

are they to glory in this thing as if Scripture must have a double meaning or Christ were divided? How deliterious this course pursued by these scholars is on the rank and file of the church, turning their minds to controversy when they should bend their whole force on the study of truth on which no doubt should ever be cast. Let them prove their speculations. The remparts of truth will not be shaken by the noise and array of these pop guns. In order to acquire the habit of piety there is only one course open to us, the daily performance of all its duties. Christianity is largely a system of teaching. Its author places the intellectual training largely before the emotional. Everyone knows how restricted is the period in which attention can be given to these things, and if that is neglected or suffered to pass unimproved, how shall we escape. To us it locks sin against the Holy Spirit, to set minds adrift from the pure truth He seeks to impress on them, turning away their ears from the truth to fable. No amount of popularity, or the praise of men, can possibly compensate for the self inflicted injury done himself in the dishonesty, guilt, villiany, in torturing, misrepresenting, hiding the meaning of truth as if it were falsehood. Can piety, sanctification, be obtained without pains, labor and devotion to duty? The man who neglects this is guilty, and the man who turns others to speculation and relaxation of duty is equally guilty. One member may defraud for a corporation of a hundred or a thousand and be guilty, so is every man of the thousand that approves his deeds equally guilty.

The love of these sins cannot accord with the love of Christ in the soul. The love of money is the root of all evil, which while some coveted after, they have erred concerning the faith and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. This love is so ardent in the rich men of our day as to burn out all convictions of wrongdoing, and sear their consciences into a cinder. Every wickedness is employed to make wealth. Then when it is rotting in banks that give only to a certain extent interest and very low on deposits, half what they charge the borrower, these money men will lend at a ruinous per centage if they can, or on security three or four times the value, or as the appraiser is generally in their interest after a deposit is extorted from the borrower a valuation is made so low that he is swindled out of what he put up and the money cankers on. What resemblance have these slaves of mammon to Christ. What are they but the most virulent cancers consuming their own species, that are like the gentils prostrate under the wheels of their idols' cars. Are these wealthy slaves happy? Can their covenant with death save them from His syth? Or their agreement with hell save them from its blue blazes and brimstone burnings? The trusts of oils, sugar, woollen, cotton and coal and insurances with every other combine are the white rots of humanity in these degenerate days, and yet the clergy pronounce eulogies on our age as if we were in the Zeneth of the millenium or in the heart of paradise itself.

We have mentioned Daniel holding out the idea of repentance to the idolatrous Belshazzar, and showing mercy to the poor, if it may be a lengthening of his tranquility; and Peter to Simon Magus, repent of thy wickedness and pray God if the thoughts of thy heart may be forgiven thee. We say by the authority that commands repentance and remission of sins to be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, to all these enormous robbers of the poor in their lowering wages and extortionate prices repent and make restitution. What will your hundreds of millions do for you as impenitents in the abyss to which you are driving with bicycle speed and recklessness. Others as mad in their love of the world as you repented. Zacheus gave half his goods to feed the poor and made a declaration unknown in the mouth of a covetous mer-