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LAY EVANGELISM AND ITS TRADUCERS.

The recent remarkable religious awakening at Galt and elsewhere, in connection with the preaching of Mr. Douglas Russell and his co-labourers, has given rise to much discussion, in various quarters, as to the character of the work, and the propriety of employing evangelistic agencies of the kind there made use of. Most Christian men see God's hand in the movement, and magnanimously overlook any little foibles and errors that may have been committed, in the joy they feel at the good that has been done in the conversion of sinners, and the quickening of believers to a higher spiritual life. "To err is human," and they reason, justly, we think, that where we see men in downright earnest for the saving of souls, and especially where the Lord "gives testimony to the word of his grace," as he has done in many places visited by them, all Christian hearts should sympathize with them, and all Christian hands should help them; that, at least, if they cannot see with them so far as to bid them "God speed," they ought certainly to leave the obstructing and opposing to the enemies of the cross of Christ, and stand out of the way, "lest haply they should be found even to fight against God." The Galt revival has certainly this unmistakable attestation to its genuineness, that it has been *hotly opposed by all bad men*. "The devil has come down, having great wrath" at the assault that has been made upon his kingdom.

There are some men, however, who seem to think that a soul cannot be converted by any other than the ordinary time-honoured and stereotyped means. A new *attitude* in worship, or a different *order* of service, is with them a departure from the faith, and they can see in this awakening, therefore, nothing but the handywork of the devil. For a *layman* to preach, and especially, to occupy the pulpit, and pronounce the *benediction*, is a frightful innovation! And then, to think of such an one laying aside the Psalms or Paraphrases appointed to be sung in the churches, and employing instead "Revival Hymns" of their own selecting, and going about from pew to pew during the enquiry meeting to converse with anxious souls, and urge