

spiritual bearing upon the salvation of men, and because it is the work of God, and because it is for the protection of human society from evil in every form, and if it is done for the sake of my Saviour who has redeemed me, why should I be drawn away from it by the seducements of the evil one? Rather say, "this is my share in the work and it shall be done. I will neither be driven from it nor postpone it for any worldly invitation. I will answer as Nehemiah did, why should the work cease, whilst I leave it and come down to you? Who are you who call me away from the enjoyments of my church and of my Master? Is what you invite me to, more important than what He has given me to do. To whom do you belong? Are you interested in the Church of Christ?"

Let us then have this word of this loyal, sensible, practical man ready for the tempter and his temptations. For it is an unanswerable word. What can Satan or the world have to say to this, "Why should the work cease, whilst I leave it and come down to you?"