

me hath appeared weighty, even beyond what I can fully express, and what our blessed Lord seemed to have in view, when he proposed the necessity of counting the cost, before we begin to build.

I trust there are many who at times, under divine visitation, feel an inward enquiry after God, and when such in the simplicity of their hearts mark the lives of a people who profess to walk by the leadings of his Spirit, of what great concernment is it that our lights shine clear, that nothing of our conduct carry a contradiction to the truth as it is in Jesus, or be a means of profaning his holy Name, and be a stumbling block in the way of those sincere enquirers.

When such seekers who wearied with empty forms, look towards uniting with us as a people, and behold active members among us depart in their customary way of living, from that purity of life, which under humbling exercises hath been opened before them, as the way of the Lord's people, how mournful and discouraging is the prospect! and how strongly doth such unfaithfulness operate against the spreading of the peaceable, harmonious principle and testimony of truth amongst mankind?

In entering into that life, which is hid with Christ in God, we behold his peaceable government, where the whole family are governed by the same spirit, and the "doing  
" to others as we would they should do un-  
" to us," groweth up as good fruit from a  
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