

## The Forward Movement

There always have been new movements and new things among men. Else what of Edison, Benjamin Franklin, Isaac Newton, Columbus, Tubal Cain or Nimrod?

GOD has ever been doing new things for the good of mankind. He seldom if ever repeats His moves. The Flood was altogether a new thing in the world, and never repeated. The Exodus was a new movement. So was the rule of the judges, the appointing of a King, the tabernacle, the captivity, the incarnation of JESUS and His sinless life and wholly supernatural ministry. Jesus took the old covenant away and established the new. And we have the word NEW on the title page of the Bible.

Some are saying there can be no new movement that comes from God. But we reply that Jesus started the Pentecostal Movement and originated the New Testament Church. Paul was a setter forth of strange new things. New movements of God were given to Martin Luther, to John Wesley, to George Fox and to A. B. Simpson. Their relics are with us to-day. The Pentecostal Movement is a new movement. Nothing like it for near two thousand years.

God's great heart of love that gave His Son as an Atonement to redeem the ruined human race, could not cease to beat with the divine impulse that must start some new movement of grace to recover the lost race. That is why the Lutheran, the Quaker and the Methodist movements all started. Christianity was at low ebb. The church was backslidden. Humanity was soddin in iniquity. If this backslidden condition was a fact in the past, much more is it to-day. What a pitiful spectacle is modern Christianity! What has happened to the Holiness Movement? What of the Alliance? And alas! for the Pentecostal churches with their man made organizations and formal services! They bear little resemblance to those clusters of people who were filled with the Spirit twenty-five years and less ago. Such solemnity in worship, holy freedom in demonstration, power in prayer, unction in preaching, heavenly joy in testimony, and divine glory over all! But alas! for our preachers and leaders who have gone away backward from the power of God. Nothing has ever met the con-

ditions in the past, but a fresh, new move of God. Backslidden churches do not recover. They never have.

"Behold, I do a new thing." And new things must be done to offset the miserable inventions of Satan and evil men.

Many gracious and powerful things that were given by God to the New Testament Church have been lost under the rubbish of superstition and tradition. They are old, but will seem new when brought to light again. Some of these things have been restored, such as the baptism with the miraculous sign of tongues. Divine healing by faith in the Atonement of Jesus (S. Matt viii:17; Isaiah liii:4 R.V. margin) has been restored to the church. Beginnings of prophecy and other Spiritual Gifts have been restored. But there is little faith for the healing of infirmities and weaknesses and character flaws. Many believers are bound by various things. But JESUS said that He came to preach the Jubilee, a liberation from all bondages.

The exercise of that dominion which Jesus gave to the Church is but little known or exercised. Other powers and provisions which He gave are unknown. How sad that these rich and glorious powers should lie buried and unused when we so sadly need them. For shame that any who call themselves Pentecostal should decry the efforts to recover them.

When people and movements backslide, they become set, stiff and hardened. You cannot put new wine into old bottles.

New inventions fill the world. Should God sit still while men progress? Should GOD be silent while empty formalities prevail everywhere and pure worship in the Spirit is almost lost? True worship in the Spirit is alone acceptable to God who is Spirit.

"We know that the whole world lieth in the lap of the wicked one." Demons oppress a race in thralldom. Vain are the attempts of a natural people to enter the spiritual realm and do battle with these powers of darkness. Only a spiritual people who are deeply unctionized by God, can discover and dislodge these destroyers of our race. Who will prepare for this battle? Who is willing to engage in this terrific fray against such mighty foes? Nothing but a new and mighty move of God in the lives of most earnest seekers can pre-

pare for such a conflict. What folly and short-sighted condition is this in those who decry against those who would fight for victory in such dire need of deliverances as are here discovered to those who move out of their dead sleep to engage in the conflict for the recovery of such slaves.

Finally, it is the hour of the coming of the King to end earth's dark night. The air should be full of glorious revelations.

The marriage of the Lamb! Most notable, transcendent and momentous of events demand wedding bells of sweetest toned revelation, flowers of enchanting fragrance of grace, visions of heavenly things, and lavish gifts of the Spirit to prepare for the great and glorious event. New movements and things in abundance till the fulfillment of that glorious prophecy which promises, "Behold, I make all things new."

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During the month of December, several like-minded brethren met, periodically, in the homes of two friends, alternately, for the ministry of the Word and prayer. On the evening of the 18th, the attendance reached 26. The brother in whose home the meeting was held, said, "We shall be crowded out by the next meeting, therefore we should hire a hall. To some this decision seemed premature, but events which followed proved that, after all, the decision was well timed.

On Saturday, December 19th, it was found that a commodious hall at 404 South Avenue with a retiring room in the rear was available and it was promptly rented. This hall had been dismantled and having been unoccupied for some little time was very dirty. A few brothers set to work with a will, and at dusk, the place was cleaned, electric fixtures were put in, water was turned on, 50 opera chairs were screwed into place, a fire was started in the furnace, curtains were adjusted in the windows. In short everything was in working order, even to a supply of hymn books and a piano of beautiful tone which kind friends sent in. The brothers, who had worked like beavers, testified that the various things needed came to hand at exactly the right

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