

ting them to work does not usually do the mischief that it did in this instance; but it is because the Holy Spirit convinces them that our advice falls short of their necessities; and brings them to do at last; what we should have told them to do at first; repent and believe. The awakened sinner will cry unto God; no one can prevent him; but when we set him at it, as a means of grace, we add our influence to the self-righteousness of his own heart, and increase the danger of his resting in his impenitent doings, instead of throwing himself at the foot of the Cross. I never tell a sinner not to pray; but I always endeavor to show him that God out of Christ is a consuming fire.

THE WOMAN WHO COULD NOT GIVE UP HER HUSBAND.

In the spring of 1844 a lady came to my meeting of inquiry in great agony of mind. On inquiring what it was that disturbed her so much, she answered that she was a lost sinner.

I told her that was indeed true, but Jesus Christ came into the world to seek and to save that which was lost, and if she was sensible of her perilous condition she should go to him.

She answered, with deep emotion, while the tears were streaming down her cheeks, that there was an insurmountable obstacle in the way of her coming to Christ.

I inquired what that obstacle was which could keep her away from her precious Saviour.

She replied, "If I come to him I must give up everything into his hands, and be willing to have him dispose of me and mine as He will; but my husband is an impenitent man, and is very dear to me, and I am not willing to give him up. He is the idol of my heart."

"My dear Mrs. D., can you take your husband out of his Maker's hand, or in any way benefit him by staying away from Christ, and thus destroying your own soul? Would it not be better for you to give yourself up to him and in this way put yourself in a position to pray for your husband, and by your pious example lead him to the Saviour?"

"Yes, this would be my best course, but how can I do this, while my heart cleaves to the partner of my bosom, and I cannot give him up?"

"But you have just admitted that he was in the hands of the Lord, and that your rebellion against your Maker could do him no good, why then should you encourage him in sin by your example?"

"I know it is all wrong, but my husband lies so near my heart that I cannot give him up. I feel that he is my idol."

"Well, madam, you see that one of the three things must then take place—either you must give up your husband, or God must take him away, or your own soul must perish."

"I know it is so! I see it! I feel it in my heart, and that is what distresses me."

"Well, madam, if one of these things must take place, you should make up your mind accordingly, and as a wise woman choose now which of the three you will prefer. If your husband stands in the way of your salvation will you give him with your own soul up to Christ? Or must he be removed out of your way? Or will you perish?"

She remained silent for some time, her bosom convulsed with sobs of anguish, and then, with a countenance full of joy, exclaimed, "Oh, I can give up my husband, and my own soul, too, into the hands of my blessed Redeemer. I will submit, I will be his!"

I prayed with her, and advised her to go home and examine herself to see that her surrender was an honest, and a whole-hearted one, and that her trust was alone in the mercy of God, through the blood of the Cross.

In a short time after this interview with the wife the husband indulged a hope in Christ, and at the next communion they were both, with, as near as I can now recollect, forty others, received into the church.

Six years have since passed away, and she who could not give up her husband, is, with him, walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.

Reader, have you an impenitent companion? If you have, instead of suffering an idolatrous affection for him, or her, to keep you away from Christ, let your love for the soul of such companion lead you to go immediately to your Saviour,

that your believing prayers, your pious conversation, and Christian example, may co-operate with the spirit of God to lead your loved one to the foot of the Cross.

Husbands and wives are not aware of the influence which they are exerting upon each other. They are all the time either co-operating with Satan to lead their companions down to hell, or they are co-workers together with God in preparing them for eternal glory. God has instituted this endearing relation, not only to make us happy here, but that our sanctified affections might co-operate with his word and Spirit to prepare those to whom we are connected by this bond, to enter with us into that glorious kingdom which Christ has prepared for those who love him.

STRANGLING IN THE INQUISITION.—It was a torture which lasted thirty minutes. On one side stood the inquisitors; on the other was the executioner. Above the poor victim was suspended, at a considerable height, a tunnel filled with water. He was then bound upon a table on his back. A linen cloth was then drawn tightly over his face. He could breathe; but now the water commences falling drop by drop!—the perspiration starts from the face—the cloth becomes damp—the small hole through which he breathes closes—suffocation commences! Then came the question of the inquisitor, "Are you guilty?" He struggles for breath to speak, and faintly answers "No!" Drop by drop falls the water for ten minutes; then comes another question from the inquisitor, "Are you guilty?" With great difficulty he answers, "No!" Ten minutes more, and the same question is repeated and answered in the same manner. At the expiration of the next ten minutes comes the last question—"Are you guilty?"—when, with a last desperate effort, he barely whispers "No!" and in another instant he is no more—he is DEAD!

This was the Church of Christ. How could we call those inquisitors the priests of Christ? They were not the priests of Christ, but the priests of the devil. They were murderers and assassins! —GAYAZZI.

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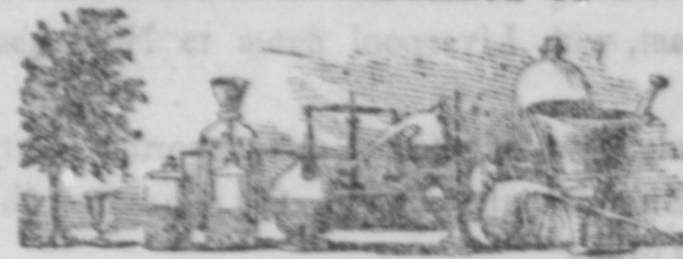
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