

us : then we removed from Mr. Shepard's (those cordial friends) and went to Boston, where we continued about three quarters of a year : Still the Lord went along with us, and provided graciously for us. I thought it some what strange to set up house keeping with bare walls, but as Solomon says, *Money answers all things* : And that we had through the benevolence of christian friends, some in this town, and some in that, and others ; and some from England, that in a little time we might look and see the house furnished with love. The Lord hath been exceeding good to us in our low estate, in that when we had neither house nor home, nor other necessaries, the Lord so moved the hearts of these and those towards us, that we wanted neither food nor raiment for ourselves or ours, Prov. 18. 24. *There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.* And how many such friends have we found, and now living amongst ! and truly such a friend have we found him to be unto us, in whose house we lived, viz. Mr. James Whitcomb, a friend near hand, and afar off.

I can remember the time, when I used to sleep quietly without workings in my thoughts, whole nights together ; but now it is otherwise with me. When all are fast about me, and no eye open, but his who ever waketh, my thoughts are upon things past, upon the awful dispensation of the Lord towards us ; upon his wonderful power and might in carrying of us through in many