

sary to raise wild and clamorous cries, as if He were at a great distance, and had to be brought nigh. It is not needful to wait till special meetings for the revival of religion are held in your neighbourhood. You need not wander about from meeting to meeting, and from minister to minister seeking Christ. He is nigh thee. He says, 'Behold I stand *at* the door and knock.' He has come the length of the door, and there is nothing between you and Christ but that door, which you yourself have *shut* and *barred*. He invites you to open the door of your heart. He will not *break* it open. Recognizing your free agency, he will not force you, but sends his Word and his Spirit, to press you with the mightiest motives. The power that he applies to a planet and to a mind are widely different. He treats mind *as mind*, and not as a machine; and hence, by the persuasive voice of love, he asks the sinner to open his heart. The bar is on the sinner's side of the door, and he must open before the Lord will enter. Oh! now, before he turns away from you forever, withdraw the bar of unbelief, and welcome Christ to your heart as your all and in all" (page 37).

Dr. Boyd is not only anxious to bring sinners to the enjoyment of peace with God; what is far better, he knows what truth is adapted to accomplish the end, and how to present it before the mind of both the careless and the awakened sinner. Take the following illustration of this: "A man once went out upon an island near the sea shore, which, though bare and quite accessible when the tide was out, was always covered with water when the tide was in. While reclining upon a rock, gazing out listlessly upon the ocean, he fell asleep. When he awoke the waters surrounded him on every side, and were every moment getting higher. All chance of escape seemed cut off. He could not swim, he had no boat, and no human ear was near to hear his despairing cry. The waters rose higher and higher. Death stared him in the face, and eternity seemed opening for him its solemn portals, when away in the distance a life boat was seen approaching. Did he push the boat from him and despise the offered help? Did he refuse to enter the boat till he had counted the planks of which she was built, found out her age and her owner, and the full history of the persons by whom she was manned? Did he insist upon finding out how he came to be in danger, by getting a full explanation of the nature and cause of the tides of the ocean, before he would enter the boat? No, no! it is only in spiritual