

solicitations of the tempter. But you must resist him, nevertheless. You *must* join some branch of the visible church of Christ. Not to do so is to peril the safety of your soul.

Some time ago, a bold but reckless seaman determined to attempt the passage of the Atlantic alone in an open boat. It was a daring thought, but he was strong in purpose, and he made the trial successfully. Alone in his frail bark, he crossed the mighty deep, braved all its dangers, outrode its storms, and landed safely on the opposite shore.

Since then, a noble steamship, like leviathan for size, like the eagle for swiftness, like behemoth for strength, while attempting the same passage, rushed upon an unseen vessel. The concussion opened the steamer's gigantic bosom to the waves, and like a dead monster of the deep, she sank, with scores of her affrighted voyagers, to the invisible caverns of the seas.

Thus a voyage which was safely made by a solitary seaman in an open boat, proved