BAPTISM OF THE SPIETT.

BY WILLIAM RUBLE.

In my last article on the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I attempted to show that it was the spirit of man that was the subject of immersion of the Holy Spirit. In this, I propose to inquire into the extent of this gift, to whom given, and when it ceased.

It was first the subject of prophecy by Joel, mext by John the immerser. then by the Lord Jesus Christ; and first realized on the day of Penticost. The next direct manifestation was at the house of Cornelius; and without doubt these two cases are all that ever did oc. our as direct from God; unless the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Son of God, after he was immersed by John, will make a third case.

That this sublime manifestation was not a matter of every day occurrence; is easily inferred from the language of Peter when galled in question by the brethren at Jerusalem for going to the gentiles. His hinguage was: "It fell on them, as it did on us at the beginning." When we remember that this was some six or seven years after the day of Pentecost, his words indicate that such a manifestation had not been witnessed since the Penticostal scene, or he would not have said. As it did on us at the beginning." This will doubtless be satisfactory to all who take the Word of God as the man of their connoil. But those who have a system to sustain, may find something else, as did King Saul.

A question will then arise, as' to whether these two cases exhaust the prophecy of Joel in regard to this mutter. To this I must answer that I think not; and for this reason; in Peter's answer to the inquiring Jews on the day of Penticost, after telling them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, he adds, "and you, shall recieve the is unto you and your children, and all that are afar off-as many as the Lord our God shall call.

days;" be that what it may.

then is, how did they receive it? I and only half so much to do .- Christian swer, by the laying on of the apostles' Standard: hands, as in all cases upon record; except the two. (see Acts viii, 17). But why shut up this precious gift of the Spirit to the laying on of the retain the power to himself? Ah! Filly cannot force an entrance, or the walls' And as they were guided in the laying pany of full-grown robbers.

understand the great desire Paul had brings his "little boys". to visit the church at Rome.

his hands."

In the case of Samaria Philip was evidently an inspired man and did great signs and wonders, as the record tells us, but he was not an apostle, though full of the Holy Spirit himself, he was not able to impart to others; and per consequence the prophecy of Joel failed to be verified in the case of the Samaritans till Peter and John came down and laid their hands upon them.

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Christ in the last days, and upon whem boys, and the meralist will never sus-

ceived the Holy Spirit since they be apart! deived." Without doubt we occupy. The only safety is to come under the orrect ground here, and if so the "the in this, as the prophesy was given to imps. - Methodist Recorder, the Jews, and for the Jews, and by a God who knew that it would take effect in the last days of the Jewish polity, Then the last days of the Jewish theocracy must limit the scope of the prophesy for the "pouring out of the Spirit of God upon all flesh."

We would adduce further testimony, if more was needed, from the fourth chapter of Ephesians, where it is affirmed that when he ascuded on high and gave gifts to men that "He gave some apostles, some prophets, some pastors, and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the stature of the full, measure of Christ." This word "tiff" nfast then limit the daration of the gifts coumerated, and they are certainly inspired, to the time when the church of Christ reaches that state, little boys. of perfection indicated; then of course they were to cease and did cease, as all subsiquent history abundantly testifies, unless the Morman delusion will make all the rest of 'em; none of 'em all are an exception. Yes, apostles, prophets; half so badly used as boys are. I know pastors, and teachers (as the direct a lot, and can give you all their names, gifts of Jesus Christ) miracels, signs, ask 'em all. They'll tell you, to be a wonders, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, boy is to be somebody without a right came thus far and 'no farther, doubt it

IDLE GIRLS!

