

TOO POSITIVE.

Always allow other people their opinions, and do not be too sure your own are right. Remember, if you are right in one particular, you may be wrong in others. Do not be defiant, or boldly contradict; but calmly express your reasons, and patiently bear with those whose understanding is less clear, or whose reason is disturbed by passion. Rather than "It is," and "It isn't," "You did," and "You didn't," say, "It seems to me," or "I think it is," or "If I mistake not." Avoid all rude and ill-natured expressions, as calling one foolish, obstinate, or provokingly stupid. Our aim should be to advance the *truth*, not *ourselves*. It often happens that much time is wasted and temper lost in matters of no great consequence. One says the lesson is hard, another says it is not, and there is a fuss. Jane saw Susan go down the street, but Mary declares it was somebody else, and another difference ensues. All this shows a wrong spirit, and causes much bitterness, both in words and feelings. Let us readily yield in trifles. While in all cases concerning duty and happiness we are faithful to the right, let us remember to hold the truth in meekness.

WHO IS BROWNLOW NORTH?

This may reasonably be asked by all who heard the remarkable address which must yesterday (Sabbath,) have touched the conscience of many in the large audience who listened to Mr. North. We, therefore, place before our readers some facts about him drawn from reliable resources.

His grandfather was the Bishop of Winchester, and brother of Lord North, so long the Minister of George III. His father had also pre-ferment in the Church of England. In early life Brownlow North was also destined for the Church, but his tastes and pursuits led him to indulge in gaiety, and what the majority of persons consider a life of pleasure. In November, 1854, while residing at Dallas Lodge, in the vicinity of Elgin, Mr. North, while playing at cards one evening, suddenly felt a sensation as if he were going to drop down dead. He rose up, and said to his son, "I am a dead man—take me up stairs." His first reflection then was, "Where am I to go as soon as I am dead?" a thought which now burst upon him, and impressed him with his need of mercy. It was a moment of sharp inward conflict, for as he was about to kneel and call upon God for mercy a maid entered the room to kindle

the fire; for a moment he hesitated before her, but through God's grace he did get up, and in her presence threw himself down on his knees and began to call upon God. On the following day he made a public announcement to his friends in the house, and to others by letter, that from that instant he had become a changed man.

For months he strove to find God, and pardon, and peace; after spending hours of the night in earnest supplication, in agony of soul; but it pleased God to give him a view of the righteousness of God in Jesus Christ; and these precious words, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out," gave him rest, because he perceived that God's truth was pledged to forgive even him, if he believed in His Son.

About a year after this, circumstances quite unsought for by him drew him out as a preacher; and the vividness of his convictions, the reality of his new life, and his knowledge of the human heart and of God's Word have wonderfully fitted him for speaking to his fellows. In Scotland he has occupied the pulpits of nearly all denominations, and everywhere crowds wait upon his ministrations. In London, St. James's Hall was a witness to this heart-stirring plain statements of truth in 1860; and in Willis's Rooms, St. James's, meetings were commenced for aristocratic circles, to which admission was by ticket, delivered only to such; the streets and squares in the neighbourhood were crowded by carriages, and on successive Mondays, Mr. North spoke to these fashionables the burning words of truth drawn from God's Word. During the last winter and spring, a course of addresses was given in a similar manner in Edinburgh, and we hear that the results are such as to encourage him in similar efforts elsewhere.

We believe Mr. Brownlow North still belongs to the communion of the Church of England.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

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