

cause with the condemned and ruined sinner. We may not put ordaining hands upon her head, and set her in the sacred desk; but we may safely rest in the spiritual ordination secured of the Holy Ghost, and at least pray that she may be a prophetess of righteousness, and win souls into Christ's kingdom. If people were half as zealous to win souls to Christ as some are to close women's lips in the church or prayer-meeting, the millennium would be hastened forward several epochs."

Mr. Moody, also, highly values the labors of women, and has employed them to aid him in conducting those revivals in which thousands of souls have been led to Christ. Multitudes of the brightest divines, and most successful evangelists of all ages, have faithfully supported women's evangelical work.

*W.* It is true, that women possess a fineness of sentiment, a tenderness of feeling and a courtesy of manners, that can reach the better qualities that lie dormant in the wretched profligate, who cannot be moved by man; and this is probably one reason why God uses them as appropriate instruments in doing good. But what is the mind of Christ on this point. As he abolished certain old laws, modified others, explained the decalogue and founded the Christian Church, I would suppose that a word from his lips would be sufficient to settle all disputes.

*P.* Very well, observe. Our blessed Lord never ordained women as apostles, to be sent out into the world, as lambs among wolves, to spread and establish Christianity. The labors and persecutions and conflicts and sufferings through which the apostles were called to pass, could not be endured by the weaker sex. Indeed, it was only the most hardy class of *men* that were appointed to that work. Yet, among all the prophets and apostles of the bible, none gave the women more encouragement to preach the Gospel than Christ himself; while a word to discourage them in the good work, is not known to have ever escaped his lips. In healing certain *men* of their disease, he straitly charged them to tell no man of it; but, what appears wonderful to me is, that he never gave such a charge to a woman. It seems that he wished to destroy beforehand the prejudice and bondage that was to darken the future history of the Church. When a certain woman was healed privately by touching the hem of his garment, he made her confess the whole truth in the presence of the multitude that thronged him. Again while he was teaching in a synagogue on the sabbath, a woman who had been invalid eighteen years, came to him; and as soon as he healed her, she "glorified God," Luke 13, 13. Did he say,—"keep silence: you are in a synagogue; in a promiscuous assembly, and I am teaching?" No it was he who caused her to glorify God, and where is that prejudiced person who would have closed her lips and suppressed her emotions of joy? In the presence of Jesus, Anna prophesied, under his direction the woman of Samaria preached, and in obedience to his command, Mary