

### Stand By Your Colours.

A personal incident will illustrate this secret reliance, which the people of the world have upon the people of God. A young man, who was a professed Christian was seeking to win the heart and hand of a young lady of wealth and fashion. His suit did not prosper, and one day she said to him:—"You know that you are a Church member, and I am a gay girl, very fond of what you call the pleasures of the world." This led him to suspect that his religion was the obstacle to his success in winning her consent to marry him.

He accordingly applied to the officer of his Church (which must have been very loose in its joints) for a release from its membership. They granted it. "Now," said he to her, when he met her again, "the barrier is removed. I have withdrawn from my Church, and I do not make any profession to be a Christian." The honest hearted girl turned on him with disgust and horror, and said to him:—"M—, you know that I have led a frivolous life, and I feel too weak to resist temptations. I determined that I never would marry any man who was not strong enough to stand firm himself, and to hold me up also. I said what I did just to try you; and if you have not principle enough to stick to your faith, you have not principle enough to be my husband. Let me never see you again."

Whether this incident be actual or not, the lesson it teaches is beyond dispute. The world expects Christians to stand by their colours. When we desert them, we not only dishonour our Master and ourselves, but we disappoint the world. Christ's followers never will save the world by secularizing themselves or surrendering their strict principles of loyalty to whatever is right, pure and holy. Conformity to the world will never convert it." "Come out and be ye separate," saith the Lord, "and touch no unclean thing." Even if the world could succeed in bringing the church down to its own standard of opinion and practice, it would only work its own moral destruction. It would extinguish the light-houses which illuminate its own channels. It would destroy the spiritual leaven which Christ has ordained and prepared to save human society from corruption. —*Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler.*

### The Leaven of Popery.

Small and apparently harmless Popery began; with the power and perseverance

of a principle in nature it spread and defiled the Church. How completely that leaven penetrated the lump may be seen everywhere throughout Europe in the architecture, sculpture, paintings; in the laws, habits, and language that have come down from the middle ages to our own day. The evil spirit of the Papacy has intruded into every place—into the councils of kings, into the laws of nations, into the births, marriages and deaths of the people; between ruler and subject, between husband and wife, between parent and child comes the priest gliding in like water through seamy walls, sapping their foundations; into the inmost heart of maid, wife, mother, creeps the confessional, tainting, souring defiling society in its springs—a leaven of malice and wickedness, a leaven at once of Pharisee and Sadducee, a superstition that believes nothing and all combined to conceal the salvation of God and enslave the spirits of men. Beware of the leaven of the Papacy.—*Rev. W. Arnot.*

### Good, Simple Logic.

The untutored mind has often a short way of taking hold of great truths which men of culture might covet. Here is an illustration touching the order of nature. A minister asked an old negro his reasons for believing in the existence of God.

"Sir," said he, "I have been here going hard upon fifty years. Every day since I have been in this world I see the sun rise in the east and set in the west. The north star stands where it did the first time I saw it; the seven stars in Job's coffin keep on the same path in the sky, and never turn out. It isn't so with man's work. He makes the clocks and watches; they may run well for awhile, but they go out of fix and stand stock still. But the sun, and moon, and stars, keep on the same way all the while."

The heavens declare the glory of God.

### Hold On.

Hold on to your tongue when you are just ready to swear, lie, or speak harshly or use an improper word.

Hold on to your hand when about to strike, pinch, steal, or do any improper act.

Hold on to your foot when about to run away and disobey a father or mother running away from study or pursuing the path of error, or shame or crime.

Hold on to your temper when you are