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EDITORIAL

We are glad indeed for the standard that has been raised in this country by our people in connection with the raising of money for the extension of the Kingdom of God. Article II. in our Church Covenant reads: We will contribute of our substance as the Lord shall prosper us, for the support of a faithful ministry among us—the necessary church expenses, the relief of the needy, the spread of the gospel, and other necessary means of grace—and we will not endeavour to raise any money for the Lord's cause by means of bazaars, tea meetings, suppers, sociables, or other worldly expedients. This rule has worked fine in the past; our people have responded nobly, so that the work at home and in the foreign field has been sustained by free will offerings—we trust it will always be so. We wish to convey to those outside our own church, who have contributed so wholeheartedly to the cause of holiness among us, our appreciation for their so doing. Every dollar has gone into the channel you requested it should. We thank you, and trust for a continuance of your liberality. The need at the present is pressing in connection with our Passage Fund. We have paid the passage of Rev. and Mrs. D. M. MacDonald to their destination in South Africa, and we have a balance of some six hundred dollars. We will need at least two thousand five hundred more to enable us to bring Dr. Sanders and family home. This amount should be raised in the next three months. The fund is being continued in the Highway. Let there be a hearty response so that we will not have to borrow funds to meet this obligation. We trust that everyone will feel an obligation in this matter. Ask the Lord what He will have you give; respond as He directs and we have no fear of the result. It may be some have not given a "Thank-offering" for years. Now would be a good time. Amen. Send your amount to Rev. I. F. Kierstead, Fredericton, N. B.

THE THREE R'S

"See there be no sermon without three R's in it: Ruin by the fall, Righteousness by Christ, and Regeneration by the Spirit. Preach Christ for awakening, Christ for comforting, Christ for sanctifying. 'God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.'—Rowland Hill.—Wesleyan Methodist.

GOD'S POWER

There are many instances in the Scripture records of God's display of His mighty power, but there are a few that stand out prominently, and are of such a nature that critics cannot explain away by any laws of magic or jugglery.

As, for instance, the thunderings of Sinai at the time of the giving of the law. Ex. 19:16-20:20:18-19.

The manifestations at the cross following the crucifixion, where the earth quaked, rocks were rent and graves were opened. Matt. 27:50-54.

The coming of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost, the rushing wind and the tongues of fire. Acts 2:2-3.

And again, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. Acts 9:3-4; 26:12-14.

Some have wondered just why the cause for such display, and why they were never repeated, and we think it would not be going beyond the bounds of reverence if we would attempt to give a reason by saying that these were times of crises and it was important to impress upon those immediately concerned, and the generations following that there was a power beyond the ken of man, and that power was God.

Moses had many times given the people a message from God. Miracles had been wrought for their benefit and help, but they still complained against Moses whenever they met new hardships, and they questioned the wisdom of the move that had been made. There was nothing to prove to these fault finders that God was leading; they had only Moses' word for it.

They might reason thus: "The magicians of Egypt had performed many of the same acts as Moses, as the opening of a passage through the Red Sea, the Manna and the Quails might be explained through natural causes." Some today would argue thus.

The rebellion that broke out soon after was no doubt germinating in the hearts and minds of the people, and possibly the mixed multitude, who were not of Israel, played an important part in the murmuring.

God would now impress a lesson upon them, as we read Ex. 19:9: "That the people may hear when I speak with thee and believe thee forever," and again: "for God is come to prove you, and that His fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not." Ex. 20:20. Moses was in a sense on trial before the people, and they must be convinced that he is God's spokesman.

Jesus had performed many miracles—His divinity had been attested to by God Himself on more than one occasion, but the hopes of His followers were blasted when He was arrested and brought to trial, and nailed to the cross, and something was necessary to restore their confidence and convince all who witnessed it, and whose minds were open to conviction, that he was God, manifest in the flesh and so the quaking earth, and the rent rocks, which led one to explain, "Surely this was the Son of God."

On the day of Pentecost, there was a noise "as a rushing mighty wind" through the whole house, and the presence of "tongues like as of fire" upon each present. This was the ushering in of a new dispensation, and we cannot help but think that God would by this means convince them beyond the shadow of a doubt that they were in His order, and

that Jesus' promise was being fulfilled. While there are many other instances recorded in the Book of Acts of the coming of the Holy Ghost upon believers, they were not accompanied by these special manifestations.

God needed a man to carry His Gospel message to the Gentile world, and He found one in the person of Saul of Tarsus, a zealous Jew and a persecutor of the new faith. God would adopt strong measures by which he would impress upon Saul that it was God that was working, and the one whom he was persecuting was none other than the Jews' Messiah, and but for this unheard of demonstration, He might have questioned the genuineness of this strange salutation. Men might be responsible for the voice, but man could not possibly duplicate the phenomena that he saw.

What am I trying to say? It is this: God in the person of Jesus Christ is on trial today before a pleasure-mad world, and a back-slidden church, and we doubt if at any time in this present age, have people, living under the very eyes of the sanctuary, been so hardened, sceptical and defiant as at this time—yet there are many, who, like the Greeks in the temple in Jesus' day, are saying: "Sirs, we would see Jesus."

How is this to be brought about?

Is God going to send thunderings and lightnings, rock the earth, rend rocks and open graves in order to convince them that Jesus is here? He will not likely do so.

How, then? Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is upon you." Power for what? To preach great sermons, so that sinners will tremble and prostrate themselves, and cry for mercy? Such has happened, and may again.

Power to speak in tongues, heal the sick, cure the lame, and raise the dead? Not necessarily, though he could if he so wished, but more important than all this: Power to witness: "Ye shall receive the power—ye shall be witnesses."

How today are we to witness? Give a few words of testimony in a social service, "saved and sanctified? That is important and essential.

Give an exhortation in a prayer meeting or on a street corner? A wonderful thing to be able to do—not all can. These have their places, but what all can have through grace, if they will, is power to witness for Christ in their daily walk before the world. This is the only way that God can demonstrate His power to save, and convince a skeptical world that divine grace imparted by the Holy Ghost through faith in Jesus Christ, can transform the lives of men and women, and cause them to walk in the statutes of righteousness, where they once walked after the course of this world.

"He that hath not the spirit of Christ is none of his," says Paul. Not to perform great deeds as did Jesus, but to show forth His Spirit. Love manifested in our words and acts.

"I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me," said Jesus. And He is lifted up before the world when His followers manifest His Spirit. So let us walk in love as true ambassadors of Christ, and the world will see in our lives, the power of God manifested.

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