

is of the world." "They are of the world." "We are of God." What then, I ask, will induce one who can say, I am of God, to unite himself to one who says, I am of the world? What? The lusts of the flesh, and these alone!

Unmarried Christians, read John's first general Epistle. The whole world is made up of single individuals, as a mountain is made up of atoms. Voluntarily to ally ourselves for life to one who is "of the world"—is to give up Christ. Pause and consider—you who may be about to take this step. What do you see in the object of your choice?—Beauty, riches, honored connections? One of these, all of these? What makes you desire them? I answer, *the lusts of the flesh*, and for these you reject one who has the moral beauty of Christ, the riches of a meek and quiet spirit,—one who is a child of God.

Well indeed would it be if you would follow the advice given to the daughters of Zelophehad in reference to this alliance;—"Let them marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribes of their father shall they marry."

Marry not out of the family of your Father, and you will not marry out of the church;—the Church is his family, composed of his sons and daughters.

Christians do you love Christ? Can you love one who sets his laws at defiance? Do you wish to be united to one by marriage, with whom you cannot unite at the Lord's table? Do you wish to be the father or mother of children who will have the example of disobedience to the laws of Christ in their own parents? Do you wish to risk being weaned from Christ yourself? If so, marry a votary of the world. If not, marry "only in the Lord."

The world, with all its allurements, all its riches, will soon pass away,—and all our connections in this world, which are only fleshly, will soon be dissolved. All friendship not immortalized by God's Spirit, must soon end. But there is a union which has no end, a friendship more enduring than the sun, a connection which shall never be dissolved.—The word of God with its effects endure for ever.

MATHEWES.

BROTHER OLIPHANT:—From various delays and hinderances, over which I had no control, I could not respond to Another Senex before now. Upon reading his second article I made up my mind not to respond to it, as I understood it was to be his last on this question: but when his third article appeared I viewed myself as called upon in defence of the truth to respond.