

to do when public opinion is extensively influential.

Every day brings its opportunities of doing good or evil. The Christian hopeth all things, endureth all things, putteth the best construction, and maketh the best of every thing, and every body. In any object of contention and collision of interests, he looks not only to his own rights, but the rights of his fellow man, and asks himself what may reasonably be expected by the one or the other under similar and opposite circumstances? Human opinions, and esteem, are only valuable and respected as they are founded on truth. The "*Mens conscia recti*" will always sustain the upright and honest mind in the vicissitudes of this chequered life, and the strange versatilities of other minds! A conscience void of offence to God and man is the standard of the sincere Christian.

A parting word to brother Jonathan on the indiscriminate and unmeaning use of the word "*guess*." To speak with ambiguity, when you can speak with certainty, is prejudicial to truth, and the best interests of mankind, and is a habit brother Jonathan would correct did he see its bearings with the eye of experience. The vague and ill defined use of the word "*guess*" embodies in it a dangerous principle inasmuch as people may go on to guess at every thing, and be certain of nothing. The expression "*I guess*" should never be used but in its true and proper sense, or otherwise it serves too well to aid the fraudulent, the false, and the malicious, by raising doubts and sus-