

thus becoming the salt, having it *in oneself*. With regard to others, we must seek peace; and real separation from all evil is that which enables us to walk in peace together.

In a word, Christians were to keep themselves separate from evil and near to God in themselves, and to walk with God in peace one with another.

The believer may be called to deny himself for the precious service of his Saviour, in things that are not bad in themselves, but this act is accomplished *inwardly*.

Devotedness is inward. It is a secret between His servant and Himself, though the external effects are seen by others.

Let us beware in ordinary things, of the first step that would separate us from *inward holiness*. Let us keep ourselves from any lack of obedience to the word of the Cross, whereby we are crucified to the world, sin, and the law.

Moral nearness to God, separates from the world, and gives that quietness of spirit, which finding its strength in God can overcome, and drive away the enemy when God leads into conflict by the plain revelation of His will.

Nothing is more perilous than the service of God when the conscience is not pure; however let us ever recollect *that we are under grace*.

“THE VISION OF THE ALMIGHTY.”

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WOULD we have happy thoughts about the saints, we must rise up to what the Church of God really is to God. We must get “the vision of the Almighty” (the knowledge of the beauty and comeliness of the Church in all Christ’s per-

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