

but I should like to hear it further explained.

*P.* What about the other part of the prophecy, v. 29, "And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit?"

*W.* That part, he did not mention.

*P.* The expression "servants and handmaids," possess a meaning different from that of "sons and daughters." The former refers to the ministers of the Gospel only: the latter, to the children of God generally. In the scriptures, a servant of God is a servant of the church, being a servant or minister of the Gospel, and a handmaid is a female servant or minister.

On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was so richly poured out on preachers and hearers, that prophecy was but partially fulfilled. Its fulfillment is still going on, and will continue to go on until the Spirit will be poured out, not merely in this country or on that nation, but, "upon all flesh." Behold, in this our day, the sons and daughters of the Church of Christ, together with His servants and handmaids, prophesying and bringing souls to Christ.

*W.* I was just thinking about the celebrated Mrs. Phœbe Palmer. With what glorious success her labours were everywhere attended. How many thousands were brought to Jesus through her instrumentality: and how many thousands were led onward to the sublime heights of Christian holiness through her sacred teachings.

*P.* Truly. There are, undoubtedly, many successful preachers of the Gospel in the world to-day, who were, converted to God through her labors. Dr. Talmage, on a certain occasion, while applauding her life and work from the pulpit, asserted that twenty-five thousand souls were saved through her instrumentality. But she was only one example among hundreds of such noble women. Observe such women as Lady Huntingdon, Lady Pembroke, Florence Nightingale, Hannah More, Elizabeth Fry, Mrs. Gough, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. M. C. Lathrop, Mrs. A. Whittenmyer, Mrs. M. C. Johnson, Mrs. Van Cott and hundreds of others, who, in their Gospel labors, their temperance enterprises, and charitable institutions, have shed blessings upon the world, the value of which eternity alone can reveal.

*W.* Mr. Novice, speaking of the good done by women, remarked,—“generally they have large audiences, stir up slothful men, and make the meetings lively,”—to which Mr. Elder replied, “the good is doubtful, the liveliness evanescent,” and endeavored to prove it by indirectly showing their disobedience to Paul’s command to the Corinthians.

*P.* That reminds me of the haughty Pharisees who denounced one of Christ’s miracles by saying, “this man is not of God because he keepeth not the sabbath day,” John 9., 16.