

workers, not to speak of private Christians. Think of the cruelty to animals in China ; worse than that, of the child murders ! Still more terrible, perhaps, the foot-binding, the occasion of such unimaginable cruelty. Notwithstanding these deformed feet, the Chinese women, when they get interested in the Gospel, will walk twenty miles with a child on their back to a mission service, being ill treated and neglected all the way. How their lives shame us !

“The wonderful changes that take place through the power of the Gospel are seen very much at the Communion, where you see the people utterly broken down at the fresh view they have received of God’s love. I have been asked if I thought the communion was to the Chinese a means of grace when administered by unordained hands ; my only answer was, ‘Rather !’ [The audience cheered to the echo.] “God search our British hearts as we think of the devotion and self-sacrifice of these Chinese converts ; of sacrifices, losses, and persecutions endured by those who come out wholly for Christ in a Chinese community. My whole soul goes out in these words, as I think of our Lord’s last command : ‘*Go and do it.*”

Rev. G. H. C. Macgregor : “Paul’s question to disciples at Ephesus was, ‘Have ye received the Holy Spirit since ye believed’ ? We ought to expect a wonderful work of the Spirit in our hearts and lives as Christians, even after conversion, as shown by various incidents in the history of the early Church recorded in the Acts. Wherever the lot of a missionary may be cast there cannot be an adequate blessing on his labors unless he knows experimentally the fulness of the Holy Spirit. This experience is one that is possible for all believers ; it is the birthright of all. Further, it is imperative. God’s command is, ‘Be filled with the Spirit,’ and this command is as binding on a Christian as any other. Do we not need to ask forgiveness from God for the sin of not being thus filled ? It is our risen and exalted Lord who bestows this blessing. It comes only to the believing, obedient, and surrendered soul. What hinders ? Self-will. If we knew in their fulness the meaning of the two words, ‘absolute surrender,’ most of our difficulties in the spiritual life would vanish. This experience may come to us suddenly, tho not necessarily so. But God can bestow on us an amazingly big blessing in a very short time.

“One of the effects of this bestowment will be an enlargement of our knowledge of the character and purpose of God. The heart blessing of joy is another result. Love one to another, a different relation to the will of God, and to worldly possessions, would also result from this surrender to the fulness of the Holy Spirit. Then it would not be possible for men who had offered their lives to the work of missions to be rejected for want of means to send them forth.”

Rev. F. B. Meyer : “This truth about the Spirit needs to be applied in immediate and full submission to God. Those who have an intellectual conception of the endowment of Holy Spirit power must pass on to a con-