

truth ; and the force of this will be seen when we consider that reservation of a part of the truth may destroy the value of the whole, and forcibly illustrate the words of the poet, that "A lie that is half the truth is always the blackest of lies." And this, in the forcible and figurative language to which I have referred, we are exhorted to buy, no matter what it costs us ; and, having bought it, to sell it not.

And then there is the fact that a false balance is abomination to the Lord. What is meant by a false balance ? Not the beam merely, which is so adjusted as always to place the customer at a disadvantage ; but the selling a thing for what it is not—selling, for example, the adulterated for the genuine, taking advantage of the inexperience of the customer to secure one's own profit. All this has been declared to be abomina-