

by goodness, and by forbearance, to hear the preaching of the Gospel, which is declared to be the "power of God unto salvation unto every one that believeth;" since it is in general much oftener the corrupt heart than the understanding which is in fault. When you have gained a brother of mankind to hear the preaching of the Gospel, you may, more quickly than is fancied, gain the heart through this ordinance of Christ. Here the more powerful argument of a high wrought example, to which I have adverted before, will perhaps do more than all besides. The question will obtrude on the young man who has imbibed such errors, although often bidden away—"Why is my young friend of that Christian Association so mild, so kind, so patient with my folly, so anxious to preserve me from evil, that evil into which so many are constantly striving to plunge others as well as themselves, unless it be that the religion he professes *produces* these fruits; and if it does, then it must be from God; it surely is not from any thing evil, for it is altogether contrary to the principle of evil." And let it not be forgotten, that this inquiry may be of long continuance in the mind, even while the countenance assumes the same doubting, almost scoffing aspect. *Let it not be forgotten*, because it will have the happy tendency of encouraging your efforts to do good, even although, to all appearance, but little progress seems to be made.

It is a happy thing, and speaks well for the state of religion in this City, where in almost every Church the Gospel is preached, that it is superfluous for me to refer to such monstrous nuisances as Mormonism, Socialism, Millerism, Spiritual Rappings, and the like, the offspring of men's pernicious passions, or heated imaginations. These wild delusions have been productive of wide spread evil wherever their deleterious effects have been experienced; and enough of their practices and bitter fruits are known, to make it almost unnecessary to warn my young friends, should any attempt be made to exhibit their fanatical notions here, not to encourage or countenance them.

There was a time, when Christian men, although agreeing in the grand essentials which belong to what Jude calls the "Common Salvation," used to avoid each other, and oft proceed much further in a sad course of mistaken antipathy,