

This indiscriminate slaughter of everything that others hold, because they hold it, is impolitic as well as irreligious. We need sacrifice no truth. All we ought to say of ourselves is, not that we are wholly right and others wholly wrong, but that we have seen more truth than some others, and therefore we try to enlighten them and lead them to a fuller enjoyment of the kingdom of Christ. True, some of their errors are very great ones, and so far as they cause ORGANIC derangement in the system of religion must be more or less fatal to their own happiness and their acceptance with God; so that it becomes us to preach very faithfully the whole counsel of God. It may, however, be very difficult for us to weigh the consequences of any error in a system of things and tell what will and what will not shut any one out of the kingdom of heaven unless that error be a fundamental one. In saying this I would not diminish any one's ardor in preaching the whole truth, but only that we are not too lightly to pass sentence upon any honest man who may be out of the way. I am satisfied that the tone of much of our preaching is quite too severe, denunciatory, and condemnatory of others. In many cases we seem to have forgotten that the servant of the Lord must in meekness instruct those who oppose themselves to us.

The reader may expect to hear from me again on this topic next month.

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## SINCERITY SEEKING THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

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### CHAPTER III.

According to promise, our young friend, *Sincerity*, read the Psalms of David through, and attended the prayer-meeting on Thursday night following the time of the preceding conversation. In the place of the prayer meeting, (as *Mr. Honesty*, the Presiding Elder, had expected,) he found the church in the midst of a protracted meeting. He said to himself, "I am rejoiced to find such a meeting as this in progress, for I shall have the way to heaven clearly pointed out to me." On entering the house he was rejoiced to find *Mr. H.* in the pulpit, reading the following words, "He who seeks shall find." "What precious words to me," said young *Sincerity* to himself. "I will then seek the Lord with all my heart."