

complicated by sweeping and ornamenting, is only a preparation for a worse condition ; and nothing is done for God but when the Stronger enters the house. No instrument of garnishing *according to God*, but Christ. And in the remembrance of these verses, dear brother, ask yourself what is doing in and for the house of Christendom at this moment. Is not many a broom, many a brush, sweeping it and painting it? Is this making it God's house, or getting it ready to be the house of the full energy—the seven-fold energy—of the enemy?"



## MEDITATIONS ON THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

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### *Strife between Brethren.*

(Chap. xii. 1-6.)

Chapter xii is a picture of one of the gravest symptoms of ruin : contention and open war between brethren. Formerly, when the people had not left their first love, or when their leader evinced more spiritual power, this calamity had been averted. The constant design of Satan is to disunite the children of God. He knows that our strength consists in being gathered around a common centre ; and, not being able to destroy this essential unity which God has established, he seeks to destroy that which has been committed to our responsibility—its manifestation. Now we