

and kill your father and mother, would you be disposed to embrace his religion? The heathen have long known nations professedly Christian mainly as war makers; and is it wonderful that they are slow to receive the gospel at the hands of Missionaries going from such people?

CURE FOR A PASSIONATE TEMPER.

A merchant in London had a dispute with a Quaker respecting the settlement of an account. The merchant was determined to bring the question into court, a proceeding the Quaker earnestly deprecated, using every argument in his power to convince the merchant of his error, but the latter was inflexible. Desirous to make a last effort, the Quaker called one morning and enquired of the servant if the master was at home. The merchant hearing the enquiry, and knowing the voice, called aloud from the top of the stairs, "tell that rascal I am not at home."

The Quaker looking up towards him, calmly said, "Well, friend, God put thee in a better mind."

The merchant, struck with the meekness of the reply, and having more deliberately investigated the matter, became convinced that the Quaker was right, and he was wrong. He requested to see him, and acknowledging his error he said, "I have a question to ask you—how were you able with such patience on various occasions, to bear abuse?"

"Friend," replied the Quaker, "I will tell thee: I was naturally as hot and violent as thou art. I knew that to indulge in that temper was sin, and I found that it was imprudent. I observed that men in a passion always spoke aloud and I thought if I could controule my voice, I could suppress my passion. I have therefore made it a rule never to raise my voice above a certain key; and by a careful observance of this rule I have, with the blessing of God, entirely mastered my natural temper."

The Quaker reasoned philosophically, and the merchant, as every one else may be, was benefited by his example.

ON TEMPTATION.

When men are overtaken with a sin, they set themselves to repent of that sin, but do not consider the temptation that was the cause of it, to set themselves against that also, to take care that they enter no more into it; hence they are quickly entang-