

is nothing in this which I had not heard preached forty years ago—yet I have never seen the evidence of scripture on these subjects placed in as clear a manner in a human production. It has been much read here and greatly approved of. I sent to Scotland for ten or twelve copies but they were all sold. We are very desirous to have it reprinted but inability prevents us. We wish to hear your opinion—if you thought the sale would pay the cost. We are of opinion that this small volume would be of great use to circulate among the readers of *The Christian* either in a pamphlet form (which we would prefer) or through its pages.”

We would be obliged to Bro. Sillers if he would lend us this work. To print, and stitch in a neat cover, five hundred copies of a pamphlet of the size described in another part of Bro. S's. letter would cost about seven pounds, ten shillings—for one thousand copies about one third more. It would give us great pleasure to hear frequently from Bro. S.

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RELIGIOUS MAXIMS.

VIII.

TRUE peace of mind does not depend, as some seem to suppose, on the external incidents of riches and poverty, of health and sickness, of friendship and enmities. It has no necessary dependence upon society or seclusion; upon dwelling in cities or in the desert; upon the possession of temporal power, or a condition of temporal insignificance and weakness. “The kingdom of God is within you.” Let the heart be right, let it be fully united with the will of God, and we shall be entirely contented with those circumstances in which Providence has seen fit to place us, however unpropitious they may be in a worldly point of view. He who gains the victory over himself gains the victory over all his enemies.—*Upham*.

IX.

Some persons think of obedience as if it were nothing else, and could be nothing else, than servitude. And it must be admitted, that *constrained* obedience is so. He who obeys by compulsion, and not freely, wears a chain upon his spirit which continually frets and torments, while it confines him. But this is not Christian obedience. To obey with the whole heart, in other words, to obey as Christ would have us, is essentially the same as to be perfectly resigned to the will of God; having no will but his. And he must have strange notions of the interior and purified life, who supposes that the obedience which revolves constantly and joyfully within the limits of the Divine Will, partakes of the nature of servitude. On the contrary, true obedience, that which has its seat in the affections, and which flows out like the gushing of water, may be said, in a very important sense, to possess not only the nature, but the very essence of freedom.—*U*.

X.

A sanctified state of heart does not require to be sustained by any mere forms of bodily excitation. It gets above the dominion, at least in