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DEDICATION.

To my Brethren of the Ministry,
with whom I have labored in my
Pentecostal Itinerary to the Conferences and Churches,
East and West, North and South;
whose fellowship I have enjoyed, and whose
prayers and co-operation
have contributed so largely to the gracious results
achieved:

THIS VOLUME

is Most Affectionately Dedicated.

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PREFACE.



THE title, "Pentecostal Papers," is given to this volume, as it is designed to be simply a monograph, setting forth the "Pentecostal Grace" or "Indwelling of the Holy Ghost." The different topics which characterize the respective chapters are only the suggestion of the diversified Scripture phraseology which is employed to define the "Pentecostal Grace." In the New Testament it is variously designated: "The Gift of the Holy Ghost;" "The Baptism with the Holy Ghost;" "The Anointing with the Holy Ghost;" "Being Filled with the Holy Ghost," etc. This treatise is not a dissertation on the doctrine of the Holy Spirit in its widest sense. Recognizing, as it does, the Deity, Personality, and Agency of the Holy Ghost as the "Executive of the God-

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head," it presents but one aspect of these truths—the gift of the Holy Ghost as an epochal, conscious experience in the soul of the believer.

Should any one suspect that these pages unduly exalt the person and work of the Holy Ghost in comparison with the recognition given to the person and work of the Son, let him note that the emphasis herein given to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is that the Son may be glorified in the hearts and lives of believers.

Jesus is here set forth as the Baptizer with the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost as the Revealer of the Son. Again, should there seem to be an insufficient recognition of the atoning blood as the procuring cause of this *pentecostal fulness*, it will be found that these "Papers" proceed upon the assumption that the gift of the Holy Ghost is the highest blessing provided for and promised to the child of God under the atone-

ment; that the Holy Spirit can not be received in his personal fulness only as the blood is apprehended by faith as the meritorious cause of his bestowment. These "Papers" contain the staple ideas respecting the gift of the Holy Ghost which we have taught for twenty-five years in the pastorate, and for four years past in *special* pentecostal services at over sixty Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church within the United States. They have had acceptability with the ministry, and the sanction of the Holy Ghost in most gracious outpourings upon the Churches and Conferences. Deferring to numerous requests from my brethren in the ministry, whose ability, success, and spirituality give weight to their opinions, we give these "Papers" to the Church in this revised, condensed, and permanent form. May their perusal contribute to a more personal recognition of the Third Person of the Adorable Trinity, a more gen-