

dying, a young man who has a certain charge in the house, said he would not allow me to speak to any man not of my religion, and that I should not persuade him contrary to his own mind. The young man was reproved by his superior, who said he should not interfere with Mr. Stewart. He answered, that he was bound by his religion never to stand by, and hear anything said against it, without opposing it, and that he would oppose it. The case was that of a man called L—, an English Protestant, who had recently, while living in a country district in this neighbourhood, fallen into the hands of Roman Catholic Priests, and they now directed him, while apparently on his death-bed, to pray to the Virgin Mary, and to Saints and Angels, and to trust to the fires of Purgatory to purify his soul from sin. Mr. Stewart told the dying man, that there was no safety, except in the finished work of Jesus Christ. While it must be admitted that nothing can be more unseemly, and pernicious, than a controversy at the bed-side of the sick and dying, we cannot fail to see in the bold challenge of the Roman Catholic, the avowal of that intolerance which would build a wall round Roman Catholics, and shut them out from every attempt to introduce the simple and pure doctrines of the Gospel. This principle must be steadily resisted by every means, and at all hazards. So long as any man is willing himself to hear the Gospel messenger, speaking to him on the things of salvation, to whatever denomination the person belongs, or if he belongs to no Church, no barrier must be placed between the parties; and this applies to public institutions, as well as to private houses. Such restraints may be submitted to at Rome, or in other countries under its desolating despotism, but the full right of proselytism by all denominations, is essential to every free country. Like all other rights, the exercise of it will be regulated by the prudence and discretion of the Christian Missionary, according to the circumstances of the case.

Mr. Stewart continues the case of L—. *November 19th.*—  
 "Visited the Hospital. Had a long conversation with poor L—; told him I considered his soul in danger—spoke of God's forgiving love and mercy, and exhorted him to put his trust in God, and to remember that the blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. He wept, and said, "I will pray to God, and believe in Jesus Christ, and this I will die with."

*December 1st.*—Hospital—received kindly, as usual. Some patients

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