

WITHOUT.

E have a knowledge, but there is an untoward without that mars it; it is without attention, without conscience, with out humility. There was such a conceit in a fiction, that a well-informed city yet many defects in her found members. and wondered where the It was told by a fault should rest. critic, that there was one small particle, without, that spoiled all, advising the extermination of it. An edict was made and certain orders sent down for the banishment of without, and for the exprobation of them that retained A magistrate without justice is a it. river without water; a rich man without liberality. a tree without fruit; a young man without repentance; a house without a roof; a woman without modesty; meat without salt; a scholar without discretion; a pen without ink; worth without silence, a treasure without a keeper; a design without power to go through with it, a flight without feathers; wit without patronage, land without dew; knowledge without practice; smoke without incense; Christian without patience, a horse without a bridle; and intendment without constancy, a wheel without a spring or balance. If we could be once rid of We this without, all would be well. should then no longer have faith with out works, which is like fire without light or heat; nor repentance without amendment, which is a washing without being clean; nor profession without honesty, which is a face of goodness without a body: nor zeal without

knowledge, which is a fire without a chimney; nor knowledge without obedience, which is an eye without a foot; nor religion without conscience, which If these is a body without a heart. withouts, these privations that so offend piety, were gone, the rest, that so offend felicity, would follow. For then we should attain to peace without trouble, comfort without sorrow, light without darkness, health without sickness, life without death, glory without envy, and joy without end.-THOMAS ADAMS.

A MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION.

EV JOHN NEWTON was once speaking of a lady who had recently died. A young lady immediately asked, 'Oh, sir, how did she die?' The venerable man rephed, 'There is a more important question than that, my dear, which you should have asked first.' 'Sir, said she, 'what question can be more important than ''How did she die?''' 'How did she LIVE ?' he replied.

"GOOD COMPANY OR NO COM-PANY,"

AS the motto of a most distinguished man. One's associates in early life give a colour to all future character. "Tell me who a man's companions are, and I will tell you what a man is." A companion of wise men will be wise, but he tuat goeth with vain persons will have poverty enough.

There are people whose very presence is contagion for good or evil. Better dwell in perfect solitude than have to mourn over evil and defilement got from wicked, loose, lewd companions. Better no company than bad company.

