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TO MY BELOVED AND HONORED

Father and Mother

THIS LITTLE BOOK
IS GRATEFULLY DEDICATED,

THE AUTHOR

“Wherever the Spirit of God is being enthroned in preaching and in all Christian work, and having His rightful place as the Administrator of the things of Jesus Christ, apostolic results are seen to follow.”—G. CAMPBELL MORGAN.

“In this age of faith in the natural, and disinclination to the supernatural, we want especially to meet the whole world with this credo: ‘I believe in the Holy Ghost.’”—WILLIAM ARTHUR.

“The need of the Church is to believe that God is. . . . The Holy Spirit is to-day Emmanuel, God with us. . . . In this dispensation the Spirit is Christ’s Vicar, God’s Vice-regent upon earth.”—A. C. DIXON.

PREFATORY.

DR. SCOFIELD says: "More books, booklets, and tracts upon the Holy Spirit have issued from the press during the last twenty years than in all the time since the invention of printing."

The present author is prompted to add one more volume to the list, not altogether on account of the shortness of the supply, but because of the earnest request of many friends, and because he thinks he sees a place, not yet too preoccupied—in Methodist literature, at least—for a brief theologico-practical treatise. Comparatively few recent works on this subject have proceeded from Methodist sources. And yet, on every hand, eager hearts are seeking after fuller, more definite, and more systematic knowledge of this great ministry of the Spirit.

Although the scope of this work is broad and

the outline somewhat comprehensive, abridgment in treatment was a constant necessity in order to keep within the limits of the author's plan. Some portions of the subject receive a more extended treatment than others. This is intentional.

Indebtedness is acknowledged to numerous writers.

It is especially hoped that these pages may be productive of a larger knowledge of the Spirit's Person and work, proving useful to both ministry and laity, and may be blessed of God in the opening of many hearts to the fulfillment of the Spirit's mission.

S. ARTHUR COOK,

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Windom, Minn.

“The Church of God was born in a prayer-meeting. As they prayed, there was a tremendous sound, and on the heads of the men and women played tongues of flame. It was one of the most wonderful hours in the history of the human race and the Church of God. The Spirit of God is descending in a baptism of fire, and at once the one hundred and twenty men and women went down the stairs of that room, and turned the world upside down for Jesus Christ.

“What we need is just what they received that night in Jerusalem.”—REV. THEODORE L. CUYLER, D. D.