

ed to promote righteousness, while it appears that he neglecteth, or refuseth to act righteously himself, his conduct has a tendency to entangle the minds of those who are weak in the faith, who behold these things, and to draw a veil over the purity of righteousness, by carrying an appearance as though that was righteousness which is not.

Again, if I propose to assist in supporting those doctrines wherein that purity of life is held forth, in which customs proceeding from the spirit of this world have no place, and at the same time strengthen others in those customs by my example; the first step then in an orderly proceeding, is to cease from those customs myself, and afterwards to labour, as I may be enabled, to promote the like disposition and conduct in others.

To be convinced of the pure principle of truth, and diligently exercised in walking answerable thereto, is necessary before I can consistently recommend this principle to others.—I often feel a labour in spirit, that we who are active members in religious society may experience in ourselves the truth of those expressions of the Holy One—“ I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me.” Lev. x. 3.—in this case, my mind hath been often exercised when alone, year after year, for many years, and in the renewings of divine love, a tender care hath been incited in me, that we who profess the inward principle of light to be our teacher, may be a family united in that purity of worship,