

of their unfitness ; for certain it is, that constant obedience is the best method to qualify any person for any duty, especially so in regard to christian duty. The promised blessing will ensue ; God has said it ; try it, try long, try to the end of the race—for there is the promise.

Yours in love,

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THINK OF IT !

Even amongst the disciples of Christ, who take the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and practice, it is most clear, from the fact that many are endeavouring to build up Bible, Missionary and Sunday school societies, etc., to do the work of the church, they do not possess full confidence in the church and her resources to renovate the world. Hence speculative plans take possession of the hearts of the brethren.—Gospel Advocate.

MORE TO THINK ABOUT.

The first preachers of the Gospel, by their close adherence to the example of Christ, in humility, devotion, and complete consecration to God, with a total disregard of worldly treasures, honors, and powers, gave great evidence of their confidence in the doctrine they preached, their Master, and their hope of a resurrection from the dead, and eternal glory in the world to come. They lived and acted under the motto, "We have no continuing city here;" or in different words; "The things that are seen, are temporal, but the things which are not seen, are eternal." They received their great impulse from the eternal, and not from the temporal. But a worldly ministry receive their main impulse from the temporal, and not from the eternal. They are governed continually, by worldly influences, appliances, and policies. They are constantly speaking and meditating upon what the world will say, or think of us, and not how they will please God. We have long discovered that even among good men—the best of men—there is a wonderful proneness to wander from the simplicity of the way of the Lord, to real innovations, endangering the peace, harmony, and union of the whole family of God on earth. It is a difficult task to induce men to fix their minds upon the wisdom of God, admire it, and show by their practice their full confidence in it. It is true, almost any man will ad-