

sometimes be in error : be *candid* under expostulations : above all keep it *tender* by never acting contrary to its *decisions*, and you will not materially err under its sanctions ; and, on the other hand, take a pleasure in surrendering your own fancies, humours, plans, personal and other gratifications, as a garland of love to encircle the brow, soon, if not already, marked with the traces of Time's heavy finger, and the many wearing anxieties springing out of that sorrowful but well deserved sentence : " In the sweat of thy brow shalt thou eat bread until thou return to thy dust." And whatever is done, be sure that it is done cordially and cheerfully, if you cannot, *in due season*, persuade your partner to acquiesce *quite comfortably* and with his *free* good will, in what you may think your *very best* measures, then be you quite comfortably satisfied to fall in actively and energetically with his, as you may think, but *second best* ways and means. But to think for one moment, that in doing what we know to be wrong, because we are commanded, (when we have the power of resistance,) we can throw all the guilt and blame over on the bosom of our tyrants (for there is nothing that merits more the appellation of tyrannical, than a peremptory command to violate conscience,) to think this, is to brand as folly, the holy heroism of the noble band of martyrs who shed their blood rather than obey the sinful mandates of fathers and mothers, husbands and friends, kings and conquerors !

We are told also, and *in the name of the Lord too!* that *all the Protestant Churches are Anti-Christ, and together form the Mystical Babylon* so fearfully denounced in the Revelations; and, of course, have not the spirit of the Lord among them. Now this is a pretty bold assertion : a strong thing to say ; and, if proved, their daily cry : " Come out of her my people, lest, partaking of her sins, ye partake of her plagues also," which will be sudden and unexpected, as dreadful and calamitous—is faithful and kind, however painful to hear : but if, on the contrary, it is proved to be a slander : what does it not deserve at the hands of every true Christian, but to be repelled and discountenanced by all possible means that our love to Christ, and his church can devise ; taking good heed that in this holy warfare we use no unhallowed weapons : no calumny, no railing for railing : we need not go to the Prince of Darkness to borrow weapons : " The Captain of the Lord's Host, who mustereth the host of battle," has an ample supply in his divine armory, of heavenly temper, for each and all. We all allow that the Protestant Church needs the refining fire, and doubt not, that Irvingism will prove as a part of that fire, by which this gracious purpose will be promoted, and when the