good work, was requested by this meeting to make such arrangements at Quebec next year as will give the holiness interest a still greater opportunity for manifestation and enlargement.

Our only periodical devoted to this subject, the EXPOSITOR OF HOLINESS, editor Rev. N. Burns, M.A., published at Toronto, is steadily gaining ground, and though one of the youngest publications of the kind on this continent, shows much ripeness and vigor. We have great hopes for the future triumphs of the cause of holiness in the Dominion.—*Witness.*

DON'T ARGUE.

A minister who did not believe in the possibility of a Christian's living a life of victory over sin, requested the privilege of a conversation on the subject with a lady who not only enjoyed the rest of faith, but taught the blessed freeness of a full salvation. He came, and in a long and elaborate argument founded on Paul's writings, proved, as he thought, the necessity of a Christian having to groan over the corruption and sins of his life as long as he lived. She had but an hour to spare for the talk, and he had used up fifty-five minutes of it; but though well able to meet him on his own ground, she had

no disposition, even if she had the time, to review his line of reasoning, and show him the weak points in it. So she simply said to him when he paused, "Well, as long as we can't do otherwise than sin, no provision being made to save us from it, and God expects it of us,—you are satisfied to keep on in that way, are you not?" "Well, no," he replied, as he turned uneasily in his seat; and he assumed half-a-dozen different positions as he repeated that "no" over and over. The next day he came again, saying, "After all the argument I brought forward yesterday, you only responded with one question, and that made me miserable all night. Now I have come to see if you cannot do something to help me out of my trouble." At first he could not realize the simplicity of the way; the availability, the present efficacy of the blood that cleanses from all unrighteousness; but in a few days he entered most blessedly into the rest of faith.—*Selected.*

BAPTISM OF THE SPIRIT.

Few believers in these days have received a baptism of the Spirit. The most of us feel but a small measure of His power; we are not overwhelmed by His influence, nor completely subdued to His operations. So much self, coldness, pride, or obstinacy remains in us that the Holy One is restrained. Yet He is willing to visit us with the utmost fulness of His power, to strengthen and elevate us to a sublime degree. We are by no means straitened in Him; our own sins are our hindrance. We who believe in Jesus to-day may have all the spiritual power which the apostles enjoyed—may have it by the asking and have it now. The fire which burned in their hearts may burn in ours, and the flame which flashed from their tongues may also blaze forth from us. There is no change in God, nor in the revelation of His power. Enthusiasm will revive among our churches, and heroic self-denial and prevalent prayer will be common around us when once again believers are baptized into the Holy Ghost. Such a blessing God is willing to bestow, for Jesus has ascended. With such a blessing within our reach, woe is unto us if we do not obtain it. The blood of souls will lie upon us if we live without the strength needful to save them. Oh for faithful and importunate prayer, by which alone this divine blessing can be obtained! Ye churches, awake to it! Ye ministers, lead the van!—*Spurgeon.*