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Power from on High.*(Inaugural.)*

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."—ACTS i. 8.

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It is generally agreed among critics that the Acts of the Apostles was written by "Luke, the beloved physician." There are certain graces of style which point to him as the author. Evidently, he was a more polished writer, a more accomplished scholar, than the other evangelists. He is somewhat fond of long words, of compound words, of words admitting many prepositions before them. It is altogether a more classical style. In the Acts, as well as in the third Gospel, we discover these characteristics, and the diction alone would go a long way to prove that the two treatises were the products of the same mind. It was customary some years back in England, and, indeed, the custom has not quite died out yet, for the author to dedicate his book to a gentleman of influence and standing. And in early ages the same custom seems to have prevailed, and we find that St. Luke dedicated his two books