

ties are so sacred, and no bonds so firm, as those which bind a holy family on earth together, so no political compacts are so sure, or no obligations so perpetual as those which come at the holy instance of religion. And these, and these alone, can bind together the distant portions of the British empire with that firmness and solidity absolutely requisite in a world of vicissitude and war.

*He was an ambitious Christian.*

Most people have an idea that all ambition is wrong. It is wrong when the object is the exaltation of self, but absolutely necessary when our object is to serve God, and to fulfill our duty to man. There are some people who seem to think that all difficulties and hardships were made, like mountain tops, for scenery and not for trial. If they happen to have been born in the valley they will live in the valley, and what is worse, die in the valley, too. Ambition! we would that we saw a little more of it in the young men and young women of our day. What would not a little ambition do for the trooping crowd of empty-headed, listless idlers who mingle in our modern society? Contentment, whose robes always cover the eyes, sits on their countenance and hinders them from making any improvement; whereas if they would but arouse themselves, and light a few candles in their stumbling dark garrets, they would not only see a little better themselves, but give others a possibility of profiting by them. St. Paul