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prayer; and power with men, as we speak to them with the power of God, reaching the writings in their hearts. Therefore let us yield ourselves to the Lord, and be ready to carry unto men the glad news of salvation through Him. The message that we have to bring is indeed the "old, old story" but it is nevertheless ever new, for, as we dwell in Him, we have the latest news to tell. This news is to be proclaimed not only by officially recognized preachers, for these are not numerous enough to effect the result. As the Spirit is continually saying unto men, "Come", so must the Church. Her invitation should be co-extensive with that of the Spirit, and in order for this to be the case, it is necessary for every one who hears to say "Come" that so men may be reached by the two-fold pressure of the inward invitation of the Spirit, and the outward invitation of the human voice.

Let not those who feel that they

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have not been called to the public preaching of the word, be discouraged, as though theirs were a gift to be despised. The ministry of the life is often more forcible than that of words. Sympathy, love, a humble, consistent life, how often have these together with simple words spoken in private opened the heart to receive the preached word? No one can measure the influence of a mother or a sister in the family. Important as large gifts are, there is one thing that is still more important, and that is Love. This is the more excellent way that the Apostle Paul speaks of as being superior to everything else in the experience of a Christian. Therefore, let none be discouraged, but each in their respective spheres of usefulness be faithful to all the Lord's requirements, and love one another.

Under a sense of the refreshing presence of the Lord with us, the meeting then concluded, to meet again next year if the Lord will. Jos. P. Elliott  
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