

the witness in themselves, "Thou art an heir of God, a joint heir with Christ," even in the midst of this fiery trial, which continually heightens both the strong sense they then have of their inability to help themselves, and the inexpressible *hunger* they feel *after* a full renewal in the image of God in "righteousness and true holiness." Then God is mindful of the desire of them that fear him, and gives them a single eye and a pure heart: he stamps upon them his own image and superscription: he createth them anew in Christ Jesus: he *cometh unto* them with his Son and blessed Spirit, and fixing his abode in their souls, bringeth them into the *rest which remaineth for the people of God.*

To cast a fuller light on this important subject, I shall lay before the reader the Minutes of several of our General Conferences on this weighty, this momentous doctrine.

1. On Monday, June 25, 1744, our first Conference began, six clergymen and all our preachers being present. The next morning we seriously considered the doctrine of sanctification or Christian perfection. The questions asked concerning it, and the substance of the answers given, were as follows:—

Q. What is it to be *sanctified*?

A. To be renewed in the image of God, in "righteousness and true holiness."

Q. What is implied in being a *perfect Christian*?