

But, *why* do April showers, perhaps the chilly winds of March, dissipate or supersede these showers of Divine grace? Because revivals must give way to business. January brings leisure to merchants, tradesmen, &c., to get up revivals till the money-making season again returns. I submit, to christians and to all, if this periodicity of revivals, and at *such* times and seasons, too, does not tell a story touching revivals that should make those blush whom it may concern.

Let me not, by any means, be understood to speak against man's exercising the religious feeling. So far from it, I would advocate our exercising the religious sentiments more *all the time*, than they are now exercised even in revivals. But, I would *not* have these exercises *fitful*, but *perennial*. The day of Pentecost should have lasted till now, and even swept down the vista of all coming time, till the last human being gave up the ghost. The principles advocated in this essay, *show that religion should be the paramount feeling*, pursuit, occupation, of man, and not a winter's coat, that he can put on when he cannot make money, only to be put off when he can. Money should be the one to give place to religion, and not religion to money-making. And this subjecting the "Spirit of God," as revival influences are called, to the worldly spirit, tells a deep, dark story on the religion of the day—tells it that it is both animal, and secondary at that, while it *should be primary*, and in-wrought into the very texture of all we do, say, feel.

I am fully persuaded, that the Bible does not inculcate, does not even sanction the revival spirit, or measures, or converts of the day. For, those that are *converted* by impulse, must, by a law of mind, be impulsive, periodical christians, and therefore disqualified to enjoy constant, permanent religion, as well as to shine as a steady christian light upon the sinful darkness of the surrounding world.—*Fowler on Religion.*

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#### CHAPTER OF EXTRACTS.

*If the reader has a taste for variety, he may always be gratified by examining the assortment of matter labeled, Chapter of Extracts, in which department we design inserting many of the choice pearls of truth. Although the connexion or the relationship of these literary & religious gems may be as difficult to trace as the exact relationship between the inhabitants of Spain and Africa, or between the most remote descendants of the three sons of Noah, yet, we can assure the reader they will be selected in view of their value, and that they will invariably repay for an attentive perusal. The verses may at times be unusually long, and again quite short; and sometimes the subject of one verse may have some little bearing upon another; but generally no such affinity may be expected.*