

WORLDLY CONFORMITY.

The Rev. Dr. James W. Alexander wrote to a friend: "As I grow older as a parent my views are changing fast, as to the degree of conformity to the world which we should allow to our children. I am horrified to count up the profligate children of pious persons, and even ministers.

"The door at which those influences enter; which countervail parental instruction and example, I am persuaded, is yielding to the ways of good society. By dress, books, and amusements, an atmosphere is formed which is not that of Christianity. More than ever do I feel that our families must stand in a kind but determined opposition to the fashions of the world, breasting the waves like the Eddystone lighthouse. And I have found nothing yet which requires more courage and independence than to rise a little, but decidedly, above the par of the religious world around us.

"Surely, the way in which we commonly go on is not the way of self-denial, and sacrifice, and cross-bearing, which the New Testament talks of. "Then is the offence of the cross ceased." Our slender influence on the circle of our friends is often to be traced to our leaving so little difference between us and them."

NOT AS I AM.

Not as I am, but with this plea,
That I might more like Jesus be,
And follow Him who died for me:
O Lamb of God, I come!

Not as I am, O heart of mine,
While walking in the light divine,
With life becoming more like Thine:
O Lamb of God, I come!

Not as I am—not tossed about,
But rising over sin and doubt;
No foes within, no fears without:
O Lamb of God, I come!

Not as I am, but free from fear,
With peaceful visions calm and clear,
Fortastes of heaven drawing near;
O Lamb of God I come!

—Sel.

Noah Webster, the dictionary maker said: "I like to hear a preacher who makes me feel that the devil is after me."

SAVED FROM SIN.

Christ saves His people from sin. Oh! could you follow in the footsteps of sin and see the ravages it has produced in the world, you would bless God if you are saved from it. What was it that ruined our first parents, opening the eyes of innocence in Paradise to behold its own nakedness? It was sin. What was it that lifted the ponderous club of murder, and struck Abel to the ground, covering him with his own blood? It was sin. What was it that caused the fountain of the great deep to break up and overthrow the world, drowning millions? It was sin. What was it that rained fire from the hand of God, red hot, on the cities of the plain, burning them in a moment? It was sin. What was it that drew from God's bow the arrows of lightning that slew in one night the mighty host of Sennacherib? It was sin. What was it that called from heaven the fire that burnt to blackened ashes and charred cinders the two companies that came to take the prophet Elijah? It was sin. What was it that brought together the mighty waters of the Red Sea, burying beneath their swelling waves Pharaoh and his host? It was sin. What was it that caused God to send forth fire, pestilence, and plague to destroy the children of Israel? It was sin. What was it that shook the tower of Siloam to its foundations, and caused it to fall and bury those eighteen in its ruins? It was sin? What was it that slew every martyr and apostle save John? It was sin. What was it that brought death into the world—plague, pestilence, famine, murder, disease, and battle? It was sin. What slew the Prince of Life? Oh, sin of sins, and death of deaths! it was sin. And how shall we be delivered from this? There is only one who can deliver us—Jesus, the Mighty Friend, who saveth us from all sin.—Selected.

THE FIJI JUBILEE.—The Fijians have just been celebrating the jubilee of the introduction of Christianity into the islands. By way of commemorating the event the Rev. J. Calvart, for nearly forty years a missionary among these people, has prepared a volume entitled "Bible Pictures for Our Pets," and the Religious Tract Society of London has engaged to distribute among the islands three thousand copies of the work.