

upon the neck of our conscience and right reason ; though it is, indeed, taking upon ourselves an onerous responsibility when we decide to act contrary to the judgment of those who are " set over us in the Lord." But the child of God, even in such circumstances, may sweetly sing—

Behold me of affections mild :  
Behold me humble as a child,  
That soft and sweetly sinks to rest,  
Weaned from its tender parent's breast.

O fonder than the parent see,  
Thy Maker Israel cherish thee ;  
On Him to latest years depend,  
Thy Guide, thy Guardian, and thy Friend !

Yes, dear friends ! happy is the man who trusteth in Him, and who " holds fast" all the gracious truths which the Heavenly Teacher, sent from God, has imparted ; and " remembers and forgets not" His mighty work in his soul : who takes heed to " magnify His work which men behold : " who is continually endeavouring to " separate the precious from the vile : " and sitting loose to the chaff and dross which ever mixes with human teaching, and even with human experience. May Divine grace preserve and deliver us from denying the work of the Holy Ghost in our souls, instead of declaring in the gates of the Daughter of Zion what He hath done for us." If we do so, must we not fear that we shall be given up to strong delusion, and to believe a lie, because we received not the love of the truth, and be bewildered with the " signs and lying wonder which Satan oft times makes use of." (2d Thes. 2.) Blessed Lord ! pity, pardon, help, and appear for us, that every error and delusion, though veiled in the garb of an angel of light, may be so resisted by the " sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God ; " and prayer, that it may take its speedy flight, with all its unearthly circumambient exhalations, and leave the humble worshipper of the one living and true God in admiring astonishment, at that grace and power by which he has in this contest with " the prince of the power of the air, been brought off more than conqueror." Remember human intellect is no match for Satan, the fallen arch-angel. None less than he who has the key of the bottomless pit can cast out Satan, and those to whom he gives the power. And now, dearly beloved, in the *unity* of the one Faith, one Hope, and one Baptism of the Protestant Church—in the *humility* of deeply lamented error, division, and consequent weakness—in the *joy* of faith and hope, with patience, that there is " Balm