

They witnessed the miracle, could not deny it, but made it all a delusion by declaring that, in performing it He broke the sabbath day. Just so with the Pharisees of the present day. Here are a hundred, there five hundred, in another place a thousand, of the most abandoned profligates, lifted from the gutter of wretchedness, and placed on the platform of honor. They gaze upon the work, and cannot deny it; but make it all a delusion by saying that they disobey the command of Paul. Who do it? Not merely the unconverted world: but alas! alas! members of the Church of Christ; and even shall I say it, ministers of the Gospel, who move in high circles, and wield wide influence in the Church! Nevertheless, we see the handmaids of the Church, not as ordained ministers, with power to administer the sacraments; yet, as preachers of the Gospel, exhorters, prayer-leaders, class-leaders, spiritual teachers and temperance lecturers, performing a work in evangelizing the world and edifying the Church, that is startling the intelligent world, bringing honor upon their sex, and bringing glory to God; while across the far off fields of the past, there rings into our ears, the ancient prophecy of Joel, "I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy;" Acts 2., 17, 18.

*W.* You spoke of Dr. Talmage. As his life and labors are not only applauded by Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists and all evangelical denominations, but are also owned of God in the salvation of thousands of souls, I would like to know his opinion on the subject.

*P.* Time would fail me to relate all that he has said and written in favor of women's rights; but I will read you a few of his own words, as I have them here, thus:—"We *dare* not close the mouth of any consecrated, godly woman, whose words of love for man, in the name of Christ, God honors abundantly, following them with blessing. A woman speaks in a prayer-meeting. A soul, two souls, ten souls are brought to the feet of Jesus by her words. My jealousy for the honor of God's house will not let me set myself against the instrument which He, in opposition to all human interpretations and protests, delights to follow with divine success and honor, "lest haply I be found to fight against God." He is abundantly able to take care of his own honor in this matter.

If any one, male or female, speaks a word *against* Christ or the Holy Ghost, we are bound to close his profaning lips, *if we can*; but let our arm be palsied, or our lips forever mute, if we be found putting padlocks on the mouth of the poorest, meanest, most unlearned follower of Jesus Christ, who sincerely pleads His