

It is feared, thence that difficulties may arise in church matters. Christians have still enough of selfishness in their own hearts, and when to that is added the selfishness of baptized worldlings, it is not difficult to foresee the advent of a spirit, anything but Christ-like.

It is to be feared, that the young converts may be neglected. They need much sympathy, much assistance, is it afforded them? Do we not sometimes, even now, trace a spirit very like the enquiry, "Am I my brother's keeper?" Perhaps, brethren, many of you may be able to look back to a period in your experience, when it seemed as if no man cared for your souls.

It is feared, that many may go back to the world, and bring a disgrace on the christian name.

How many are there, in all our communities, once fair and flourishing professors, now living, many of them in open sin, others in unmitigated worldliness. How many, to whom, (altho' they still retain the form of religion,) may be applied, the reproach of the Apostle, "Ye did run well, what hath hindered you? Were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?"

II. "But, brethren we hope better things of you, and things which accompany salvation, though we thus speak."

We hope that the impressions produced by these revivals, may be permanent. One of our distinctive doctrines is that technically called, "the perseverance of the saints." We believe then that the same power, which has begun a good work in so many hearts, will carry it through to the end; that those who are chosen, are sealed heirs of God, joint heirs with Christ; that they are *predestined*, to an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled which fadeth not away.

We hope then for bright, earnest, useful, Christians among our recent converts. We hope that they will grow in grace; that they will be kept in the hour of peril, and that having done all they will stand.

We hope, too, that the churches will derive more than numerical strength, from these accessions; that the places of those who have borne the burden and heat of the day, and who are now rapidly passing away, may be filled by brethren, and sisters, just as warm-hearted, zealous, and active as they.

It is hoped that the influences of the churches on the world will be materially strengthened. We hope that a powerful impression, in favor of religion, may be produced on the ungodly, self-righteous, or

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