

lates even the weather so as to make it work together for the good of His work.

THE CONVENTION AT PLATTSVILLE.

Bro. Colling took advantage of the nearness of the annual convention to his field of labor, and arranged for a circuit convention at Plattsville during the following week. And so nine of the delegates found it convenient to comply with his request and attend these services.

The first meeting was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 25th of February, and the convention was extended through the three following days, comprising ten services in all. The chief characteristic of the convention was persistent effort to secure definite results, nor were these efforts without success, for many, during the services, testified to the reception of the Comforter in the Pentecostal sense.

How unerring is the guidance of the Spirit in such matters? God had blessed the labor of the pastor in imparting knowledge of this way, opposition had been met and cleared away, some were already walking in the Spirit, and others prepared to step over into the goodly land, and it needed but the additional faith and testimony of the deputation to enable these prepared ones to accept their Pentecost. Hence, at the very first meeting, we were led to speak and act as looking for definite results, and were not disappointed. Yes, when led of the Spirit, we cannot fail to know the special needs of an occasion and act accordingly. And so Bro. Colling goes on with his heaven-appointed work with the number of those who have the apostolic testimony increased, and the faith of the others confirmed. Also the wide-spread interest in the community concerning this teaching was intensified, as was evinced by the nature of the audiences which were gathered together, representing, as they did, many from the sister churches.

We well remember the convictions which came to Bro. Colling and our-

selves when, at the beginning of last winter's services, we first bowed in prayer concerning Plattsville church, for we were led to ask for a very decided work of grace, such as would make it a kind of lighthouse to the surrounding country, and since then the indications are all in the direction of answered prayer. But what patience and strong persevering work must be done before men and women will step forth into full Gospel privilege, braving thereby all the consequences of such an important step. Well, we who now, as individuals or deputations, preach this Pentecostal Gospel, were not so very quick at apprehending and accepting as to justify lack of patience in dealing with others. But to patient faith this glorious prize of helping others into like precious faith is sure, and sooner or later we will all rejoice over others made fellow-heirs to Christ in the full privileges of Pentecostal experience.

On the whole, the Plattsville Convention was one of mighty spiritual power, and the results, whether realized by faith or the public testimony of others, were eminently satisfactory. "To God be all the praise," is a trite phrase to close up with, and may mean little or much, according to our walk with God; but to us the work was so manifestly of God, seeing it was so far beyond human possibilities, that we would the rather be inclined to apologize for using this expression, seeing it might imply the fear that some might ascribe the work done to human power, in part, at least. But as well think of the apostles ascribing the work done on the day of Pentecost to man, as those who walk in the Spirit failing to recognize God's work on such occasions as the Plattsville Convention.

A DEW-DROP is prismatic and beautiful only so long as the sun shines on it, so a Christian reflects the beauty of holiness only so long as he walks in the light of Christ.

THE average prayer of the churches amounts to this—"Give us the Holy Ghost, but not too much, lest the people should say 'we are full of new wine.'" Excessive properness has killed many a church.—*Divine Life*.