

community. The preacher's work is not done, by any means, when he has succeeded in persuading men to renounce their evil ways and enter upon the loving service of the Lord Jesus Christ. After conversion and conscious adoption there is a sense in which a yet greater work remains. The mustard-seed idea of the kingdom of heaven in a human soul should never be forgotten, either by the minister, or by the young convert. It is small in its beginnings, but is designed to grow. The beginnings of Christian life in any soul are necessarily small. Every new-born child of God, no matter what his age, his intelligence, his maturity in other things, is nothing but a babe in grace to begin with. He must be fed. He must be carefully, patiently instructed. This work will devolve chiefly upon the minister. His sermons, that have been of an awakening character, must now be full of instruction, If the truth which new converts have received is not confirmed in them by clear and repetitious teaching, serious peril must be the result. Inexperience must be taught by experience concerning the peculiar temptations, difficulties, dangers, and duties which are incident to the beginning of a holy life; for instance, that converts must not doubt the reality of the life of God in the soul because it is only a spark at the beginning; that they must not judge of their spiritual state by their feelings, but must learn to "live by faith;" that they must stand as witnesses for Christ; that, as they value their soul's life, they must enter upon some course of Christian activity; and many