

THE HARVEST WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Such is the title of a volume published a few months ago in the city of Boston. One of the great objects which the editor of this interesting book has in view is to bring before the Christian public the advantages which flow from a revival of religion, and also to shew that the Rev. Mr. Hammond has been very successful in this great and good work, wherever he has laboured. We have read the "*Harvest work of the Holy Spirit*" with pleasure and with profit, and though the book is by no means faultless, it is full of illustrations of the doings of the Divine Spirit, the riches of God's grace and the power of the Gospel of Christ to convict, to convert, to regenerate and sanctify the soul. We shall here give a few examples of the great and marvellous change which is wrought in the soul when the truth as it is in Jesus is believed, and the marvellous influence which the glorious gospel of the blessed God has on the feelings and actions of all who experience its power. "For the first few days" [writes a young lady who gives an account of her conversion, Page 77.]—"after I really thought I had found peace in the Lord Jesus, my whole soul seemed to be filled with joy and thankfulness, and I felt an utter distaste and hatred for all the worldly sins and pleasure which had formerly constituted my sole enjoyments. Oh! how I wish that I had continued in this happy state. And yet I have cause to thank my Saviour that amid all the doubts and temptations which are continually distressing me,—*I still love to pray*—which I never did in my life before. What should I do without prayer? I am often inclined to envy my sisters in thus going *straight to Christ* for salvation, instead of living for years as I have done, supposing myself to be a Christian, trusting to merit heaven through a close observance of all our church rites and ceremonies, instead of trusting *alone* to the finished work of Jesus Christ." Her sisters it seems, went "*straight to Christ for Salvation.*" It is of the greatest importance that every sinner should do this, and hence the propriety, and necessity of directing the anxious straight to Calvary, to Christ, to Christ alone for peace to the troubled soul.

During Mr. Hammond's labours in *Dunfermline* the following incidents occurred which are worthy of notice. "During an inquiry meeting, as Mr. H. was passing down the aisle, a man put out his hand, and said with great earnestness, 'have you any