

that, as *obedient children*—as the *sons* of God—you will daily increase in knowledge, wisdom and holiness, and “grow up to the stature of men in Christ Jesus:” and that, finally, with your Redeemer and *elder brother* you will obtain possession of the heavenly inheritance in your *Father's* house—the “crown of righteousness which fadeth not away.” And, before we separate, let me warn you of the dangers of priestcraft. Think of the folly exhibited at the Islington clerical meeting, and rejoice that you have the Word of God as *your* guide. There, the Theological Doctors assumed as true an effect which, in reality, had no existence, and then they laboured to discover its cause! Instead of reasoning that as infants cannot believe, therefore they cannot be spiritually regenerated, they reasoned that as they are regenerated, therefore they must in some way believe! thus, instead of making their dogma yield to the Word of God, they tried to bring down the Word of God to square with their dogma!

“Oh! how unlike the complex works of man,
Heaven's easy, artless, unencumbered plan!”

How simple and plain is the Divine Testimony that all spiritual regeneration, or salutary change of character, springs from the knowledge and belief of spiritual truth; and that believers only should be baptized and received into the Christian Church. No other course, at least, was either taught or practised in the primitive churches, according to the testimony of the Apostle Paul. (Galatians iii. 26, 27.)

Slavery at the South.

Sale of human beings for the benefit of Theological Education.

“He that stealeth a man and selleth him shall surely be put to death.”—Exodus xxi 16

The following notice of a public sale is taken from the “Savannah Republican,” of March 3rd, 1845. After describing the plantation which was to be sold, the notice adds: “Also, at the same time and place, the following negro slaves, to wit:—Charles, Peggy, Antoinett, Davy, September, Maria, Jenney, and Isaac, levied on as the property of H. T. Hall, to satisfy a mortgage *fi. fa.* issued out of McIntosh Superior Court, in favour of the Board of Directors of the *Theological Seminary of the Synod of South Carolina and Georgia*, vs. said Henry T. Hall Conditions, cash. O. O'Neal, Dept. Sheriff.”

The above is an instance of the mode which the slaveholders of the South adopt to educate young men for the ministry! They sell men, women, and children by public auction, as they would their cattle or hogs, and apply the proceeds to teach divinity in their Colleges! Slavery, in all its forms, will, sooner or later, come under the operation of laws which will, either willingly or unwillingly, oblige the despot to proclaim liberty to the captives. That which justice and equity may have failed to remove, the terrible arm of an awakened and universal intelligence will surely accomplish. Ye spiritual slaveholders in this colony! be wise, and remember that you must render an account of your stewardship. How many souls have you bartered away for the possession of the power, and honour, and wealth of the world? The great day shall declare it before an assembled universe.

DOING THE WILL OF GOD.—I had rather do the will of God, than be able to work miracles.—Luther.

When once an idea is clearly expressed, every additional stroke will only confuse the mind, and diminish the effect.

The greatest learning is to be seen in the greatest plainness. The more clearly we understand anything ourselves, the more easily can we expound it to others.

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