

pit fall in and bury three human beings alive, I lifted up my voice for help so loud that I was heard nearly a mile off. Help came and rescued two of the men. No one called me an enthusiast then. But when I see eternal destruction ready to overwhelm poor sinners and call aloud on them to escape, men call me an enthusiast."

A young man was urged by a minister to rise for prayers at a meeting where many were inquiring, but he held back. A friend said to the minister urge more. He did so, but still the youth declined. Three times was the urgent request repeated, each time with more earnestness, and the third time the young man arose. It was the turning point with him. It committed him on the side of religion. The fervent prayers offered for him were answered, and soon he was humbly, sweetly trusting in Jesus. A few months after the minister heard that Willie M. was dead, and that he died a Christian. Could he ever regret having urged him so often and so earnestly to come to Jesus? Christians let us urge more—compel them to come in.—*S. S. World.*

### Refining the Silver.

SOME time ago a few ladies were reading the third chapter of Malachi: "Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me," etc. One of the ladies gave it as her opinion that the fuller's soap and the refiner's silver were only the same image, intended to convey the same view of the sanctifying influence of the grace of God.

"No," said another, "they are not the same image, there is something remarkable in the expression in the third verse. 'He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'" They all said that possibly it might be so.

This lady was going into town and she promised to see a silversmith, and report what he said on the subject. She went, and without telling the object of her errand, begged to know the process of refining silver, which he fully described to her.

"But do you sit, sir?"

"Oh, yes, madam, I must sit with my eye steadily fixed on the furnace; since if

the silver remain too long it is sure to be injured."

She at once saw the beauty, and comfort, too, of the expression, "He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." Christ sees it needful to put His children into a furnace; but He is seated by the side of it. His eye is steadily intent on the work of purifying, and His wisdom and His love are both engaged to do all in the best manner for them. Their trials do not come at random; the very hairs of their head are numbered.

As the lady was returning to tell her friends what she had heard, just as she turned from the shop door the silversmith called her back and said he had forgotten to mention that he only knew the process of purifying was complete by seeing his own image in the silver. When Christ sees His own image in His people His work of purifying is accomplished.

### Tact in Teaching.

No accomplishments, literary attainments, or moral worth, can insure success in education without that tact which will enable the teacher to comprehend the characters of her pupils, to gain their affection, and to control and influence their prejudices and prepossessions. This is not the work of a day or a month; as those teachers who ultimately gain the greatest ascendancy over their pupils may, for a time, seem to have made little progress towards this end, while more superficial persons, by assuming at first an appearance of great softness of manner, by caressing and patting the little dears, may be admired as *very lovely, very amiable teachers*. But young persons are not slow in detecting any attempt at deception; they soon learn to consider this fondness as a sort of mannerism assumed only for effect; and whenever they get such an impression, they give those who have charge of them little credit for any sincerity. A person of good judgment will not, then, begin with her pupils by flattery or caresses; she will endeavour to define their duties with precision, and will seek, at first, to inspire respect rather than love; knowing that the former once secured, the latter will easily follow.—*The Student.*