

with its impotency at the present time. We have longed to catch some slight reflection of the intense enthusiasm that pervaded the early church, and to see the manifestations of Divine energy that of yore resulted in daily conversions. Perhaps we have asked ourselves the question, Why do we fall so short of our privilege in this respect? There is but one answer,—because of our unbelief. The same results will follow the same conditions. God has not changed, but the attitude of the Church to Him and to His work for it has.

When Israel sought alliance with Egypt, God left her to learn that seeking human help is often the surest way to become deprived of the Divine. So has it been with the Church. Too much has it sought for its strength in the wealth and wisdom of man, in alliance with temporal power, in the application of worldly means for the securing of supposedly spiritual ends; and in as great measure as its attitude has become manward in seeking help, in such measure has it lost the power that results from absolute dependence upon the Holy Spirit. Let us be clear in our statement of the possibilities open to every believer in Christ. The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the portion of all who truly repent of sin and put faith in Jesus Christ for salvation. His indwelling is invariably and immediately the consequence of such penitent and saving faith. The measure of His filling then depends upon the measure in which the believer yields to Him his whole being. The regaining of the power enjoyed at Pentecost depends therefore upon the individual believer. It rests with you and with me, to restore, at least in so far as we ourselves are concerned, the early Church conditions, by giving ourselves up wholly to God, that He may wholly fill us with Himself. If we are ready for such surrender, if our faith can lay hold on a larger blessing, if the materialism of the age has not chilled our confidence in God's power, we to-day may experience like fruit from our service to that which followed upon the efforts of Peter and John and Phillip and Paul.

Songs of Strength.

"Standing by a," "Lead me to the rock," "Be ye strong in," "While Thou, O my God," "I need Thee," "Holy Ghost, with," "Press onward," "Keep Thou my way."

Spiritual Dynamics.

There is power enough for all; if we lack it there is something wrong with our connecting wire—faith.

Every contact with things of earth means loss of power; but we can afford to give off if we are always in condition to receive.

Is "the power off" in your society? The trouble is not at the power house. You will have to look for the cause nearer home. Are you in touch yourself?

Man in his weakness needs a stronger stay
Than fellow-men, the holiest and best;
And yet we turn to them from day to day
As if in them our spirits could find rest.

Gently untwine our childish hands that cling
To such inadequate supports as these,
And shelter us beneath Thy heavenly wing
Till we have learned to walk alone with ease.

Spiritual Insulation.

When a lecturer on electricity wants to show an example of a human body surcharged with his fire, he places a person on a stool with glass legs. The

glass serves to isolate him from the earth, because it will not conduct the fire,—the electric fluid: were it not for this, however much might be poured into his frame, it would be carried away by the earth; but, when thus isolated from it, he retains all that enters him. You see no fire, you hear no fire; but you are told that it is pouring into him. Presently, you are challenged to the proof; asked to come near, and hold your hand close to his person: when you do so, a spark of fire shoots out toward you. If thou, then, wouldst have thy soul surcharged with the fire of God, so that those who come near thee shall feel some mysterious influence proceeding out from thee, thou must draw nigh to the source of that fire, to the throne of God and of the Lamb, and shut thyself out from the world,—that cold world which so swiftly steals our fire away. Enter into thy closet, and shut to thy door, and there, isolated "before the throne," await the baptism: then the fire shall fill thee; and, when thou comest forth, holy power will attend thee, and thou shalt labor, not in thine own strength, but with demonstration of the Spirit, and with power.—*W. Arthur.*

Moody's Experience.

I can myself go back almost twelve years, and remember two holy women who used to come to my meetings. It was delightful to see them there. When I began to preach, I could tell by the expression of their faces that they were praying for me. At the close of the Sabbath evening meetings they would say to me, "We have been praying for you." I said, "Why don't you pray for the people?" They answered, "You need the power." "I need power?" I said to myself. "Why, I thought I had power." I had a large Sabbath-school, and the largest congregation in Chicago. There were some conversions at the time. I was, in a sense, satisfied. But, right along, these two godly women kept praying for me, and their earnest talk about "anointing for special service" set me to thinking. I asked them to come and talk with me, and we got down on our knees. They poured out their hearts that I might receive an anointing from the Holy Spirit, and there came a great hunger into my soul. I did not know what it was. I began to cry as I never did before. The hunger increased. I was crying all the time that God would fill me with His Spirit. Well, one day, in the city of New York—oh, what a day! I cannot describe it; I seldom refer to it; it is almost too sacred an experience to name. Paul had an experience of which he never spoke for fourteen years. I can only say God then revealed Himself to me, and I had such an experience of His love that I had to ask Him to stay His hand. I went to preaching again. The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths; and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you would give me all Glasgow—it would be as the small dust of the balance.—*Dwight L. Moody, in address at Glasgow.*

Established in Heart.

May 28.—Established in heart. Rom. 1: 11, 12; Ps. 112: 1-10.

DAILY READINGS.—Monday: Established by God, 1 Pet. 5: 5-11. Tuesday: Established in Christ, 2 Cor. 1: 21-24. Wednesday: Established through faith, Isa. 7: 1-9. Thursday: Established with grace, Heb. 13: 5-9. Friday: Established in the faith, Col. 1: 21-29. Saturday: Established in the truth, 2 Pet. 1: 12-21.

Heart Religion.

"Out of the heart," said Solomon, "are the issues