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## A BISHOP'S WARNING.

Bishop Foster of the Methodist Episcopal church, says that the great dangers of the church are "assimilation to the world, neglect of the poor, substitution of the form for the fact of godliness, abandonment of discipline, a hireling ministry, an impure gospel, which, summed up, is a fashionable church," and than he adds, "That Methodists should be liable to such an outcome, and that there should be signs of it in a hundred years from the 'sail loft,' seems almost the miracle of history; but who that looks about him to-day can fail to see the fact? The Church of God is to-day courting the world. Its members are trying to bring it down to the level of the ungodly. The ball, the theatres, nude and lewd art, social luxuries, with all their loose moralities, are making inroads into the sacred inclosure of the church, and as a satisfaction for all this worldliness Christians are making a great deal of Lent and Easter, and Good Friday and church ornamentation. It is the old trick of Satan. The Jewish church struck on that rock, the Romish church wrecked on the same, and the Protestant church is fast reaching the same doom."

## BE WARNED IN TIME.

A few days ago, when taking lunch in a down-town restaurant, we noticed a young clergyman, pastor of a prominent church, washing his dinner down with a large-sized glass of claret. The day following, while talking to a gentleman in his office, in reeled our old pastor of fifteen years ago, so much intoxicated that he was at once summarily ejected.

No doubt the former gentleman would have been very highly insulted should we have insinuated that his end might possibly be like that of his older brother in the ministry, who began in precisely the same way, by no means intending to end his as a drunken outcast, turned from the doors of his former associates, who once so admired his deep learning and eloquence. We never remember having heard of a man who deliberately acquired the evil habit with the intention of finally lying down in a drunkard's grave. At first, it is always the social glass, the system's tonic, to cool or warm oneself; but O, how dangerous! what a risk! let him who *thinks* that he standeth take heed lest he fall.—*Episcopal Recorder*.