

London, Eng., May 15th. - Albert

Hall, recognized as the Memorial largest modern auditorium in the world, was crowded today to hear Pas-New York, on "Pentecostal Blessings." Many of the most prominent stalls and boxes are owned by the poblility. many of whom occupied them, while others, unable to attend, graciously granted permission for their occupancy by others; but hundreds were turned away. The meeting was held under the auspices of the "International Bible Students Association." The speaker said :-

niversary of Pentecost, we should consider the import, and have well in take as my text, the words of St. Peter explanatory of the occasion; "This is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and prophesy, and your young men shall dors. have the vision which your ancients on my handmaldens I will pour out in those days my Spirit, and they shall proclaim." (I give you a preferred translation.)-Acts II, 16-18.

St. Peter declares that the outpouring of the holy Spirit upon the waiting believers at Pentecost was mentioned by Joel the Prophet, but he does not say that all of the prophecy was fulfilled there and then. As a matter of fact we know that the boly Spirit was not then poured out on all flesh; it was poured out merely upon God's servants and hand-maidens. A careful inspection shows us that there are two parts to the prophecy-(1) All flesh. and (2) God's servants and hand-maidens. The order of the blessing is also stated. It will come upon all flesh after those days, but upon the servants and hand-maidens in those days. The days mentioned evidently refer to this Gospel age-from Pentecost to the second coming of Christ.

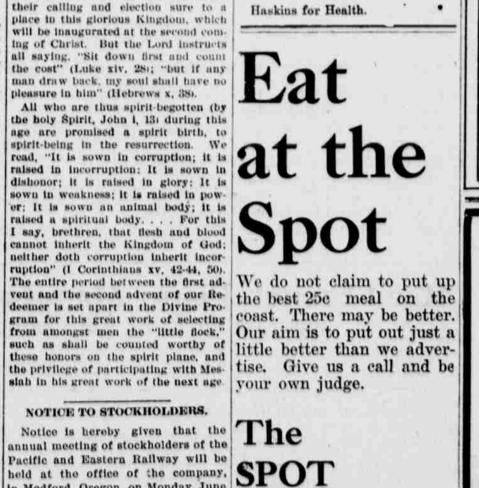
In this period, of now nearly nineteen centuries, God's holy Spirit has been granted to his faithful ones, and to these alone. Only the fully consecrated have been accepted of the Lord as living sacrifices, and only such have

been begotten of the holy Spirit, that they may be "new creatures in Christ." During all this time, the world has been unrecognized so far as the holy Spirit is concerned. Indeed, the Apostle after Pentecost went still further and declared that "the whole world lieth in the Wicked One." The only action of the holy Spirit must be, as in the case of Fellx, to "reprove the world of sin and righteousness, and of a coming judgment." Our text declares, however, that the time is coming when the world will receive a share of the great Divine blessing. which was fully assured by the death of Christ. But its time of favor will be "after those days"-after this Gospel Age shall have come to an end: after the New Dispensation, the Millennial Age, shall have come. Let us note first the blessings belonging to this Gospel Age, in which we are speclaily interested, and subsequently let us notice the blessings that God has promised shall come to all mankind.

The Church's Pentecost.

It is not sufficient that we say that a Pentecostal blessing came upon the followers of Jesus in the upper room at Jerusalem, totally different from anything that had been known in the world before! We want to know why it was so; and if a blessing, why it did not come sooner to God's people? We remember Abel, Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Daniel, the Prophets; we recognize the fact that they were grand characters, and, as St. Paul said, "They had this testimony that they pleased God." Yet there was no Pentecostal outpouring in their day, nor until the age of man in the world was more than four thousand years. Why was this? We answer that God has his own times and seasons for the various features of his work.

We recall the words of our Lord Jesus, respecting his forerunner, "Verily I say unto you. Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist; notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (Matthew xi, 11). Why could not John. and others of the prophets preceding him, enter in and enjoy this Gospel favor? We answer, in the language of St. Paul, "God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Hebrews xl. 40). Our Creator has great gifts to dispense to our race through the Redeemer, and it is for him to determine the times and the seasons for the dispensing of these blessings, and in Medford, Oregon, on Monday, June 6, 1910, at 10 o'clock a. m. to whom they shall go. According to the Divine arrangement, the Redeemer had first to die as man's Ransom-Price, before any of the race could come back into full relationship with the Creator. It is true that by faith Abraham and others of the past did enjoy certain of



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