

ing ; where no connections with worldly minded men, may abate our love to God, nor weaken a true zeal for righteousness : a life, wherein we may diligently labour for resignedness to do, and suffer, whatever our heavenly father may allot for us, in reconciling the world to himself.

When the prophet Isaiah had uttered his vision, and declared that a time was coming wherein “ swords should be beat into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation should not lift up sword against nation, nor learn war any more ;” he immediately directs the minds of people to the divine teacher, in this remarkable language, “ O house of Jacob, come ye and let us walk in the light of the Lord,” Isaiah ii. 5.

To wait for the direction of this light, in all temporal as well as spiritual concerns, appears necessary ; for if in any case we enter lightly into temporal affairs, without feeling this spirit of truth to open our way therein, and through the love of this world proceed on, and seek for gain by that business or traffic, which “ is not of the father, but of the world,” 1 John ii. 16, we fail in our testimony to the purity and peace of his government ; and get into that which is for chastisement.

This matter hath lain heavy on my mind, it being evident, that a life less humble, less simple and plain, than that which Christ leads his sheep into, does necessarily require a support, which pure wisdom does not provide