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APPENDIX TWELVE

<p style="text-align: center;">AIMEE SEMPLE McPHERSON'S REPORT TO HER CONSTITUENCY ON HER VISIT TO GOOD NEWS HALL</p>
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If ... you found your Campaign was to be launched, within 24 hours of your arrival from a four weeks' journey and under the most terrific handicap any evangelist could possibly be asked to face; if, upon your arrival, you discovered that the company by ... whom your name had been broadcasted for many months were not only small in numbers, but were ostracised and feared by the most earnest ministers and Christian workers ...; and if stunned with these assertions coming from every quarter, you investigated and found to your own horror that by the leader's own written 'Confession' she so differed from the Orthodox Christian teaching that she had declared herself to have been a 'fool' to join the Methodist denomination ...; and if, still, by this one's own written 'Confession' you found that she had become a convert of Miles Grant's 'Conditional Immortality' teaching that God had not created man with an immortal soul, total annihilation ...; and if, in her written 'Confession,' she admitted to such unscriptural and psychic demonstrations as 'mysterious tappings in her body' until she 'thought that the valves of her heart were giving away' ... until her woman's frame was convulsed till suddenly, as though shaken from their resting place by the convulsing spirit, strange unwonted notes burst from her mouth ... all of which she had mistakenly represented as the blessed dealings and Baptism of the Holy Ghost (oh, Pentecost, what crimes are perpetrated in thy name) ... and the result was that:

... you faced a stone wall of resistance ... and shattered confidence ... a quagmire of doubt and misgiving about your own doctrinal views ...; and if God sent a mighty wave of revival which in three short weeks removed

prejudice, swept over the city, filled the platform to overflowing with clergymen from practically every orthodox, evangelical denomination; and if the very ones who had written, preached warnings and circulated letters against the revival, sat and worked at your side with tear-brimmed eyes ... wouldn't you be more apt to say:

'Blessed be the God who saveth not with the spear or with the sword, for the battle is the Lord's' ... I wonder!¹

¹ McPherson, 1923, p.503. For more on McPherson see Chapter Seven.