

conflict is to be managed on our part. We are to put on the whole armor of God. The greaves of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer. By faith in the results to be accomplished, by fighting as if we meant to have the victory, by persuading men with tears to be reconciled to God, and, by using all the means so abundantly placed within our reach, to win souls to God. So viewed, ministers are not to fight the Lord's battles alone. Alone to wrestle, alone to pray, "They are but the leaders of a mighty host, not one of whom even the most apparently insignificant but has his place and duty in the great conflict. Holy women labored in the gospel with Paul. Children cried Hosanna before their Lord. Converted servants were useful in the work. Every soul enlightened in the apostolic age was himself a means of converting others.

When we labor most earnestly we labor most successfully. There is something enkindling in the very look and tone of an earnest man. Something contagious in the atmosphere he breathes. When we labor most earnestly we labor most wisely. We have spoken of the peculiar tendencies of the present day. It is well sometimes to meet argument with argument to be well skilled in the various devices and subterfuges by which men seek to elude the truth, and to be able to cope with the disastrous influences of semi-infidelity and false doctrine, with which we may be thrown in contact; but, after all, that man who has a deep thorough conviction of the truth of what he proclaims, is better off than, if without this, he were well versed in all the learning of the schools. The truths themselves are weighty and important; they teach men how to live, and how to die; but, when to this is added the deep sympathy, the glowing tenderness, the burning zeal of a heart which lives in the consciousness of an ever present Saviour, and with the cry of the Apostle, "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," ringing in his ears, we cannot but feel that he who is thus earnest will be successful by the blessing of God.

But again it was said by Louis XIV that the last piece of gold wins the fight. Preachers must be sustained; missionaries