

and felt no sympathy with the object of the missionaries, and though under the influence of the most ferocious hatred towards each other, they all assured the missionaries that their lives and property would be safe in the midst of carnage, conflagration, and death. And so it proved. Nay, in the very heat of the conflict, when blood flowed like water, they requested the missionaries to act as mediators. "By the blessing of God," say the missionaries, "we secured the confidence of both parties in the region where we reside, and were assured on all hands that we had nothing to fear, whoever should prove victorious. And when the wild whirlwind of war actually swept over Abeih, we not only remained in entire safety, but were able to afford shelter to multitudes of the unfortunate; nor was the sanctity of our asylum violated in a single instance." O, what a mighty power there is in Christian simplicity and integrity!

Should it not, then, be an object of the highest ambition for every young man, especially, to establish a reputation for a guileless character, which can be done only by actually possessing it? Let the community once get the impression that such is not his character; that, instead of being artless and of unswerving integrity, he condescends to duplicity and artifice, and to partisan jugglery, to carry his points, and long will it be before he can disabuse the public mind of that impression, and recover their confidence. Let him, then, take care, in the first place, early to acquire this brightest jewel in the Christian's crown, and then secure it by a guileless life; and he will find that he has a passport to usefulness and honor which nothing else can give. Guile may sometimes, indeed, carry a point, and gain an ephemeral reputation; but dreadful will be the reaction when the truth comes out—so that in the end it will appear that honesty is always the best