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## Editorial.

*"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you."*

It is an exceedingly sad sight to witness the impotency of the Christian church manifested in so many ways when there is unlimited power suited to her every need within her reach, and urged upon her, and held out to her, but in her spiritual blindness and in her mistaken conception of true humility she refuses the very thing that would empower and satisfy the very yearnings of the hearts of her membership, and turn her defeat into victory and her weakness into strength, and transform all her institutions, taking semi-infidelity from her educational institutions, worldliness out of the church, headiness out of her pulpits, and turning its churches into revival centres, and their choirs into Niagara's of holy song and their homes into miniature heavens, and their ministers to "flames of fire." The above text is from the lips of our risen Saviour after his resurrection, and they are worthy of our careful and prayerful consideration.

Many questions have been and are still raised in connection with this subject. 1st, Did Christ mean only the disciples? Read John 17, 20, Christ's own words: *Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.* Also, Acts 2, 39: *For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.*

This should be a sufficient answer to that often raised question. 2nd, Is this endowment subsequent to regeneration? It surely was with the persons to whom it was spoken, and

to the household of Cornelius, and to the disciples at Ephesus, and at the revival in Samaria, and it has been thus received ever since without a single known exception.

3rd, Is this endowment to be received by the whole church simultaneously? Yes, if the church tarries for it until they become of one accord, in one place, until it comes upon them, as it did at Pentecost.

But in the writer's opinion it would require a full ten days to get the worldliness and pride prayed out, and all the wrongs made right, and all the old outlawed debts squared up, and all the demands of the Holy Spirit complied with in the average church.

4th, How, then, is it an instantaneous work of grace if it took ten days to receive it? Why, it took the whole ten days to get the people to a point of consecration and readiness, in full submission to God, and in right relationship to each other and the world. But the Holy Ghost came suddenly in every case recorded.

5th, Can the individual Christian receive this great endowment of power, and what manifestations will he realize? This has been proven in the experience of a cloud of witnesses whose biographies are in most libraries, and a greater company of witnesses still upon earth, representing about all creeds, the Wesleys, Rev. John Fletcher, Hester Ann Rogers, of the Methodist Church; Madam Guyan and Faber, of the Catholic Church; and Francis Ridley Havergal, of the Anglican Church; President Phinney, of the Presbyterian Church, and an innumerable company whose lives and labors attest to the genuineness of this great fact in Christian experience.

The outward manifestations may differ in different persons, according to the work which they may be called to perform; but the inward manifestations may be similar: (a) a deep sense of love and loyalty to God; (b) a sense of inward purity and peace and contentment; (c) a constant unwavering acquiescence to all the will of God revealed to you; (d) a deep real love for God's Word, a clearer understanding of it as you read it, prayer and holy meditation a joy and delight; (e) sin more horrible to you as your fellowship with God and holy things increases; (f) a sincere love for all people, regardless of denominational lines, who have obtained like precious faith, and a deeper and more sincere desire for the salvation of the lost and the entire sanctification of all believers; (g) a real delight in all of your Christian activities, public or private, and you are on the alert, looking for opportunities to be helpful to all you meet, and much more than we can write. But in conclusion we wish to say your heart will be in a constant attitude of prayer and praise.

6th, Is this real power? Yes, power to say a full unhesitating yes to all the will of God, and an emphatic no to every suggestion of evil from the devil. Added to this is the power of an increased influence you may wield for good that you may not always be conscious of, but your influence will be all for good.

## A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR RETIRED MINISTERS.

Rev. J. J. Colter and his talented wife, of Fredericton, are a most excellent example for retired Christian workers. While retired from pastoral duties, they find many helpful things in Christian work to do. While they are not physically strong, and being well up to four score years, they are always on the alert for work for their master, at the soldiers' barracks,

at the jail, the hospital, among the foreigners, visiting the aged and sick and newcomers to the city, and among the students and in the factories and in the churches. They are good examples in their loyalty to the resident pastor; they are specially helpful to him in his pastoral duties, always having words of praise for him and his sermons, and while they visit other churches they are always loyal to their own. It is blessed indeed to see the resident retired pastors a blessing to the active pastors, and not a burden—a help and not a hindrance, a companion in true Christian fellowship. Thank God for cheerful, happy and useful old age in the Christian church wherever it exists.

## HARTLAND R. B. CHURCH.

This church was organized by the Rev. G. W. McDonald, Dec. 3rd, 1888, with eighteen charter members, half of whom are still living. The Sunday school was organized a little earlier, on November 18th.

The church edifice was dedicated Nov. 6th, 1892. Ministers present on that occasion were Rev. G. W. McDonald, Rev. B. Colpitts, Rev. G. B. Trafton and Rev. J. Gravinor. For some time the church has seemed too small to accommodate the people during special meetings and for the Sunday school, so the members decided to extend the building. An addition 20x23 has been added on the rear, separated from the main audience room by folding doors, which when opened make an additional seating capacity of 100. This addition ordinarily will be used in connection with the Sunday school, and for the regular prayer meetings. The platform is made in sections on castors, so that it can be changed as the need requires. The whole interior of the main room has been renovated. The woodwork has been painted in golden oak and the ceiling painted and walls decorated in harmony. A new system of gasoline lighting, and a furnace, have been added. Altogether the interior presents a very pleasing appearance. The outside is to receive a fresh coat of paint in the spring. The re-dedication took place on Sunday, January 4th. The day's services began with a love feast at 9.30 a. m., led by the pastor and continued for more than an hour. It was a precious season. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. M. S. Trafton, of Fort Fairfield, Me., text, 1 Chron. 29, 5, an address of power. Rev. H. S. Dow offered the dedicatory prayer. A beautiful spirit of tenderness pervaded the entire service. Rev. H. S. Dow brought the message in the afternoon at 3 o'clock, text, Matt. 5, 8, a strong appeal for heart purity. Song service at 7, and preaching at 8 by the preacher of the morning, subject, Heaven. A number rose for prayer at the close. The singing was in charge of the pastor, assisted by the choir. Good congregations were in attendance during the entire day. Cash and pledges were received to the amount of \$700 to help pay the indebtedness, which is about \$1,000.

The pastors who have served the church since its organization are as follows: 1888-89, Revs. S. A. Baker; 1889-90, G. W. McDonald; 1890-93, J. H. Coy; 1893-95, G. B. Trafton; 1895-96, without pastor; 1896-1900, G. B. Trafton; 1900, 1902, G. W. McDonald; 1902-06, S. A. Baker; 1906-08, H. C. Archer; 1908-09, Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Sanders; 1909-12, H. S. Dow; 1912, P. J. Trafton. This church has exerted a wonderful influence during all these years. We honor those who have borne the burden in the heat of battle during the years that have passed.

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