

more natural. The worldly one has only worldly desires. The Christian, besides his Christianity, has the flesh : and further, he has already abandoned his Christian principles in order to please his flesh, by uniting himself to one who does not know the Lord. The result of such an alliance is that he has not a thought in common on the subject which ought to be most precious to his heart, with the person dearest to him in the world, and who is like a part of himself. They will have nothing but quarrels, for it is written. "~~How~~ Can two walk together except they be agreed?" (Amos iii. 3.) If not, they must first yield to worldliness and then take pleasure in it : but this sad result is lost sight of when they first place themselves in the position which renders it inevitable. The christian is drawn away little by little : he is not in communion with his Saviour, and he can find pleasure in the society of a person who is agreeable to him without thinking of Jesus. When he is alone he does not think of praying ; and when he is with the one whom he loves, though his conscience or his Christian friends may warn him, he has no strength, and Christ has not sufficient power over his heart, to lead him to turn from his way and give up an affection which he knows to be disapproved of by the Lord. He binds himself more or less by other motives, such as a feeling of honour, sometimes, alas ! by more detestable motives, such as pecuniary interest, and he sacrifices his conscience, his Saviour, his own soul as far as it depends upon him, and at