

auction or vendue. I have here a lady and her whole equipage to expose to public sale, but the lady is the principal and only object I wish to dispose of at present. Well, there are already three earnest bidders in the field. The first is the world: well, and what will you give for her? I will give honors, wealth, and pleasure. That won't do—she's worth more than that, for she shall continue to live when the honors, wealth, and pleasure you have it in your power to bestow shall vanish as the darkness of night before orient beams: you can't have her. The next bidder is the devil: well, and what will you give for her? I will give all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. That won't do either, for she shall continue to exist when the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them shall have vanished as a snow-wreath beneath a vernal shower: you can't have her. But list! I hear the voice of another—it is the Lord Jesus Christ: well, and what will you give for her? I will give an inheritance that is incorruptible, undefiled and that fadeth not away, eternal in the heavens. Blessed Jesus! Just as I expected—just like the liberality that thou art wont to display! Well, I will place her at thy disposal—she is black but comely—and thou shalt be the purchaser. Let heaven and earth attest this irrevocable contract.” Turning to Lady Anne, he said, “Madame, have you heard this contract that heaven and earth hath irrevocably attested? Remember that, from this time forth and forevermore, you are the property of the Lord Jesus. He died to redeem you—you are purchased with his blood. Can you, dare you reject it?

The arrow thus sped at a venture found its way to the heart of Lady Anne, and she became eminently useful in her day and generation.

PAUL AND REFORM.

Were Paul on earth now, he would proclaim reformation. He would from the acknowledgments, and from the behavior of our cotemporaries, denounce the judgments of God upon them if they reformed not. He would show them that sects, opinions, speculations, and doctrines, were not the religion of Jesus Christ, and if they reformed not into the kingdom of glory they could not enter.

He would also denounce the unrighteous works of Christians—their envy—their pride, and covetousness. He would find occasion to take the advice he gave to Timothy, to reprove and rebuke with all authori-