

### Religious Controversial Discussion.

ay noon, the whole six, and one more, were rejoicing in the hope of pardoned sin. The change in the converts was marked and decided; and made a great impression on others. From that period the work went forward. In two weeks time there were thirty hopeful conversions. The divine spirit wrought with such energy, that few had occasion to attend more than the Inquiry Meeting, which occurred twice in a week. And what is remarkable, a large number of the conversions took place in the Inquiry Room, and that sometimes while I was conversing with the individual. I have almost *seen* the footsteps of the Almighty, and have witnessed what ought to have convinced any Atheist.

Our evening meetings, which are held in my house, are crowded and solemn. Many who have come to hear ranting and witness confusion, have been surprised to hear the words of truth and soberness, and see still attention in every countenance. Besides the anxious look and brimful eye, and face hid in silent anguish, there has been no *manifestation* of feeling in our meetings, excepting on one occasion. Just as I had dismissed them, one female who came there under deep convictions, said to those about her. "Oh! what a Saviour I have found;" At that moment a second person whom I did not know to have been distressed, expressed her joy. And no sooner had I spoken to her, than I was called to a third,—a young man who was rejoicing in hope, and could no longer conceal his feelings. A scene of weeping and rejoicing then took place, such as I never before witnessed. After two or three prayers more were offered, they were begged to retire.

For the last three weeks that work has not been so powerful. The hopeful conversions now amount to between sixty and seventy. Some Christians have felt their hopes shaken, and others who were in a blackslidden state, have been recovered and brought forward. I begin to fear a decline, and have tried to alarm the church. With thankfulness I record the very ready co-operation of the church members, throughout. We have hoped that the work would extend to other congregations in this city. There have been persons from all the four Protestant, and the Roman Catholic Church, to converse with me under spiritual concern. One Catholic woman, who had never been in a Protestant Church in her life