

of God upon earth. They are supposed to have been baptized *into* one body, the body of Christ, and so brought "within." They are supposed, then and there, to have been made partakers of the grace, privilege, calling, brotherhood, relative sanctification, or whatever else it may be called, of the Christian covenant. If they sin, they are assumed to fall from grace; if they do not, they are supposed to continue in it.

No matter what the difficulty of reconciling all this with theories or facts, it is so. There is no other mode of addressing professing Christians in the inspired volume.

Baptism, then, even in the case of these of those adult persons who show deficiency of Faith, is always assumed to be the beginning of a life, the entrance into an enclosure, the grafting into a body, the means of joining a brotherhood, or fellowship. From the moment of his Baptism, a man is, by the Apostles, instructed or warned on a different principle to what he would have been had he continued a heathen. The highest possible appeal is made to him to live *holy*, for he is appealed to as a member of Christ.—*Rev. F. M. Sadler.*

### GRUMBLERS.

Don't be a grumbler. Some people contrive to get hold of the prickly side of everything, to run against all the sharp corners and to find out all the disagreeable things. Half the strength spent in growling would often set things right. You may as well make up your mind, to begin with, that no one ever found the world quite as he would like it; but you are to take your

share of the trouble and bear it bravely. You will be very sure to have burdens laid upon you that belong to other people, unless you are a shirk yourself; but don't grumble. If the work needs doing, and you can do it, never mind about the other boy who ought to have done it and didn't. These workers who fill up the gaps and smooth away the rough spots, and finish up the jobs that others leave undone, they are true peace-makers, and worth a whole regiment of growlers.—*Old Church Path.*

### A TALE OF A LONDON CONFIRMATION.

"Oh! for Thy truth and mercy's sake,  
Forgive, and bid me sin no more;  
The ruin of my soul repair,  
And make my heart a house of prayer."  
—*Anon.*

"I am convinced," wrote Dr. Champneys, "that a Confirmation, well worked, carefully prepared for, employed as a providential opportunity for the systematic teaching of the great doctrines of the Christian faith, and for united prayer, never fails to be a recruiting-time for the army of the living God. Few sights are more touching than to see these young soldiers of the cross come up in ranks to take the military oath, to confess their great and glorious Leader, to range themselves under His banner, and join the veteran army of the faith.

"It was the evening before a Confirmation. According to my practice for many years, the candidates were assembled for worship in the Church, that we might pray together there—as we had so often prayed in our place of teaching—that parents and friends might