

BURNED HERSELF WITH ACID.

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"To the Editor of THE SOWER,

DEAR SIR,—Inclosed, you will find a slip cut from the *Globe* of the 24th. inst.; giving an account of a troubled soul. Would it be asking too much of you to go to the hospital with the story of the cross, to that poor soul?"

May the Lord be with you,

CHRISTIAN.

"C—— H——, who lives at 111 L—— St. was removed to the hospital in the ambulance yesterday afternoon. She was suffering great pain from burns on her body caused by the appliance of carbolic acid. It is understood that in this manner she tortured herself as penance for her sins. She believed that this was the most effectual way of blotting out her sins, and on several previous occasions she applied the burning acid, but not in so serious a degree."

This was a case, and how many such there are, where the work of the cross had been accepted for personal guilt, but not for the sinful nature. How many souls are in anguish, almost in despair, as the wicked thought, or word, or deed, reveals an inherent depravity, from which they thought they had escaped; and the devil taking advantage of the soul's distress, questions the reality of the conversion and casts it back in helplessness and uncertainty upon itself, and upon the world. Step by step, the enemy of souls resists the grace of God, and if he cannot prevent the acceptance of the gospel, he will endeavour to make the apprehension of it as feeble as possible in the