

vide for ; hence there is no probability of our being “ a peculiar people, so zealous of good “ works, as to have no fellowship with works “ of darkness,” Titus ii. 14. Ephes. v. 11, while we have wants to supply which have their foundation in custom, and do not come within the meaning of those expressions, “ your heavenly father knoweth that ye have “ need of all these things,” Matt. vi. 32.

These things which he beholds necessary for his people, he fails not to give them in his own way, and time ; but as his ways are above our ways, and his thoughts above our thoughts, so imaginary wants are different “ from these things which he knoweth that “ we have need of.”

As my meditations have been on these things, compassion hath filled my heart toward my fellow creatures, involved in customs, grown up in “ the wisdom of this “ world, which is foolishness with God,” 1 Cor. iii. 19 ; and O that the youth may be so thoroughly experienced in an humble walking before the Lord, that they may be his children, and know him to be their refuge, their safe unfailing refuge ! through the various dangers attending this uncertain state of being.

If those whose minds are redeemed from the love of wealth, and who are content with a plain, simple way of living, do yet find that to conduct the affairs of a family, without giving countenance to unrighteous proceed-
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