

have the Everlasting Arms to bear us to the "perfect peace" awaiting those whose "minds are stayed" on Him. To those who have duly and reverently celebrated the Birth-day, the Death, and Resurrection of our Lord, the Ascension Day must of necessity be one of holy gladness; and we may be sure that if it possesses for us no sacred associations, if it carries to us no holy lessons, and stirs no heavenly hopes within our hearts, then those *other* great events in our Master's life have had little meaning for us, and, therefore, we are not living members of that body, whose Divine Head, now dwelling in the Glory which He had before the world was, ever maketh intercession with His Father for the sinners whom He died to save.

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### ROOTING UP THE TARES.

"You Church people let anybody join your Church, and you don't turn them out when they fall. There's that man Jones who was confirmed a year ago, he's been drunk again after holding out more than a year. But you won't turn him out, I know." And Mrs. Sevier gave a groan as she thought of the indulgence extended to sinners, and how hard it is to root up the tares which infest the wheat.

"You are certainly correct in your prediction," said Mr. Can-did. "for the Church cannot cast off those who need her care most, and just when they require all the help which the means of grace can afford. It would be like turning a sick man out of a hospital because he has had a relapse."

"And so you encourage them in their sins, and make the Church

nothing better than a hospital! I thought the Church was for the righteous and not for sinners."

"Then, there was your mistake, and it is the same into which the Jews of old had fallen when Jesus reminded them, that 'they that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick'; and that He 'came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.' Excommunication is a fearful thing when we realize what it is and what it implies, and it should only be resorted to in extreme cases and with incorrigible offenders. Every poor struggling sinner is not to be cast off and given over to Satan because he falls perhaps through weakness and in spite of his own earnest efforts to the contrary. So long as he will maintain the battle against his besetting sin, the Church should never cast him out nor leave him to struggle alone. If this brings odium upon the Church, she must even endure it, as did her Lord when He was reproached as a companion of publicans and sinners." — *Old Church Path.*

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### A METHODIST PAPER ON REVIVALS.

If I have erred in my dislike of the exciting measures that Revivals at times resort to, I have the honor to have erred in excellent company. And if the Church have her decided views on the subject, she is endorsed by thousands outside of her; for there are good Christian people of every denomination who think just as she does about it.

I am prepared to speak for some of our Methodist brethren, at any rate; and that body of Christians is the one who has given the revival