

treas as it was then. A loose careless person could scarcely be found in the whole neighbourhood; and if there *was* any one it would be spoken of as a strange thing." Dr. Griffin speaks of the revivals which occurred about the year 1800, as having "Swept from so large a part of New England its looseness of doctrine and laxity of discipline." Those revivals rescued the U. States from that devastating flood of French infidelity, which at the war of the revolution had well nigh deluged the whole country. And to-day within the bounds of this Association, the mighty spirit of God is needed to intercept the stealthy, hostile tramp of infidelity, radically the same, and of its meaner allies. Under such spiritual influence, there would be progress in social reform; and legislative virtue instead of being, as too often it now is, a poor, sickly, cowardly, foundling thing, would assume the garb and stature of Christian manliness. We should see the *last of the dramsellers*. The Sabbath-breaker would ponder the precepts, "Ye shall reverence my sabbaths," "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."—"In it thou shalt not do *any work*, thou nor thy son nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, *nor thy maid-servant*. That sacred day would cease to be used for the *curing of fish and hay*, for the manufacture of *cheese and butter*, for *promenading, pleasure driving, boating, visiting, travelling, &c.*

2. We notice the salutary effect upon *Christians*. Primitive Christianity would experience a resurrection. There would be more of practical, earnest study of the *Bible*, more faith in God and growth in grace. Christians would reflect more beautifully the image of their great Teacher and model; their "meat and drink" would be to do the Divine Will. There would be *Christian union*. The churches would bid farewell to strife, envies, hatred, and divisions. The people would venerate a deep religious experience, a godly life and thorough faithfulness in their ministers and be less charmed with the mere tinsel and drapery of language, with loud declamation, or appeals to their sympathies, feelings and prejudices. Pastors would less frequently be driven from their flocks by the perverseness and management of small mischief-making groups in their congregations. The closet, the family altar and the prayer-meeting would be resorted to the whole year round. Religious conversation, religious sentiment, religious activity would abound,—instead of rare specimens of Christians rich in experience and ripe for Heaven, there would be many