otherwise the most skillful physician is
unable to make a single repair or im-
prove any part or portion of it; and the
most he can do is to give something to
be taken into the stomach to effect a
chemical change on the fluids of the sys-
tem, to neutralize perhaps an excess of the
acids, thus working a change in the
quality of the blood, and consequently
a change in the deposits that are being
made in all parts of the system by the
circulation of this fluid. But this won-
derful machine is kept in motion by what
power? We say it is the power of God;
we say it is in Him we live and move
and have our being. And, yet, He always
works through means, all His wonder-
ful works being performed by agents; but
He is not confined to one agent nor any
special method in performing His works.
But there is a spirit in this earthly taber-
nacle of ours that is relative to our Fa-
ther and God, and who is the owner
of this tabernacle, and for whom the
tabernacle is organized as his dwelling
house. It is this spirit that keeps the
functions of this tabernacle in motion;
when this spirit leaves the body, it is
either because the Father calls it away,
wishing to use it in another sphere, con-
sidering the time it has spent in this
tabernacle sufficient for the purposes re-
quired, and therefore takes it to a higher
school, through special design to do a
special work; or it may be, it has used
its tabernacle until it is so worn out
that it has become like a bow which has
been long and constantly bent—it has
lost its elasticity; its bones impaired in
strength, its muscles stiffened, and the
whole frame ready, like our old clothes,
to be thrown aside; and the spirit comes
to the conclusion that it has had its
run with this old tabernacle and that it
is time this old garment were laid aside
for a new one. Our Father comes to this
conclusion and gives the spirit a ticket
of leave, and removes it into another
sphere. But this is all necessary as a
school for us. The various pains and sor-
drows to be endured in life are all neces-
sary in their time and place; the trials as
we term them, are all necessary in their
place, they are all a part of the scheme
of education or training to prepare us for
the future. One of the sacred writers, in
speaking of Jesus, said: "For we have not
an high priest which cannot be touched
with the feeling of our infirmities; but
was in all points tempted like as we are,
yet without sin." And again: "For God
giveth not the Spirit by measure unto
him." It is measured out to you and me
in the providence of the Lord; but for him
there was a storehouse to draw upon,
as it were, without measure. He could
continue to heal the sick and raise the
dead and perform great and marvelous
things, and yet the supply of vitality was
not in the least abated. Mortals less
gifted and less favored who should be the
means of healing many sick by the power
of God, would feel that in taking their
infirmities upon them, they were sink-
ing under the weight, and would want
to hie themselves away to rest and re-
cuperate their exhausted frames. Jesus
was an exception in this respect; he took
upon himself our infirmities and bore
our sickness, as had been predicted by
Isaiah the prophet. He truly did heal
the sick wherever he went; and some
found that if they could even touch the
hem of his garment the disease from
which they suffered could be rebuked;
and one instance is given where this was
done, in which case we are told, virtue
went out of him. But notwithstanding