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SACRIFICE AND RECOMPENSE.

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Then Peter began to say unto him: Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.—Mark x: 28-30.

Two grand ideas may be drawn from these words: the one, of an absolute abandonment of the apostles to their

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Master; and the other, of an infinite compensation promised by Jesus Christ to the apostles. It is to these two thoughts that I wish, with the help of God, to direct your attention to-day.

I. "We have left all, and have followed thee." Let us first direct our attention to Him to whom these words are addressed. There is a tendency, at the present time, to reduce the manifestation of the Gospel to the proportions of an ordinary historic fact. It is desired, so it is said, to render Jesus Christ more human, more accessible to our understandings; and, with this end in view, His divine origin is effaced, or explained away, by misconstruing all the passages in which His divine nature is maintained. Nothing else is seen in Him than the sublime originator of the law of charity. Indeed, I presume that soon even these declarations will be effaced. Yet there will remain two facts, because of which the Gospel cannot be made to disappear. The first is, that Jesus Christ demanded of His disciples that they should give themselves up entirely, not only to His doctrine, but to His person, in sacrificing to Him all their possessions. The second is, that Jesus Christ is become, in