

least, sure to exert a most baneful influence upon her spiritual welfare ; for how can she believe that you consider religion the one thing needful, if she sees you thus practically ignore it, by showing yourself more anxious that she should be taught to excel in fashionable acquirements, than that she should be trained up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Will you barter the soul of your child for such price ? Are you willing to run such a fearful risk, in order that she should be a proficient in music, embroidery, and painting ? Surely you cannot deliberately make such a choice. You will tell me that her religion will never be interfered with, that no attempt is ever made to proselytise. It may be so, though even of that I am doubtful ; but she will get no direct religious instruction at all, while eye and ear will alike be educated, in the poisonous ceremonials of popish superstition ; she will be required to attend all their religious services, and to conform, in some degree, at least, to the idolatrous worship of the mass, a conformity which our forefathers shed their blood rather than submit to. Consider the effect which such a step is likely to have upon those whom your conduct is likely to influence. You cannot limit its effects to your own home circle, or calculate the evil consequences of such an example. Beware, then, of putting "a stumbling block, or an occasion to fall in your brother's way. Let me give you a case in point. A young lady, belonging to an influential family, was lately sent to a convent. Naturally clever, and having been well grounded in all the usual branches of education, she made rapid progress, and carried off the highest prizes at all the examinations. The report of her attainments has been industriously spread, by interested parties, her beautiful paintings, ornamental work, etc., etc., made the most of, and as a natural consequence, all the young people in the vicinity are eager to go to the convent likewise, and many of the parents have fallen into the same snare. Several of her companions at the school she formerly attended, all daughters of Presbyterian church members, are about to be sent to the same institution ; they in their turn will doubtless influence others, and thus like the ever widening circles caused by casting a stone into smooth water, the evil will spread to a measureless extent. Consider, likewise, that by taking such a step, you put yourself on the side of the Lord's enemies, you lend your influence to build up that corrupt church, which is drunk with the blood of the saints ; you disobey the direct command of Scripture, Rev. xviii., 14, and make yourself a partaker of his sins. Think of the sufferings of the Waldenses and Albigenses, of England's noble martyrs, of George Wishart, and others like-minded in Scotland. Think of St. Bartholomew, and of the fearful cruelties of the Inquisition, and lend yourself, if you can, to the up building of such a system. And if you say that there is no danger of such things now, let me remind you of the long imprisonment and cruel sufferings of the Madias, scarcely more than ten years ago, of the noble Matamoras and other Spanish christians, enduring like sufferings still more recently, and only saved from the galleys by intercession so powerful, that the Spanish government dared not brave the opinion of protestant Europe. No—the Church of Rome has not changed ; wherever she has the power she manifests the same intolerant and persecuting spirit still ; and the luke-warm christians of our day may be collecting the faggots for martyr-fires, to be kindled at no distant period. Trusting that the few remarks I have ventured to make may be instrumental, by God's blessing, in inducing you to give up all idea of doing anything to further such a cause, and of leading you to place your daughter under the care of a teacher, who will make all instruction subservient to that heavenly wisdom, without which all other knowledge