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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning."—Psalm 137, 4-5.

ON FORBIDDING THOSE WHO FOLLOW NOT WITH US.

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"And John answered Him, saying, master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followed not us; and we forbade him, because he followed not us."—MARK IX. 38.

THERE is a great campaign now going on in the world. It is in the souls of men, between life and death, love and hatred, truth and a lie. It has been waged for at least six thousand years in this world, and as long as good and evil exist, there can never be peace through the ages of eternity.

This is a fight in which each man must take a part. There can be no neutrality, inasmuch as each must love the good or hate it. He must be for or against Christ. He must be a friend or foe. No man, indeed, can draw the line which divides the combatants. It is often easy to say who are on Satan's side, because thousands glory in their shame; and while many a man professes to be on the side of good who is on the side of evil, yet no man professes to be on the side of evil but one who really is so. But God alone can see the heart, and therefore God alone can try the spirits of the family, of the congregation, of the world, and know who is on this side and who is on that. Now it is just because each man is on either side that there is, in the sight of God, but one real and eternal battle in the world—this great one between the evil and the good. Yet, alas, there is also something at least like a battle between the soldier's of Christ's army. I say *like* a battle, because it is from mistake, and is unintentional. True—alas! too true—there are mutual animosities, and strifes, and jealousies; but are these attacks made by one soldier of Christ's army upon another, because he is a brother soldier? or are they not made because he is deemed an enemy? Has not the suspicion (it may be a very wrong one) crossed his mind that this one is not for, but against Christ; that he is an enemy in disguise, wearing the King's uniform over a cowardly and treacherous heart; and therefore ought to be