

voice and a very positive manner, besides using a great deal of gesture and emphasis, and he was now standing in the middle of our little parlour, with his back to the entrance, and did not perceive that the Rector and his lady were standing at the door, waiting until he had finished his speech before they came forward. He usually carried things with a very high head among us, and talked so largely of what he would say to Mrs. Arnold, and what he would tell the Rector, that I was quite surprised to see how much he was out of countenance when Mr. Arnold laid his hand on his shoulder, and begged him to proceed, as he was fortunately there to improve by his admonitions. Poor Philip blushed and stammered very much, but at last repeated what he had said about the sermons, though in a much less positive way than he had spoken at first. Mr. Arnold listened to him very patiently, and then replied, "that he was very correct in some of his conclusions, and he agreed with him perfectly; but that, unluckily for his hopes of popularity, he was not allowed to preach any other religion than that of the Gospel, and that he was bound to preach it as he found it in the Bible, and not to paint a fanciful religion of his own invention, to suit the tastes and inclinations of his hearers. And," continued the Rector, "our Saviour himself, whom you will perhaps allow to be a proper authority in such matters, does not invite his people to come to his kingdom through paths strewn with flowers, but to take up the cross and follow him; and such must be the doctrines preached by his ministers, however difficult it may be for flesh and blood to receive and abide by it. You object," said he, "to my wife placing before the children of the Sunday School such a standard of action as the world is not prepared to admit; but, my young friend, remember that 'the end is not yet,' and that both in her teaching and my own, we are not employed by the Prince of this world to make converts for him, but by the Saviour of souls, to point out the strait and narrow way which leadeth unto life."