

lic profession and private self-gratification. Men are not permitted to make a mere convenience of Christ. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." There are too many persons in the present day trying to do this—they would like to have religion if they could have the world as well. But this cannot be. They—

"Contrive to suit frail nature's crazy case
And reconcile their lusts with saving grace,
By this, with nice precision of design,
Can draw upon life's map a zig-zag line,
That shows how far 'tis safe to follow sin,
And where their danger, and God's wrath begin."

You should do his commandments *constantly*. "To them who by patient continuance in well doing, seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life." (Rom. ii. 7.) "And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Gal. vi. 9.) Constancy is a very important element in this obedience. It must be an every-day work. The obedience of yesterday will not do for to-day, and that of to-day will not do for to-morrow. Some are very exact in their obedience when under any dark dispensations of Providence. Some when they are in the company of the righteous. Some when in the sanctuary, and on the Lord's day, assume the temporary appearance of obedient subjects. But "their goodness is as the morning cloud, and the early dew which passeth away." You must guard against this evil. At all times, in all companies, in all places, on all days, you must be obedient to God's will. Constancy is the condition of religious life, growth, strength, expansion, beauty, fragrance and fruitfulness, in every individual family and church. Meteors flash and darken again, but planets burn steadily in their orbits. There is a twilight that tends to noon-night, there is a twilight that ends in