

Not long ago an enormous fire was kindled in the famous Virginian jungle known as the Dismal Swamp. It was started by hunters, and spread rapidly through the undergrowth and frost-bitten shrubbery, giving forth great clouds of thick smoke. So extensive was it that hundreds of wild animals, such as bears, foxes, and deer, as well as smaller animals, were driven out into the farming settlements, where they were speedily killed by the hunters.

When the refining fire of the Holy Spirit goes through a heart that has been the abode of wild passions and sinful

lusts, it drives them out from their hidden lairs and destroys them.

AS UNTO CHRIST. † † † †

"Not with eye-service as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ."—Eph. vi. 6.

An ancient heathen sculptor was once taken to task by a friend for taking so much trouble over the carving of a few hairs on the top of the head of a statue where no one would be any the wiser for any little omission in this direction. "The gods will see it," was his reply.

The Month's Changes.

BRITISH FIELD CHANGES.—FEBRUARY, 1903.

LONDON SLUMS.		
Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Whitechapel...	Melville	—
Supply	Wells	—
"	Haines	—
Silvertown	—	Brown
TRAINING HOME PROVINCE.		
Haggerston	How (pro tem.)	—
NORTH LONDON PROVINCE.		
Supply	Roe	—
East London Division.		
Waltham Abbey	—	Faulder
Ponders End... ..	—	Andrews
West London Division.		
Aylesbury	Aldridge	—
Hammersmith II.	Bewers	Underwood
SOUTH LONDON PROVINCE.		
South London Division.		
Peckham I.	—	Cobb
South-West London Division.		
Tadley	—	Hodge
MIDLAND PROVINCE.		
Notts and Derby Division.		
Ripley	—	Sherer
Sheffield Division.		
Woodhouse	Adj. Dalrymple†	—
Parkgate... ..	Sanders	Taylor

NORTH-WEST PROVINCE.		
Bolton Division.		
Corps.	C.O.	Lieut.
Lower Ince	—	Gray (pro tem.)
Liverpool Division.		
Buckley	—	Kear
Widnes	Currie (pro tem.)	—
Skelsmersdale	—	Mackness
Manchester Division.		
Manchester XII.	—	Evans
" Slums	—	Rogers
WESTERN PROVINCE.		
Cornwall Division.		
St. Austell	—	Price (In ch.)
Gunnislake	—	Goldsworthy
Redruth	Ens. Whitbread†	—
Devon Division.		
Supply	—	Henwood
Swindon and Reading Division.		
Whitchurch C.	Ens. Sadler	Maddocks
Swindon III.	Dungay†	—
IRELAND PROVINCE.		
North Ireland Division.		
Supply	Harrison	—
Belfast VI.	—	Parkes
SCOTLAND PROVINCE.		
Calton I.	Ens. Parsons	—
East Glasgow Division.		
Gorbals	—	Hanvey†
West Glasgow Division.		
Milngavie	Nicholas	—

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"Go straight for Souls, and go for the worst."—THE GENERAL.

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The Baptism of The Holy Ghost.

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"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the Word of God with boldness."—Acts iv. 31.

WHITSUNTIDE is a suitable season to consider the subject of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. We celebrate at this time that great event, the Pentecostal Baptism, when the Holy Ghost was poured out upon the waiting disciples in the Upper Room at Jerusalem, and they were all "filled" and "spake as the Spirit gave them utterance."

We are weak or strong in our spiritual life, and effective or ineffective, in our work for God, according to the measure of the Holy Ghost we possess.

Hence it is of vital importance that there should be no uncertainty as regards our experience in this respect. Do we as Officers, and as ambassadors

of Jesus Christ, attach the importance to the subject which it deserves? And do we fully realise how great is the prominence given to it by the various writers of the Scriptures and by Jesus Himself?

When John the Baptist was preaching near Jordan, the people who heard him were so impressed with his power that they questioned him as to whether he was the Christ or not. John replied, "I indeed baptise you with water; but One mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."—Luke iii. 16. This had reference to Jesus and His baptism. John