

shown in the previous pages. And I doubt not after all, but the intelligent reader will be ready to inquire what reason could those men have for encouraging and sustaining my wife in such unlawful and unchristian actions, and instigating her to go and enter law against me, and thereby breaking up the family; then to carry on such underhanded work as is here shown to despoil my property and expel me from my home; moreover depriving me of the privileges of church communion for the last ten years, in addition to all other bad usage which I had received from them, and that without their being able to show the least just cause for so doing.

I am ready to acknowledge that this is a very singular and mysterious case, nevertheless I think the reason is clearly and plainly to be seen from their conduct throughout the whole matter, if they were not the instigators of the plot they would not sustain my wife in such conduct; neither would she act as she has done, if she were not aware that they would sustain her; consequently they through their cunning craft tried in this way to screen themselves by expelling me from my home in the manner above shown. The next reason is the one given in the New Testament by our Saviour when He said, "If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you," and I think this is very plainly fulfilled in their conduct as shown in this narrative; and I think the christian reader will take these two reasons conjointly, and come to the conclusion that there should be a stop put to such conduct in the church at once, which is so contrary to being peace makers, as we should have expected from ministers of the Gospel.

I also think if the ecclesiastical authorities do not think it necessary for their cause to investigate this matter and see justice done to me, that the civil authorities ought to do so. Evidently by their allowing such conduct to go on without reproof is bringing disgrace on the church, and not only so, but also on the British government. I am very sure our gracious and much beloved sovereign, the Queen, if she knew of it would not tolerate such conduct for one moment.

"Bless'd be the day that I began
A pilgrim for to be;
And blessed also be that man
That thereunto mov'd me.

'Tis true, 'twas long ere I began
To seek to live forever:
But now I run fast as I can;
'Tis better late than never.

And now, O God, gather them of mine,
That I have left behind;
Lord, make them pray they may be thine,
With all their heart and mind."

"Although the fig-tree shall not blossom, neither *shall* fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls; Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."—Habakkuk iii, 17, 18.

Win thy way my little book,
And tell the truth where e'er ye go,
Fear them not—the stormy billows—
If Christ but say, "Peace, be still," all is a calm.