

nothing to do with it. Thank God, I charitably hope such cases are not numerous. I have met with but few such, in my revival efforts;—I mean among the ministers. Even in other denominations, I have met with many honorable exceptions. How refreshing is the following instance. During a great revival of religion in the north of Ireland, many years ago, in the early days of Methodism, a prelate of the Established Church said to one of the vigorous instruments of the revival, "It would break my heart if that successful ministry in the north were interrupted and marred. They think to cause me to stretch out my hand against you, but all the world shall never move me to do so." These present noble exceptions to a habit that is too prevalent among a class of men who should be the last to oppose a work of God. As to the case in hand, I cannot determine; God is judge; and he standeth at the door. If it be as some suppose, it is a hateful disposition. "*Aulus Gellius* used to wonder," says a writer, "how two such elegant and magnificent philosophers as Plato and Xenophon could ever descend to the meanness of depreciating and envying each other's talents and success. What would he have said, had he been witness to the low competitions, the dirty jealousies, the narrow self-seekings, and the envious treachery, visible in the spirit and conduct of some who pass for Christian ministers?" Apply as you may think proper.

Let none of these things move thee, my brother. Be courageous, and "play the man." A revival conflict shows the living minister. "A dead fish," said a good man, "will swim with the stream; but a live one, if it chooses, can swim against it." Ay! it can leap against and surmount a cataract!—only let your eye be single. Beware of imitating the ancient "would-be orator," who extolled eloquence to the skies, that he might be lifted up thither with her, expecting to be thought eloquent by extolling eloquence. Be what you seem. Enter not into revivals merely that certain parties may consider you a revivalist; but in deed and in truth, for the glory of God, and the good of souls that he has redeemed with his own blood. Revivalists are now popular in England; and preachers who have