It is a painful spectacle, in families where the mother is the drudge, to see | Fat lady gets in after it's all full, and gift of the Holy Spirit; for the promise the daughters elegantly dressed, reclin- looks about her; everybody looks at ing at their ease, with their drawing, you. Old gentleman says, "My son." their nusic, their faucy work, and their Conductor says, "Come boys." O reading, beguiling themselves of the dear! but there is just one comfort; What "gift of the Holy spirit," pray, lapse of hours, days, and weeks; and boys will grow up, and then will forexcept the gift of which 'he has never dreaming of their responsibilities all they went through in their just spoken and of which he speaks at ties, but, as a necessary consequence the house of Cornelius, when he says, of neglect of duty, grawing weary of day suffer just as they did .- A Boy. forasmuck then as God gave them the their useless lives, laying hold of every like spirit as he did to us," and what newly invented stimulant to rouse their promise except the promise by Joel. If drooping energies, and blaming their plain. e does not mean this, I am at a loss to fate when they dare not blame their know what he does mean. And if this God for having placed them where they is correct, the scope of the prophecy area. These individuals will often tell will cover all God calle I to be recipients you, with an air of affected compassion, of this sublims favor—shut up to the for who can believe it real, that poor, period of time indicated by "the last dear mama is working herself to death yet no sooner do you propose that they II, then, the inquiring three thousand should assist her than they declare should received the Spirit on the day of Pen- is quite in her element, in short, that ticost as Peter promised, the question she would never be happy if she had

THE DEVIL'S LITTLE BOYS.

apostles' hands? Why did not God, When they go to rob a house, and find who knows the hearts of all men, the doors so solid and secure that they man! Why call in question the coun- so thick and impenetrable that they cancils of the Almighty? You seem to not break through, they resort to little know not, that through the apostles' boys drilled to this nefarious work. words as witnesses for Jesus the world The sprightly little lads are put through was to be saved; hence God gives them the window sash, whence the panes of a prominence over other disciples, ade- glass have been removed, who, as soon quate to the great work assigned them. in, unbolt the doors and admit the com-

on of hands, by inspiration, they could Thus Satan gets into the human heart. It may be fortified by good res-God did magnify them in the eyes of plations and sound morals against all the people, "and the rest (of the disci- the grosser forms of vice. Fraud, murples) durst no one join himself to der, adultery or falsehood may come them." We will then affirm, without and batter in vain for admission. The fear of anccessful refutation, that for bolts of well-adjusted moral training good reasons, God confided the dispen- may keep the giant iniquities at bay. sation of the prophecy of Joel, to the But when the doors are safely held hands of the apostles; the two cases al- against the greater sins, and Satan is; ways excepted. This will enable us to forled in his approaches there, then he

Just for once the man attends a thesome spiritual gift to the end that they from a window. Just for once, "to see might be established." "Then, there- the world," a game of chance, a drink fore, we read the twelfth chapter of of wine, a lewd book or companion is first Corinthians, and learn what these allowed. The devil is taking the putty spiritual gifts were, and that they min- away from a pane of glass. Just for istered to the ediffection of the church; once, some secret wrong is done, some we may easily comprehend the reasons insignificant crime committed in the for his desire, for if no appostle went darkness of a midnight hour. The devil to Rome, no spiritual gifts would reach lets his little boy in through the sash, the church at that place; for these and another, and another, and the spry come through the spfrit received by the little fingers are at the bolts of the door laying on of apostolic hands. Hence from the inside, and the great door of Paul tells Timothy to "stir up the gift the heart is sure to be thrown wide which was in him by the laying on of open, and the rough, rowdy rabble of hell are rushing in! There they take In the case of Samaria Philip wasevi- up their quarters like alien soldiers, to

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the apostles laid their hands. Under pect peril or plunder, until his blinds this view of the case, we can understand are opened, window sashes picked of

protection of Jesus Christ, absolutely last days" of the prophesy are evident- and forever, and he will guard every ly the last days of the Jewish common possible avenue to the soul, and be an Polk Co. Oreson wealth. There is nothing pressonable over match for the devil and all his

REMARKS.

I wish to commend the above to our readers. The writer of these thoughts expresses, himself in a novel way, but the principles he enunciates are sound If the devil's little boys were all kept away, the devil himself would seldom ever get into the human beart. The first step in the wrong direction starts the man down hill. No man ever commits the great crime first. But if the devil's little boys are once allowed inside he will get in himself.

Theb, young man, never take the first play the fret game of cards and you will never become a draudard, profane swearers, nor gambler. The man who does not drink, nor swear, nor gamble seldom ever commits any shameful

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