

have lost spiritual life by being hand in glove with the world—believers unequally yoked with unbelievers. You cannot have power unless you lead a separated life. Christ died to redeem you from the world. I have heard people say "Christ left us in the world; we are not to live like hermits." No, we are not to live like hermits. But the one thing Christ taught during his life on earth was that the world was at war with him. You find that from the time He entered his ministry to the time He perished on the Cross. The war is not over yet. The world is not to-day any more of a friend to the Gospel of Jesus Christ than when He perished on the Cross. If Christ were to come back again the people would crucify Him. Christ's people must be separate from the world, and I do not believe that men and women have spiritual power when unequally yoked with unbelievers. We must live and preach separation. We used to have to preach to the Church to keep out of the world. Now, the world has gone into the Church—moved right in and taken possession, and that is the reason we have so little power. People say, "Christ did not take us out of the world; we are in the world." When the ship is on the water that is all right, but when the water gets into the ship it is all wrong. And so when the world gets into God's people it is all wrong. My friend, Harry Moorhouse, had a beautiful canary. In the spring of the year he took its cage out and hung it in a tree, and the little English sparrows got round it and chirped, and pretty soon the canary had lost all its sweet song and could only chirp. And though he brought it into the house and trained it again, it never sang as sweetly as before. So thus with our church people who, not separated from the world, they do nothing but chirp, chirp; they are nothing but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. When people asked Billy Dawson how the world was going on, he said, "Don't know; ain't been there for twelve years." What we want is to be out of this world and be living in Heaven. When a Scotchman was asked if he was on the way to heaven, he said, "On my way to heaven? That is where I live; that is my home." Realize that you are sent here to represent Jesus Christ. Some one has said that the Roman spear did not pierce the heart of Jesus Christ as much as the kiss of Judas. The wounds that Christ receives in the house of his friends do more harm than all the infidels in the world. I do not fear the work of infidels half as much as miserable false professors. If we want spiritual life and power we must be dead to the world and alive to Christ. Others will take up the subject, and I hope there will be a perfectly frank expression of views.

REV. PROF. CLARK.—I have only a word to say. A thought passed through my mind one day when on the Master's service, which may be appropriate to the present hour. I was walking among the poor and quiet homes of the people, and as I walked from one to another I was reminded of the symbolism that comes to us out of the old covenant—the fires shall be ever burning on the altar, they shall never go out. I thought as I went here and there of the fires upon these altars. They are not kindled from the world but from above. They are good fires, but the air about them is miserable and wretched. Yet they must not go out; it is the Lord's pleasure that they should ever burn. Then they must be fed. It behoveth a man to feed the smallest flame. It is worthy of a man's time, thought and best energies to do something to keep the smallest heavenly flame alive amid the dark and depressing atmosphere of this sinful world. Christians must help one another to keep the flames burning brightly. Remember it is for the interest of the church and of all of us that the flame never goes out. Watch one another, help one

another to keep the flame burning brightly, for that is one of the means of getting more spiritual life into the church.

I. EV. J. SALMON.—The Lord Jesus said, "My will is to do the will of Him that sent me," and He said He liveth by doing His Father's will. Hence he that keepeth the Lord's will liveth by Him; and to live by the Lord is to do His will, and by doing His will we shall promote our spiritual well-being.

REV. W. J. ERDMAN, of Jamestown, N.Y.—The definition of life eternal is "that we might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." We see hereby that life and knowledge coincide, and the deepest meaning of knowledge is "to be one with." Hence the proof and witness of such life lies in the oneness with Christ in nature, in purpose, in spirit, in self-denial, and especially in being able to say at the foot of the cross: "This is the true expression of what God is, as just and as gracious." Only by the study and reception of the Word of Life can such life be nurtured. And with nearly all believers there comes a time of such knowledge of God when in a crisis of spiritual experience he stands face to face with God, as when the angel wrestled with Jacob. His name at that time was Jacob, meaning "Supplanter," and he only got his other name, Israel, when he hung upon God's neck in prayer, asking that God would bless him. This knowledge of God only comes when we get hand and hand with, and face to face with God, when no one else is present, when the soul gives itself to God, saying, "From this time I desire to serve Thee; fill me with Thy Spirit, that I may be one with Thee." So we shall manifest love towards our brethren and towards Christ, and go forth to seek and save those which are lost.

REV. ELMORE HARRIS.—I sometimes think a mistake is made in connection with the work of grace. We sometimes fancy God is going to bless us, that sinners are going to be converted without our personal instrumentality. The Old Testament says, "Ye shall be gathered one by one." We need to remember this, that all great works of grace are accomplished by the hand to hand work of every single member of the body of the Lord Jesus. Christ made much of the individual. From the hour of His coming He has been gathering His people one by one. Christ says, "All shall come to me;" "He that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out." Let us then put forth all personal effort to win men to Christ, and a rich blessing will come upon our own souls.

MR. GEORGE SOLTAU.—I want to make a practical suggestion on this subject. Some years ago I had charge of seven hundred souls of all ages. After three months there was a great spiritual deadness. Eight Christian people began to meet together for prayer every Saturday evening. I wondered how it was that my heart was possessed with such power of the Holy Ghost. As the weeks rolled on I became troubled because souls were not saved. One day I happened to say so to one of these praying ladies. She said, "I will tell you a secret: eight of us meet every Saturday and pray to God to send down a blessing on your soul and on all of us through you." I said, "Keep on praying." Three or four weeks passed and then there was a wonderful manifestation of God's power all through the neighborhood. The people felt as if they had not time at the weekly prayer meeting to get the blessing of God, and they asked to arrange to have a whole night of prayer. We arranged to have the meeting open at 10 p.m., and go on all day, or as long as they wished. I gave it out, and asked the people to send in requests for prayer, unsigned. When the night came we